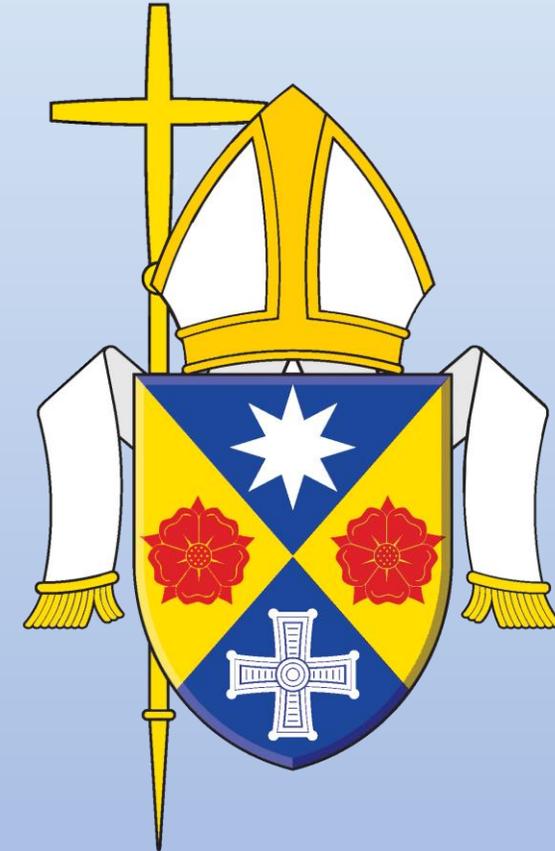


Catholic Diocese
of Sandhurst

Care for Creation Statement

A Statement addressed to
the People of God in
the Diocese of Sandhurst

with the aim of encouraging a
greater appreciation of Creation
and a deeper understanding of
our responsibility for its care.



Season of Creation 2020

WEEK 1

*"Ask the animals,
and they will teach you,
or the birds of the air,
and they will tell you;
or speak to the earth,
and it will teach you,
or let the fish of the sea
inform you."*

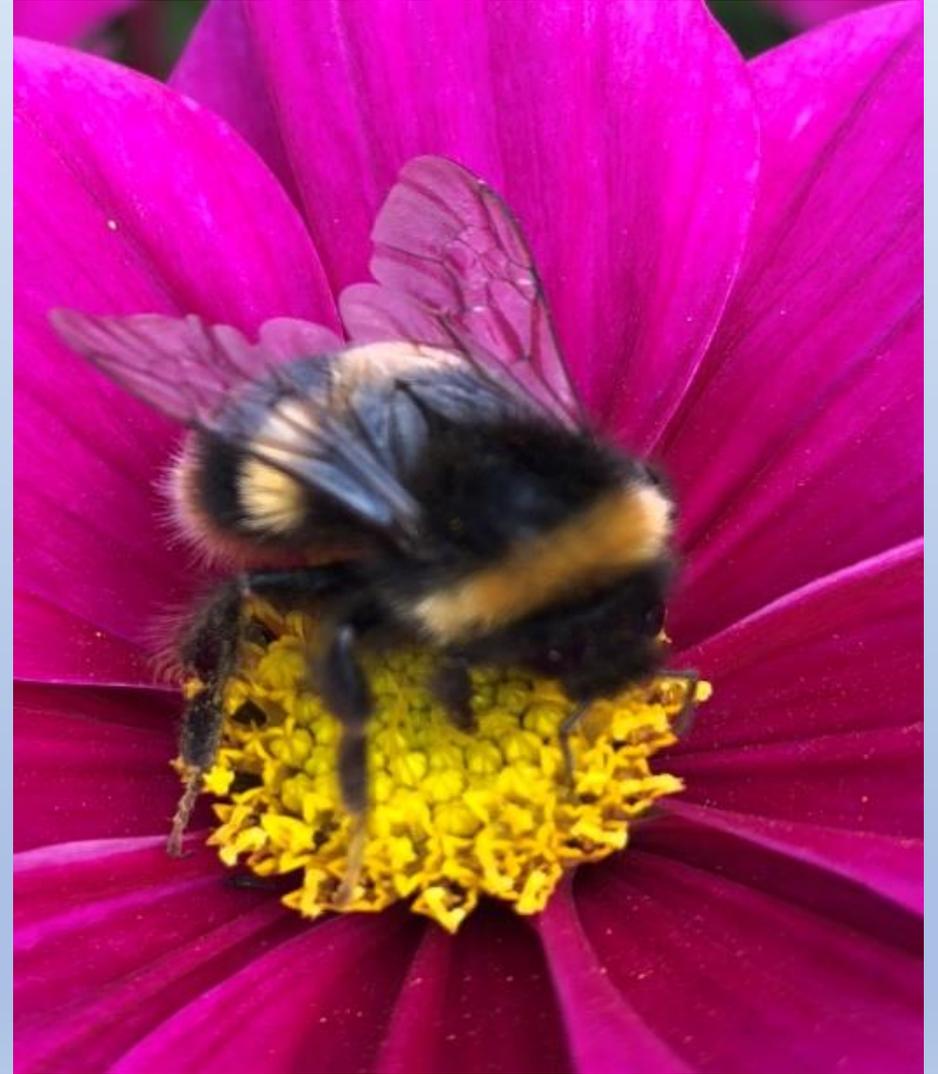
Job 12:7-8



Our world is beautiful
and mysterious,
inviting us to reflect with
wonder and gratitude
to God who loves it
into existence.



Every part of creation is connected in a flourishing web of life with delicately balanced biodiversity.



Human beings are part of nature, created in the image of God to live in this web of relationships, with God, each other, the earth and all creatures.

Pope Francis, "On Care for Our Common Home",
Laudato Si, 139



In the rural Diocese of Sandhurst, communities are surrounded by a diversity of life and landscapes, experiencing God's blessings in unique and wonderful ways.



All-powerful God,

you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness
all that exists.

Pour out upon us
the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace,
that we may live
as brothers and sisters,
harming no one.

Pope Francis, from 'Prayer for the Earth', Laudato Si



For reflection and sharing ...

1. What stands out for you from this part of the Sandhurst 'Care for Creation' Statement?
2. What do you love and enjoy most in the natural world?
3. When have you been most aware that everything is connected in a web of life? Remember a moment.
4. Living in the Sandhurst Diocese how have you noticed and experienced God's blessings?



**IF MEETING ONLINE, TAKE TURNS TO SHARE RESPONSES.*