**King’s Wood Benefice Lent Course**

**A six week course called “For such a time as this”**

**Exploring ecological justice**

**Monday 22nd February and the following 5 weeks at 7.30pm**

I would like to invite you to join me for a six-session Lent study course exploring ecological justice.

The world is in crisis; Creation is groaning. We hear the cry of the Earth in species extinction, in the climate crisis in systematic racial injustice, in material poverty, in conflict, in the global Covid 19 pandemic. In such a time as this, what have Christians got to offer?

People and the Earth have been crying out for many years, but for too long, many people – particularly those in the global North – have chosen not to listen, instead remaining complicit in the destruction of our world and continuing to increase inequalities.

Our doctrine of Creation suggests that it was never meant to be like this, but that human nature is tarnished – some call it “fallen”. However, our biblical narrative of salvation provides a remedy and challenges us to play our part in the process of redemption and re-Creation. This is the journey that we will take together over the six weeks course, looking at the implications for our daily lives both as individuals and as communities of faith and hope.

Some are describing the Covid 19 pandemic as a great awakening; a planetary “Kairos moment” for us to stop, reflect and change direction. We live in a broken and unequal world. We are here for such a time as this. In their mission across the world, many churches are transforming lives through education, health care and justice for all.

As we will witness as we move through this course, different churches offer us insights in the ways that they are confronting the issues of ecological justice in their own context: and in doing so, challenge us to respond: are we ready to accept the challenge?

During the six weeks we will discuss:

Week 1: For such a time Week 2: Creation Week 3: The Fall

Week 4: Salvation Week 5: Restoration Week 6: ReCreation

Getting started: Before embarking on this six-week journey, please spend some time reflecting on the following questions:

1. How do we value our common home, the Earth?
2. In what ways do we value – or not value – all parts of Creation, including other human beings?

Please email me if you would like to join our Lent course and I will send you the link.

Every blessing and I look forward to welcoming you.

Yours in Christ

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