

## How did Jesus offer welcome?

Watch Video 2 Creation Care: An interview with Hannah Gray [https://youtu.be/kt3ZTKO\\_q4c](https://youtu.be/kt3ZTKO_q4c)

### TUESDAY – Creation Care

With our theme being ‘Listening to the Voices’ you may ask the question, how can creation be a ‘voice’? Interestingly in Romans 8:22 Paul writes in a way that it is almost as if creation were given a voice, the voice which is a groan: *‘We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.*

We are part of creation, creation is all around us and blesses us, feeds us physically and nurtures our soul spiritually, but in our church the ‘voice’ of creation may not be heard, perhaps the groaning has not been loud enough.

In her video Hannah spoke about church for her being a place which makes a ‘positive difference to people and places’ and yet at times she has felt alone and frustrated over this issue which has been in complete contrast with professional life. We worship the creator God and we are one of his created and we are tasked with being good stewards of all he has given us.

How can we grow in this area and listen to this voice?

### For reflection

You may like to read one or all of these passages:

Jesus interacted with nature and used creation in his parables:

Matthew 8:23-27

Matthew 13:1-9

Matthew 13:31-33

What other examples can you recall?

Jesus teaching about justice:

Matthew 5:1-10

Taking a couple of verses from the Beatitudes, vs 5&6:

*‘God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.*

*God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.’*

### Questions for discussion

1. In what way may we be exhibiting pride in how we treat creation?
2. What does it look like to thirst for justice for our earth?
3. What does it mean to love our neighbours in this context of creation care?
4. What can your family and church do to make a difference for our planet?

### Pray

- Ask God to open your eyes more to his amazing creation and your part in it, sit in a quiet place and listen to the ‘voice’ of creation.
- If this is relevant for you, seek forgiveness for your attitude to creation care
- Pray for countries like Indonesia and the Philippines who are being profoundly impacted by rising sea levels