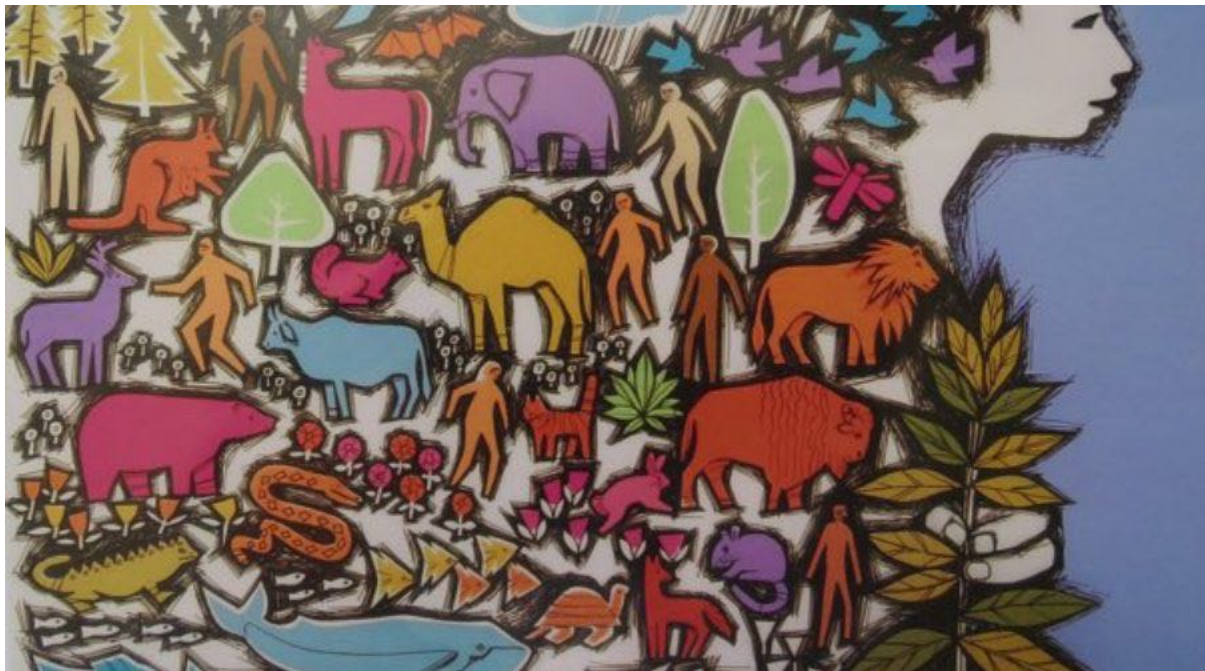




# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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*open doors ... open hearts ... open minds*



Season of Creation  
**FAUNA & FLORA SUNDAY**  
8 September 2019

## FAUNA AND FLORA SUNDAY

*In our worship today we acknowledge and reflect on our kinship with the animal and plant world: all one complex and beloved web of life generated and sustained by the love at the heart of the cosmos which we call 'God'. We are, in fact, a family of fauna—both biologically and spiritually. The creatures of Earth are our kin. We have all emerged from Earth and return to Earth. All living things are animated by the very breath/spirit of God. The loss or survival of a given species is a family matter.*

***Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!  
Praise the Lord!  
(Psalm 148:10)***

### GATHERING

*Before the first hymn we prayer this invocation together.*

In the name of the Creator of all fauna, the name of Christ, the lamb of God, and the name of the Spirit, the breath in all life. Amen.

**Holy! Holy! Holy!**

**Earth is filled with God's presence.**

Christ, we come to into your presence today, to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,

**Holy! Holy! Holy!**

**Earth is filled with your presence.**



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**8 September 2019      Creation 2 – Fauna & Flora Sunday**

*We are a generous faith community—centred on Jesus, seeking wisdom for life and acting with compassion—in the heart of Grafton since 1842.*

The Cathedral is open every day. You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.

