

Celebrate Earth Day at St. Philip's

April 22, 1970 was the world's first Earth Day. It was held mainly in the United States and the intention was to raise public awareness of threats to our environment. This year around the world over one billion people will celebrate Earth Day and our planet is in greater peril than ever.

In Genesis we read: "And God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good." The earth existed before we did. God created it in a carefully balanced way to provide for our every need. He gave us the air, the water, the earth and all its creatures. Then he called us to care for his creation of which we are a part.

How fortunate we who live in Prince Edward County are. We enjoy fresh water in abundance. We live in an area of diversified farms. Pastured cows, sheep and goats provide food and fertilizer. Crop rotation prevents disease. Heirloom seeds are saved and planted. What better way to see, smell, touch and taste the food of the seasons than at local farmers' markets and meat shops? We are grateful to the farmers who grow the real food that nourishes our bodies, minds and souls as God intended.

But we know all is not well. Climate change threatens our world. Greenhouse gases caused by our dependency on fossil fuels continue to wreck havoc. Chemical fertilizers weaken the soil. Pesticides kill good bugs as well as bad. The health of the soil affects the health of our plants and animals and therefore our health as these are the plants and animals we eat. Together we must find ways to take better care of our world.

In honour of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day on Thursday, April 22 at 7 pm we invite everyone to a free screening of "Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai" at St. Philip's Anglican Church in Milford.

This award-winning film is about Kenya's Green Belt Movement and its founder, Wangari Maathai, the first environmentalist and the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. It is a beautiful story of how one woman has inspired many people to work together to improve their lives and the health of their environment. Let's celebrate God's good creation and find ways to become better stewards of his wonderful gifts.

ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH MILFORD CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

**Yard & Rummage Sale
May 1st**

**Canoe Trip
May 24th**

**Pork & Corn Roast
Aug. 4th**

**Turkey Supper
Sept. 22nd**

**Yard & Rummage Sale
Oct. 2nd**

**Christmas Tea
Nov. 13th**