

## **The vastness of creation is evidence of God's greatness**

Everything in the sky above us, reaching far into outer space, is huge, although stars may look very small when viewed with the naked eye. So imagine how small the North Kirk and surrounding buildings and we must be when seen from space.

Here's what the writer of today's psalm called for in the opening verses: "Hallelujah! Praise GOD from heaven; praise him from the mountaintops; praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all you his warriors; praise him, sun and moon; praise him, you morning stars; praise him, high heaven; praise him, heavenly rain clouds; praise, oh let them praise the name of GOD – he spoke the word, and there they were!" Yes, angels, sun, moon, stars and weather systems were all to offer praise to God – the great God who created all this vastness which, together with all of creation, exists as evidence of the greatness of God.

## **Tiny things in creation are evidence of God's greatness**

But the God who created the huge vastness of space also created tiny creatures, made with such detail that the naked eye cannot see everything. Let's all look at the forefinger of our left hands. Can we even begin to count the number of lines on just the tips of our forefingers? And how many different small movements can we do with our forefingers – forwards, backwards, sideways, curling up, crossing over? The God who created this vast world also made it possible for us to make such tiny movements with a finger that is made in such tiny detail.

The great God created all this variety, power and detail in creation; indeed, it is evidence of God's greatness. At this harvest-time, we are remembering God's goodness and detail in the provision of food that is grown, and not just in our own country! Just look at our harvest display as an example of this amazing provision from all over the world.

The writer of Psalm 148 also called on all creatures on earth to praise God: "Praise GOD from earth, you apple orchards and cedar forests; you wild beasts and herds of cattle, and birds in flight."

## **The staggering variety in human beings makes us want to praise God**

And what an amazing variety of people God has made, a variety so amazing that we want to praise him. Look at a colour picture of a crowd of people – what an amazing variety – men and women of different nationalities; those with long hair and those with short hair; those with fair hair and those with darker hair; those with straight hair and those with wavy hair; those with fair skin and those with dark skin; those who are young and those who are not quite so young – and that's just the variety we can see for there will be those who love sport and those who don't, those who speak English and those who speak another language; those who are musical and those who aren't...

But we don't have to go very far to find a similar variety – in fact we don't have to go any farther than the North Kirk family – and we don't just need to look at a picture, we just need to look around us today.

What an amazing God to have made such an amazing variety of people. Let's praise the Creator and the Harvest-provider:

We can hear and we can see.  
Thank you, God, for making us.  
We are strong and we are free.  
Thank you, God, for making us.  
You have made the sky and sea.  
Thank you, God, for making us.