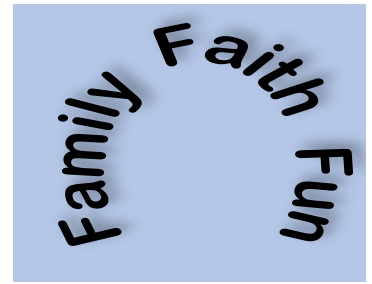




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Give thanks to the Lord

Creationtide, or the Season of Creation, is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1st September to 4th October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life, a whole month of thinking about what God has made but we are destroying.

This is also the time when many churches hold their Harvest Festivals.



Whether we live in a town, a village or out in the country, harvest time is important for us all. It's a time to give thanks for everything that we have to help us to live. For instance our food (whether fresh, tinned or frozen) which may be grown on the land or fished from the sea, and also for the gas and electricity for our homes (and now cars!) and even the petrol or diesel (drilled from beneath this earth) not just for our family cars, but more importantly for essential emergency vehicles. We have so much to be thankful for even though it is not evenly shared amongst us. Take time to think about those in this country, and the world as a whole, who do not have enough to eat, a safe place to call home and the resources to make life bareable.

Colour the picture below. Do you recognise all the fruits and vegetables in it, BUT - which one cannot be grown in this country?



Think about the world God made, and how we are destroying it. **IT'S IN OUR HANDS**

This poem was entered into a competition by a 6yr old boy. It makes you think!

Hi. I'm Olly I'm only 6
 this world we live in I'd like to fix
 Please follow these rules It may be a test
 but it will make our world the best.
 Please recycle what we use
 Make things have a 2nd use.
 Plastic, paper, glass and tin
 don't throw them in the rubbish bin
 Turn the lights off, walk and bike
 please do these things I really like.
 Help me save our world, we have only one.
 If we don't we'll all be gone.



Below is a picture of a 'dream catcher' made by someone thinking about God's world. Perhaps you could make your own and add drawings of how we can re-cycle things or actions we can take to reduce carbon emissions (too much use of petro, electricity, cutting down forests etc).



To begin, cut the centre out of a paper plate or draw round a plate onto cardboard then cut out the centre. You could colour the outside edge in rainbow colours. Either punch 8-10 holes round the outside or use a strong needle, then thread coloured wool through the holes to create a web across the middle.



Draw a picture of the world to stick in the middle, with perhaps some stars, a sun etc to go round it. Add some long strings of wool to hang down with a few beads and a feather on each one if you have them. Leave a length of the wool below the beads and feathers to which you could attach drawings of trees, flowers, animals and your drawings of your planet saving ideas (perhaps a bicycle and a car with a cross through the car). Add a cord at the top to hang your 'dream catcher'.

HARVEST WORDSEARCH



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- FRUIT
- GRAIN
- HARVEST
- PLANT
- SEEDS
- SOIL
- VEGETABLE
- WHEAT