<i>Setting</i>	St Thomas Mass – David Thorne
<i>Introit</i>	O Pater Sancte - Plainsong
<i>Opening Hymn</i>	Made in God's likeness [671 TIS ]
<i>Prayer of the day</i>	God of life in all its diversity, today we celebrate the abundance of Earth's fauna and flora, your beautiful and complex canvas of love. Open our ears and hearts to hear the good news of your love ringing through the creatures of the wild and displayed in the diversity of the plants. Make us faithful stewards of this fragile eco-system. In the name of the Christ who fills heaven and Earth, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. <b>Amen.</b>
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	For the beauty of the earth [137 TIS ]
<i>Communion Anthems</i>	Jubilate Deo – Christopher Upton Fairest Lord Jesus – Martin How
<i>Mission Hymn</i>	Touch the earth lightly [668 TIS]
<i>Organ Postlude</i>	Toccata in C – Johann Pachelbel

## BIBLE READINGS

*First Reading*

[Job 39.1-8,26-30]

‘Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?  
Do you observe the calving of the deer?  
Can you number the months that they fulfil,  
and do you know the time when they give birth,  
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,  
and are delivered of their young?  
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;  
they go forth, and do not return to them.

‘Who has let the wild ass go free?  
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,  
to which I have given the steppe for its home,  
the salt land for its dwelling-place?  
It scorns the tumult of the city;  
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.  
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,  
and it searches after every green thing.

‘Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars,  
and spreads its wings towards the south?  
Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up  
and makes its nest on high?  
It lives on the rock and makes its home  
in the fastness of the rocky crag.  
From there it spies the prey;  
its eyes see it from far away.  
Its young ones suck up blood;  
and where the slain are, there it is.’

*Psalm 104. 14-23*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104. 14 - 23

Percy Jones

Re Bless the Lord, my soul, O bless the Lord, my soul.

14. You water the mountains from your dwelling on high:  
and the earth is filled by the fruits of your work.
15. You cause the grass to grow for your cattle:  
and all green things for the creatures that serve us. (R/.)
16. You bring food out of the earth:  
and wine that makes glad the human heart,
17. Oil to give us a shining countenance:  
and bread to strengthen the heart. (R/.)
18. The trees of the Lord are well-watered:  
the cedars of Lebanon that he has planted,
19. Where the birds build their nests:  
and the stork makes her home in the pine-tops.
20. The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats:  
and the crags a cover for the conies. (R/.)
21. You created the moon to mark the seasons:  
and the sun knows the hour of its setting.
22. You make darkness, and it is night:  
in which all the beasts of the forest move by stealth.
23. The lions roar for their prey:  
seeking their food from God. (R/.)

*Second Reading* [1 Corinthians 1.10-23]

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,  
'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

*Gospel Reading*

[Luke 12.22-31]

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.'



The church's liturgical year has always been closely tied to the natural rhythms of the nature, but when Europeans brought the faith to this great south land that ancient connection was broken.

During September—as we welcome Spring to our lives once more—we are joining with many other parishes and congregations around the country to observe the Season of Creation.

The Season of Creation is an annual celebration of prayer and action to protect creation. It is celebrated by Christians of all traditions. The Bishop has encouraged parishes and schools in the Diocese of Grafton to observe this special liturgical season.

The season began last Sunday, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and runs through October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, who is the patron saint of ecology in many traditions. The theme of this year's celebration is "the web of life". As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are on a pilgrimage to better care of creation.

## **ABM GATHERING – SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER**

The Diocesan Branch of the Anglican Board of Mission is holding their annual fund-raising day at the Cathedral on Saturday 21 September starting at 10 am and finishing about 2 pm. A simple lunch will be held in the Parish Centre about midday. All are welcome but if you would like something to eat it would be as well to register.







## **CATHEDRAL BOOKSHOP & OPPORTUNITY SHOP**

**WANTED!** More volunteers are needed to assist in these two important agencies in the life of the Cathedral Parish. Without these shops life in the Parish would be very different and so if you can help to keep them invigorated and able to serve the Parish and the community of Grafton in the years to come please call in to the Office or see a member of the shops to express your interest and see how you

can help. All our present volunteers would love to see you. Just a few hours in a week would really help.

## **30 Oct – 2 Nov 2019 FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS**

The theme for this year's Festival of Flowers is "Bridges of the Clarence" and will celebrate many of the different river crossings in the Clarence Valley. The festival runs from Wednesday, 30 October to Saturday, 2 November 2019.

