

Bountiful Bilton Parish Creationtide

Bilton Parish ran a fruitful 6-week Creationtide this autumn. We used appropriate liturgy and music, and our sermon series began with a couple of heavier 'theological' sermons and moved on to more practical themes like ethical food consumption and living sustainably.



Each week we invited a visitor from the community to be interviewed. These ranged from our fabulous local greengrocers to the Yorkshire Rotters, who told the Parade Service all about composting!



We had two special events within the 6 weeks -we advertised these widely with double-sided flyers. The first was a pet service- despite our trepidation, this was well attended by some extremely well-behaved animals- even a large corn snake in a backpack!

The highlight of Creationtide was a Harvest Feast- we created beautiful, decorated space within church, invited the community to bring and share a delicious meal together, and had diverse entertainment- the Richard Taylor School Choir, an interview with award-winning local writer Rob Cowen, and dancing to a live band to end the evening. Church was packed and filled with a creative buzz.



The whole 6 weeks has been stimulating and inspiring, and helped us all make connections between discipleship and creation care.

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