

A LETTER FROM REV RONA JUNE 2026

As June arrives, the world around us seems to burst into life almost overnight. The hedgerows are full, gardens are blooming, birdsong begins before many of us are awake, and the long evenings invite us outdoors once again. It is one of the loveliest months of the year, with nature making its presence felt all around us in the most wonderful ways.



Over the coming months we will begin exploring the A Rocha Eco Church initiative together as a parish. It's still very early days, but I find myself excited by the possibilities. One of the things I hope most is that this won't simply become another church project discussed in committees, but something that draws in people from beyond our regular church community too. There are so many people who care deeply about the world around us, and it would be wonderful if this became something shared by the whole community.

Jesus constantly pointed people towards the natural world — seeds, trees, birds, weather, vineyards, flowers — because ordinary creation has an extraordinary ability to stop us in our tracks and remind us of God. The trouble is, many of us spend so much of life rushing from one thing to another that we barely notice what is around us. June feels like a good month to change that a little. Perhaps each day we might try to notice just one thing in nature and be grateful for it. It may be something very small — sunlight through leaves, the scent of rain, a blackbird singing late in the evening, or simply the colour of the sky at the end of the day.

Those small moments of noticing can quietly restore the soul.

May this June bring you time to slow down a little, to notice more, and to glimpse something of God's love through the beauty of the world around us.

With love *Rev Rona*