



Feb '19



Date	Event	Venue	Time
Sun 3	All-age Worship — Chris Tinker (+ lunch)	Civic Hall	10.30am
w/b 3	Small Groups	Homes	
Sun 10	Worship — Paul Mashinter (Nehemiah 4)	Civic Hall	10.30am
Wed 13	Communion & Prayer	Café 139	7.45pm
Sun 17	Worship — Allan Raw (Nehemiah 5)	Civic Hall	10.30am
w/b 17	Small Groups	Homes	
Sun 24	Worship— Chris Tinker (Nehemiah 6.1-15)	Civic Hall	10.30am

What would a genuinely Christian and thoroughly biblical expression of environmental concern look like? It would have to begin with a confession of faith based on Psalm 24:1 "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it"

Christians, of all people, understand that we do not own the world in which we live. The earth, like the vineyard in Jesus' parable (Matthew 21:33-46), is a trust given into our keeping by its Maker and Proprietor.

God gave humanity "dominion" or "rule" over creation in Genesis 1:28. But this does not mean that man is free to pillage or abuse the earth's resources. On the contrary, "dominion" involves responsibility and accountability. It's a mandate to care for God's world just as He cares for it. Among other things, this means finding ways to put back into nature at least as much as we take out of it. As any good agriculturalist knows, a fertile field becomes a dustbowl if the farmer can't find some way to maintain and replenish the soil. In the same way, industry can be helpful when it supplies basic human needs. But it should also act responsibly by doing what it can to preserve natural resources in the process. That's good stewardship of the Master's estate.

An idea to contribute:

- bring your own mug for tea or coffee each Sunday!



February sees **Small Groups** re-start and we'll be studying the New Testament letter to the church in Colossae. Phil Grubb, our Small Group co-ordinator writes:

For young and old believers alike these studies will help you to 'keep on growing' and 'keep on going'.

The Colossian Christians were in danger of giving up on Jesus and Church. They were experiencing a spiritual mid-life crisis. The apostle Paul shows them the amazing glory of Jesus - in whom all the fullness of God dwells - so they see that the only way to lead a full life is to live a life that is filled with Jesus.

Make every effort to get along to your group!

Prayer Diary	Personal	Local	Further afield
	Growth in discipleship	The Tinkers	The NHS
	Our church family	Junior Church	SASRA
	Our witness	The Bridge	Brexit
	Family & friends	Older folks in the church	Christians in North Korea



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