November 2026

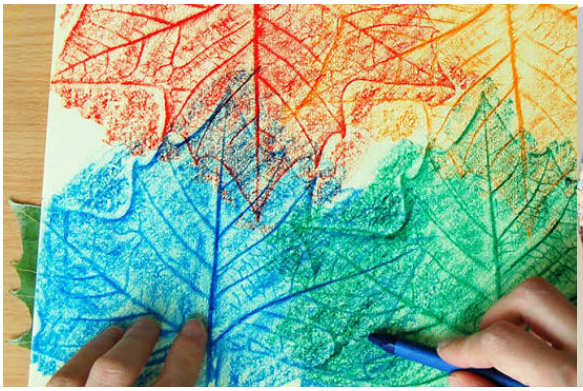
We are all God's stewards on Planet Earth



November's Teatime Church Service takes place on Sunday 15th November at 4pm. At this Teatime Church, we are joining with the Church Craft Group and Church Environment Group to create a special service all about how we can help to look after the world that God has given us. We are all stewards of Planet Earth and it is our responsibility to do all we can to protect it, sustain it, appreciate it, and look after every living thing, just as God commanded.

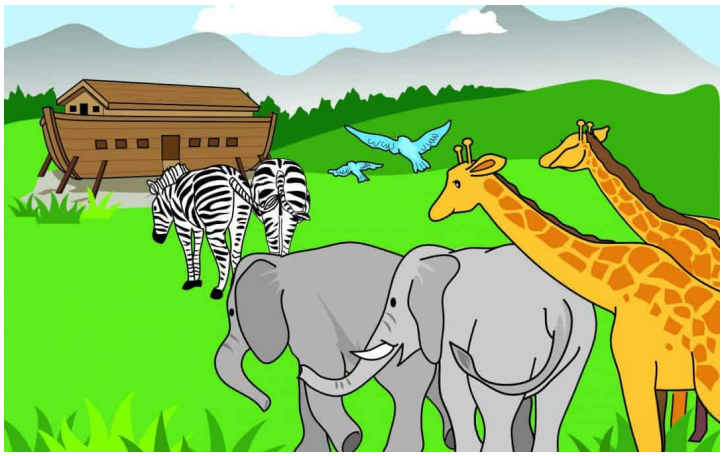
We will be focusing particularly on the Bible story of Noah's Ark (found in Genesis: 7), in which God told Noah to protect and care for all life on Earth and a promise was established to keep the Earth safe for ever more, signified by a rainbow. God said to Noah, "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the promise between me and all life on the earth." This is what we must all strive to do: look after our planet.

There will be different craft stations to visit at the beginning of the service, which are all about reusing/recycling/shopping local/appreciating the earth we live on/sustaining life: creating art from 'junk'; making rainbows textiles; creating beautiful leaf rubbings and nature collages; colouring animal masks, and planting seeds. There will also be homemade cakes to eat, which have been made using local produce.





The Story of Noah's Ark

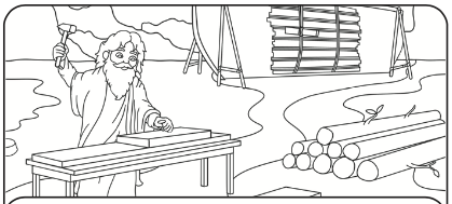




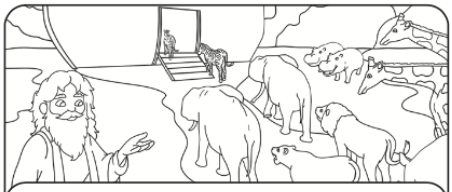
God saw all people acting badly, so he sent a flood to remove evil.



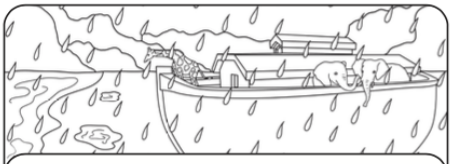
However, there was one good man on Earth called Noah and God trusted him.



