



Parishes of Our Lady of the Assumption, Cheltenham and
St Agnes, Highett

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME GROUP



A Mighty River

Amos 5: 24

Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THIS SEASON OF CREATION!

Each year, the world's 2.2 billion Christians are invited to give thanks for creation, to pray and do what we can to care for our planet Earth and our most vulnerable people, creatures and plants. The Season of Creation extends from 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We are lucky in the Southern Hemisphere, where this season coincides with Spring.

The 2023 theme takes up the cry of the prophets to 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'. The symbol of this year's Season is 'A Mighty River'. We are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

Beautiful quilts made by one of our parishioners, showing the symbol of this year's Season of Creation, have been placed before the lecterns in our churches. Our weekend liturgies will celebrate the gifts of creation, and the mission given to us by God¹ to Care for our Common Home and respond to its needs and crises today.

Parishioners will be joining with students, teachers and the OLA and St Agnes school communities to plant trees in each of our schools and church gardens, as well as donating food and cleaning products for the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project. Look for details of these activities in the school Newsletter and the weekly Parish Bulletin.

Pope Francis' message for this year's Season of Creation encourages us to

Live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to renew the face of the earth.

We hope you and your family may be able to join us during this Season in one or more of these activities. For more information, contact the Care for our Common Home Group by emailing Adrian Foley at ade.foley@gmail.com

¹ "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and take care of it", Genesis 2:15.