

Vicar's Blog

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All things bright and beautiful

Whether because of school day memories or Harvest Festival services, the hymn 'All things bright and beautiful' is still known to many people. It is a hymn that speaks of the wonderful variety of creation and the rhythm of the seasons, reminding us that the dormant season of winter is as important as the colour and fruitfulness of the other seasons.

We can all too easily take the seasons for granted or expect the weather to align with our holiday plans. We all too readily take the fruitfulness of creation for granted: apples, strawberries, courgettes, lettuce – readily available throughout the year.

At the same time, we are vulnerable to turning a blind eye and deaf ear to the impact our actions are having on the world. One report suggests that by 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish, and other analysis indicates that we are already ingesting plastic particles that have entered the food chain.

Making the most of the natural rhythm of the seasons requires good stewardship: sensitivity to the interdependencies in the natural world; awareness of the impact of our actions; acceptance that we all have part to play; commitment to future generations and their potential to enjoy 'all things bright and beautiful'.

At Holy Trinity, we are reviewing our environmental awareness as a church so that we can do as much as we can to support rather than threaten our world. We are using an Eco Church (*) survey to help us grow a shared understanding of what we have done, what we are doing now and what more we could do to respect and nurture the world in which live, not just for ourselves but for others, not least your children and grandchildren, the future generations here and around the world. We do all this as part of our commitment to the living God, who made the world, loves it and entrusts it to the care of human society.

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*To find out more see: <https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>