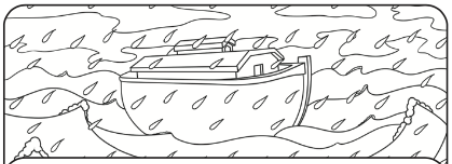
God told Noah the flood was coming and told him to build a big boat, called an ark.



After Noah built the ark, God told him to put a male and female of every animal on it.



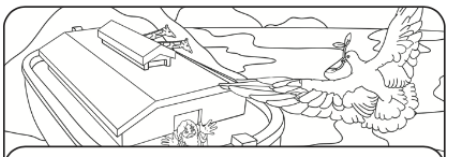
When the animals and Noah's family were safely on the ark, the rain fell for forty days and nights.



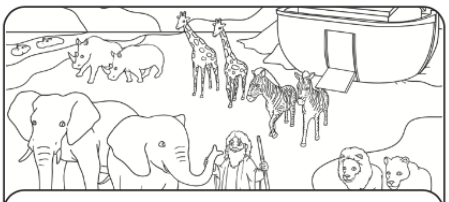
The waters flooded the Earth and all living things were gone. Only Noah, his family and the animals on the ark survived.



More than a year later, the waters started to dry. Noah sent a raven to find dry land but it came back.



A few days later, Noah sent a dove which returned with a leaf. When it was sent again, it did not return.

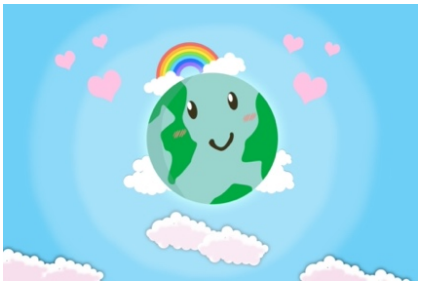


"The waters must have dried up!" said Noah. So the animals and Noah's family left the ark.



God promised to never flood Earth again and made a rainbow to show his promise.

Noah's Recount



Noah: Hello, my name is Noah, and I have had quite an adventure, but I think you know all about that.

It is so good that the rain has stopped and to be able to stand on dry land! Let me tell you a little about myself.

I have always tried to do what God wants me to do. The flood was terrible and very frightening but now it is over and we are all safe and sound. The animals are so glad to be back outside — they didn't like being cooped up and, I have to say, the ark was getting a bit smelly.

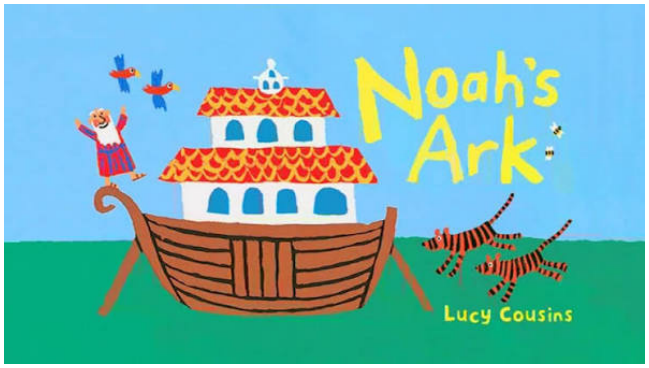
Now that we are all back on dry land, God has promised that he will never flood the earth like that again. It is a special kind of promise called a covenant. That means that we all have a part to play in it as well. God has asked us to look after the earth and all living things on it. That means the flowers, the trees, the birds and the animals. When we had landed on dry land God gave us a special sign of the covenant. We call it a rainbow.

When we see a rainbow in the sky it should remind us of God's promise to us — that he would not flood the earth again, and the promise I made on our behalf — that we would look after all creation. Looking after the earth and all God's living creatures should be really easy. I am sure that we can keep our side of our special promise. What was it called again? Oh yes, a covenant. Well, I must go and look after all my animals, but remember that promise whenever you see a rainbow.