If you would like a floral tribute in memory of a loved one to be displayed during the Festival, please contact: Leoné Roberts (6644 9211) or Beth Wykes (6644



7344) before Monday 14 October. It is essential that you get your request in early so the flowers can be ordered and delivered on time. The cost of each arrangement is \$50.00.



## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*This Affirmation will be used in place of the Nicene Creed:*

Let us together affirm what we believe:

God creates all things,  
renews all things and celebrates all things.

**All This we believe.**

Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin.

**All This we believe.**

God became flesh and blood, a piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation.

**All This we believe.**

The risen Jesus is the Christ at the centre of creation reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.

**All This we believe.**

The Holy Spirit renews life in creation groans in empathy with a suffering creation and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

**All This we believe.**

**We believe that with Christ we will rise  
and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Loving God, creator of the Universe, you know every creature and its needs. With great trust we offer our petitions in the name of all creation.

That people of all faiths use the Season of Creation as a time to remember, respect, pray and act for the good of all of creation, let us pray. **Creator God, hear our prayer.**

That the Churches and religious communities may respond to the signs of the times expressed in the cry of nature, wounded by our failure to serve as custodians of all that exists, let us pray. **Creator God, hear our prayer.**

That international organizations may speak out strongly against the exploitation of the resources so generously offered by Mother Earth, and for those many brothers and sisters who live in need due to waste and abuse on the part of individuals and nations, let us pray. **Creator God, hear our prayer.**

That those involved in political life, and every citizen as well, may grow in the awareness that any behaviour that does not respect the environment damages human coexistence and undermines the foundations of peace, let us pray. **Creator God, hear our prayer.**

That young people may be inspired by the example of Saint Francis to make lifestyle choices that are selfless and sustainable, promote the care and safeguarding of ecosystems, guarantee access to all basic resources, and encourage practices that respect the fundamental rights of the human person and of every creature, let us pray. **Creator God, hear our prayer.**

For those living with adversity, sickness and other trouble—and especially Candice, Roy Ford, Linda, Gail Gilmour, Ruth Kingsley, Eileen Rogan and Jessie Usher—let us pray. **Creator God, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died recently and for those whose year's mind occurs at this time: Heather Parker, Ralph Bennett, Roy Last. Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; **and may light perpetual shine upon them.**

That we who participate in this Eucharist, offering God the gifts that earth has given and human hands have made, may be ready and willing to respond to God's word that calls us to be prophets of a creation made new in the Passover of Jesus, let us pray. **Creator God, hear our prayer.**

*Adapted from the Franciscans for Ecology*

## Cathedral Parish Directory

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## Prayers for those in need

Cheryl Cook  
Candice  
Sue Cotter  
Kathryn Douglas  
Roy Ford  
Gail Gilmore  
Gladys Gray

Brian Holley  
Fay Kelly  
Ruth Kingsley  
Doris Lee  
Joan Marr  
John McAnally

Eileen Rogan  
Val Rogers  
Muriel Shepherd  
Tammy Uren  
Jessie Usher  
Keith Zietsch

## Remembering those who have died

**Recently departed:**

**Year's Mind:** Heather Parker, Ralph Bennett, Roy Last.

## Cathedral Prayer

**Living and eternal Christ bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage and prayer. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.**

## Around the Parish this Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>Creation 2 – Fauna &amp; Flora Sunday</b> 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Cathedral) 11.00am – Eucharist (All Saints, Lawrence)
<b>Monday</b>	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 9.00am – Mothers Union Executive Meeting (Edwards Hall) 9.00am – Probus Visit & Tour (Cathedral)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 10.00am – Eucharist (Cathedral) 4.00pm – Eucharist (Dougherty Villa) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
<b>Thursday</b>	7.00am – Produce Markets (Op Shop Car Park) 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 10.30am – Eucharist (Whiddon Homes) 12.00pm – Friends for Lunch (Edwards Hall) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 7.00pm – Choir Practice (Cathedral) 7.00pm – Living the Questions (Edwards Hall)
<b>Friday</b>	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
<b>Saturday</b>	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Creation 3 – Storm Sunday</b> 9.00am – Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptisms (Cathedral) 11.00am – Eucharist (Holy Apostles, Copmanhurst)

Next Sunday's roster: Ted & Pat Mair (sidespeople), Kathryn Lentfer (Reader 1)  
Alex Purvis (Reader 2 & Prayers), Rex & Nita Child (Morning Tea)



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