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For all of us these are very strange times, and during the *Season of Creation* it was good for us to be drawn to the wonder of God's world, even under the shadow of the Coronavirus.

We couldn't forget to hold the needs of our beautiful – if damaged world - in our hearts and prayers during this time as one of our community members created a beautiful Creation display, positioned in such a way that you couldn't help but pass it several times a day!



Though we had our own times of prayer, we were delighted to hear about the *Season of Creation* experience of the East African Province. We loved their individual videos which brought us closer to them and gave us some insight into their world. Seeing their community at prayer seemed to make our prayer one with theirs, even across so many miles! We were delighted to recognise some members of their Province and to see the future of the Institute in the young Sisters

Given the fact we are not as young or as active as we once were – (that is something of an understatement!) – we can easily fall into the trap of thinking we cannot do much at all, or that our little counts for nothing. So, we remind ourselves often that 'every little counts'. We keep our eyes open to whatever aspect of creation raises our spirits, and we do what we can to prevent further damage to 'our common home'.

We have beauty all around us here, and we are grateful for that. We also have wildlife – there are rabbits in our grounds and we take great joy in spotting them and watching them at play; the fox will from time to time come out from hiding – probably hoping to find a bite to eat; the seagulls remind us that we are by the sea-side, and that their squawking gives joy to a lot of people, and – until recently – we had seventeen goats take up residence almost on a regular basis – lovely to look at, but unkind to our garden flowers and, sad to say, not particular about their personal hygiene!

The *Season of Creation* certainly raised our awareness, not only of the immense beauty of our world but also of our careless attitude towards it, and this has greatly enriched our prayer. We know, too, the value of our prayers in supporting those who are actively involved in helping to preserve our planet as a thing of beauty - a joy forever – and for everyone.



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