The rainbow is a symbol of God's promise.

The rainbow still reminds us today of God's promise.



Please click on the link for a video re-telling of the story of Noah's Ark by Lucy Cousins

https://vimeo.com/56055146

Helping to care for our planet…









Our monthly prayer



Dear God,

Thank you for giving us such a wonderful world to live in.
Help us to look after it in the way you would want.
Thank you for your promise to look after the earth and everything in it
and for sending rainbows to remind us.
Let us be responsible stewards for you – taking great care of everything that you have created, provided and entrusted to us all.
Amen

Community information

Toddlers Together: Our parent and toddler group



Toddlers Together, run by volunteers from Holy Trinity Church and Westbury-on-Trym Methodist Church, is a parent-and-toddler group for the community. It takes place every Thursday during term time from 10am to 11.15am at Westbury-on-Trym Methodist Church Hall, BS9 3AA. All are very welcome! Details can be found on our website https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/toddler-group/. This term runs from 5th November to 17th December.

10am Family Services

Our recently-formed Junior Choir will be singing in church at 10am on Sunday 29th November and Sunday 20th December, which will be special services suitable for all the family. Please do come along to watch them. Sunday Club will be available for children to attend during these services and there will be toys/colouring available at the back of the church for toddlers/very young children.

Advent and Christmas Services



Please visit https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/advent-christmas/ for details of all of our Advent and Christmas Services. We will also have an Advent Christmas Tree Trail up in the church from 1st December – please see details below:

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WESTBURY ON TRYM - BRISTOL

ADVENT CHRISTMAS TREE TRAIL

FROM 1 DECEMBER 2026

TEN CHRISTMAS TREES HAVE BEEN DECORATED BY OUR CHURCH CHILDREN'S GROUPS AND PUPILS FROM WESTBURY-ON-TRYM CE ACADEMY.

THERE ARE TEN TO FIND IN THE CHURCH.

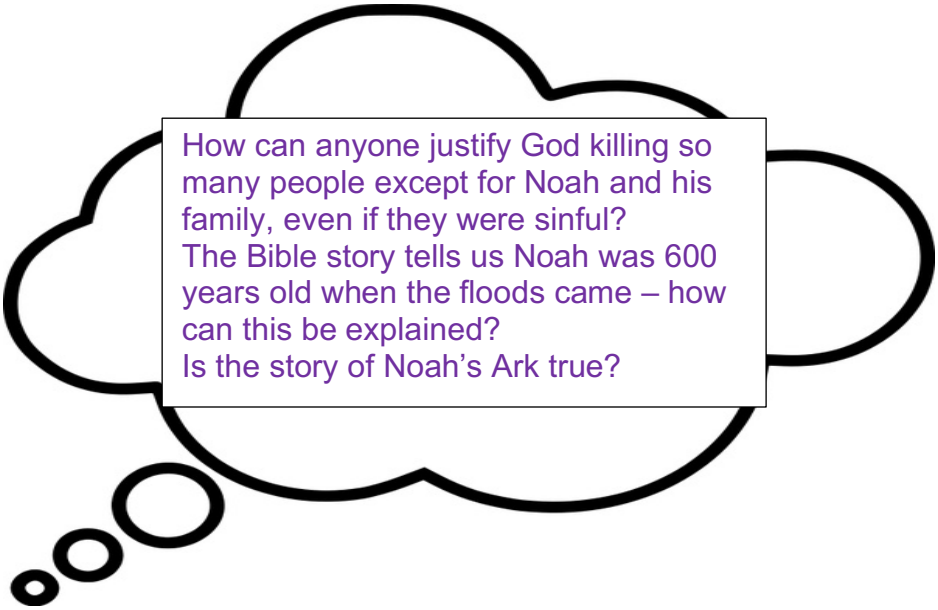
EACH TREE HAS A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRAYER OR WISH ON.YOU CAN STAND AND REPEAT THE PRAYER OR WISH ON EACH TREE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO, OR SAY A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRAYER OF YOUR OWN.

