



Clincarthill Parish Church  
*a church for the community*

**2021: The 5 Marks of Mission Series**

Mark 5

“To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth”.

Teaching Sunday: **7<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Sharing Sunday: **21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

This guide will help you to reflect on each Mark of Mission, and the associated Bible passage. Find some quiet time and pray that God would help you as you reflect on the Scripture readings and questions. You can record your thoughts in this booklet in whatever way suits you, such as writing or drawing.

On Sharing Sunday, you will have an opportunity to:

1. Hear the answers to some of the questions asked about the passages/Mark;
2. Tell others in the congregation how God has spoken to you;
3. Share your reflections on a written/drawn prayer board.

If you have a question and want to hear the answer, you can send this in advance, and anonymously, to [questions@clincarthill.org.uk](mailto:questions@clincarthill.org.uk).

**Remember to bring this with you on Sharing Sunday!**

Scripture Reading 1: John 1: 1-5 (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Scripture Reading 2: Colossians 1: 15-20 (NIVUK)

<sup>15</sup>The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

What questions are raised from these passages?  
Did you find anything difficult or surprising?



How do these passages speak personally to you?  
Do you feel God is saying anything to you?



How do these passages encourage you?  
What is God calling you to be or do in light of these passages?



1. In what ways does Clincarthill Church “To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth”?

2. How could Clincarthill Church develop this further?

3. What does it mean for **you** to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth?

4. How could **you** be challenged or supported to take this further?

### **Closing Prayer**

Creator God, thank you for all you provide for me through this amazing creation, for all that sustains my body in so many ways. Help me to be more aware of what is happening to your world so I can rise to the challenge of climate change, turn my thoughts to action. May the little bit I can do be gathered with everything others are doing to bring healing and wholeness to your Creation. Amen