



Stations of Creation Walk 14 September 3pm-5pm

1. The Toll House – **TREES**

Scripture *“And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”* Genesis 2:9. followed by silent reflection, allowing ourselves to be aware of the beauty of God’s gift surrounding us and that Christ – who died upon a tree for our salvation, walks with us.

Prayer: That our choices in the use of the world’s resources, protects rather than destroys, trees and the habitats they support.

2. **WATER** the River Sid as it meets the sea in front of **the Ham**

Scripture: *“For thus says the Lord: I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;...”* Isaiah 66:12 followed by silent reflection inviting the Holy Spirit into our hearts and to bring about peace in our world as God desires it.

Prayer: that we use water wisely here at home and act for justice to provide clean water to drink or use in agriculture and peace in their lands. To ask God to refresh our soul with his gift of water and give us all the Living Water of eternal life.

Journey to **Bedford Steps** along either the Esplanade or beach (according to mobility needs of the group and tide.) Notice if someone looks particularly in need of a smile. Say hello and invite them to join us.

3. **PEOPLE** Scripture: *“...For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”* 1 Samuel 16:7

Prayer: For God’s help for us to truly hear and respond to the cry of the poor, the vulnerable and lonely, for humility to recognise the reasons for our material wealth, and to share people’s joys and sorrows as we journey with them.

4. Walk along the undercliff path to **Jacob’s Ladder - SEA**

Scripture: *“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.....He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.”* Revelation 21:1, 4

Reflection on God’s power over all; the removal of chaos and return to an eternal peace.

Prayer: that God reveals to us his desire for us to connect with Creation and act in peace towards all his people.

5. Depending on mobility needs of group, climb up the steps to **Connaught Gardens** by the glasshouse to reflect on the ancient geological formation east and west – **EARTH, WIND, REPTILES, FISH, BIRDS AND ANIMALS**

Scripture: *“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy..”* Genesis 2:1-3.

Reflect as we feel and listen to the sounds of creation.

Prayer: to be open to the Holy Spirit and for grace to see God's creation as he does, for us to take time to rest and enjoy creation and to make time for others.

6. Depending on mobility needs of group, continue to **Peak Hill** (either the top or at junction with Cotmaton Road) looking back across Sidmouth.
Scripture: *Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only you shall serve."". Matthew 4:8 8-10*

Prayer: to pray for God's help for us to resist temptations of over-consumption of goods, use of fossil fuels or not caring about the consequences of food and fish production methods so we protect this fragile earth, and to make lifestyle choices that help us to be better stewards of the planet God has provided and bring about ecological justice.

7. Walk down along Cotmaton Road back to the **church**, to gather around the font - **HUMAN LIFE** Scripture: *"For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him."*
Colossians 1:16-17

Concluding prayer for the earth and most vulnerable in our world – including the unborn, the elderly and those affected by, disease, violence and conflict.

Process to the Lady Chapel to light a candle for creation, peace between ourselves and other peoples and peace with the earth, singing together:

I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I, will make their darkness bright,
who will bear my light to them, whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them, whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my Life to them, whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?