ON EACH TREE, YOU WILL ALSO FIND A LETTER.

YOUR CHALLENGE IS TO FIND ALL OF THE TREES AND THE TEN LETTERS, WHICH CAN BE COMBINED TO MAKE TWO WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH CHRISTMAS!

GOOD LUCK!

Some questions for the whole family to think about at home…please do come to Teatime Church with any questions that you have.



Please click on the following link if you would like to donate to Westbury on Trym PCC to support the work and mission of Holy Trinity Church, Westbury-on-Trym. Thank you
https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/westbury-on-trym-holy-trinity-bristol/

From Georgie and the Teatime Church Team
familyworker@westbury-parish-church.org.uk

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TEATIME CHURCH DATES 2026

Teatime CHURCH

Teatime Church is our monthly Sunday Service for children and families. It is a very relaxed service with a range of crafts, toys, LEGO corner, baby area, interactive songs, story and prayer. This is followed by supper for all the children and refreshments for the adults. There is plenty of opportunity to move around the church and make some noise whilst learning about God's love for everyone. All are very welcome!

Teatime Church is held at the back of Holy Trinity Church in Westbury-on-Trym from 4 - 5:15pm but you are welcome to join us during any part of the service.

Please visit our website for more details about specific services.

The dates for 2026 are:

11th January
15th February
8th March
3rd April: Good Friday Crafts
17th May
21st June
12th July
27th September
4th October: At the Harvest Festival
15th November
6th December

https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/teatime-church/

Email Georgie at familyworker@westbury-parish-church.org.uk

Volunteers needed for our work with children and families



All of our children's services and events have started the new year with great success and we are always looking for volunteers to support us with our work in this area. We always need volunteers to help us with the following:

Monthly Teatime Church Service (helping with crafts or with supper)
Toddlers Together (helping with crafts or in the kitchen)
Open the Book (a storytelling project where Bible stories are shared in school assemblies in a fun, interactive and memorable way)
Barton Camp Annual Trip

For all volunteer roles in the church it is a PCC requirement that new volunteers go through a safe recruitment process. The safe recruitment process ensures that everyone is properly equipped to carry out their role. As well as safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, it helps to protect both the volunteer and the church. The process involves reading and signing a Volunteer Role Description, undergoing a DBS check and undertaking Safeguarding Training. Church Leaders will be able to guide you through this process if support is needed.

We are also looking for members of the 10am congregation to attend Baptism Services. The Baptism Supporters will make promises on behalf of the church congregation and hand out the special Baptism Bears. Baptisms take place roughly once a month on Sundays, starting at 12.15pm.

Please email Georgie in the first instance if you would like more information about volunteering at our children's services or groups or becoming a Baptism Supporter familyworker@westbury-parish-church.org.uk

Do you love to sing?

JOIN OUR JUNIOR CHOIR

Develop singing and performance skills
Free musical training following the *Voice for Life* scheme of skills, including sight-singing, music theory, reading music and vocal tuition
Modern and traditional songs
Enjoy music and making friendships
Free to attend
No singing experience necessary
Led by professional musicians who are fully DBS-checked
To register, please contact Georgie at:
familyworker@westbury-parish-church.org.uk



For girls and boys aged 7+ (Y3 onwards)
Held at Holy Trinity Church, BS9 3EQ
Mondays at 4:45 to 5:30pm with a break for refreshments
Term time only
Welcome to people of all faiths or none

https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/choirs/



Christmas Wreath making workshop with NAFAS floral demonstrator, Jenny York,

Saturday
5th
December
10am to 12.30pm
Held in The College, College Road Westbury-on-Trym BS9 3EJ

Tickets £48

includes wreath, all materials; foliage, ribbons etc and Christmas refreshments
(bring along your own secateurs, gloves & enthusiasm)

Tickets and more information available from the Social Committee or contact:

Jane: 07779 463 187

Limited places available, so book early