

AS ONE AT 10 Sunday 16th August 2020

Good Morning everyone! It's lovely that you can join us today for another As One At 10.

I wonder this morning, whether you feel that you have been using your time well over the last few months; using your time to be creative in lockdown. I wonder whether you have tried new things, begun new hobbies, found gifts that you never thought you had!

When we use the word creative, we often think artistic! – Someone who can paint, design or draw something beautiful.

And we also think too of the creative world God has made – As the Psalmists writes “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”

Perhaps we can imagine God painting the stars into place, sculpting trees and mountains or just designing the complexity of human life with a great flourish of creative delight.



If being able to paint is solely what it means to be creative then I'm in trouble – My mother is an artist – here is a lovely picture of my family home – but I don't have any of these gifts. When I was at school, I was so shocking at art that my teacher told me not to bother with an exam and after a year made me give it up completely – I was that bad!

But as we come this morning to worship our Creative God, and consider the values of creativity and orthodoxy as a church family we need to recognise that creativity is so much more than being able to draw or paint, because our lives are to be a living act of creative praise and honour of Him, never compromising the truth but living out all that he has made us to be.

Perhaps that is in how we use our words, or take care of the world or speak up for those without a voice. Maybe it is how we practically care for others, but we are all created to bring God praise and glory in our own way, as he has made us to.

Let's pray together...

Father God, we thank you so much that you are a Creative God – for the world you have made for us to enjoy, and the wonder of each human being that are fearfully and wonderfully made.

We pray that by your Spirit you would teach us more of who you are and we pray that in turn we might use all we are and made to be and do to creatively praise and honour and bring you glory. In Jesus Name, AMEN.