***Opening Worship***

From our homes and our families

**We have come together today.**

From all that fills our minds

**We have come together today.**

From the pressures and the problems

**We have come together today.**

From the happiness and the sadness

**We have come together today.**

We are here, young and old

**We are here to worship God.**

We are here, happy and sad

**We are here to worship God.**

We are here, male and female

**We are here to worship God.**

We are here: all God’s people

**We are here to worship God.**

***Welcoming the God of the circle of the seasons***

God of the west and sun setting

**We call to you as the days grow long**

God of the North and the storm winds

**We call to you to refresh our souls**

God of the East and sun rising

**We call to you to bring us light**

God of the South and the warm breeze

**We call to you to be the embrace between us**

***Padstow May Song******(adapted) –*** *(process to corner by tree)*

**Unite and unite, and let us all unite**

**For summer is a- come in today,**

**And whither we are going, we all will unite,**

**In the merry, merry month of May.**

**Now welcome the summer, and farewell the spring,**

**For summer is a- come in today,**

**And happy are the little birds and merrily they do sing,**

**In the merry, merry month of May.**

**The young men of this town they might an they would,**

**For summer is a- come in today,**

**They might have built a strong bridge to stand above the flood,**

**In the merry, merry month of May.**

**The young maids of this town they might an they would,**

**For summer is a- come in today,**

**They might have gathered flowers and herbs that grow all in the wood,**

**In the merry, merry month of May.**

***Prayer ribbons attached to bushes -*** *(process back)*

**The old folk of this town they might and they would,**

**For summer is a-come in today**

**They might have built a garden, to do their neighbours good,**

**In the merry, merry month of May.**

**Unite and unite, and let us all unite**

**For summer is a- come in today,**

**And whither we are going, we all will unite,**

**In the merry, merry month of May.**

**So fare you all well, and bid you all good cheer,**

**For summer is a- come in today,**

**We’ll come no more a-Maying, until this time next year,**

**In the merry, merry month of May.**

***Julian reflection – with hazelnut***

***Hear the praise of all creation (Nettleton)***

**Hear the praise of all creation, hear the song in all you sing,
Hear your voice given expression, shout of joy in everything:
Creator God, we are your story, all things echo with your voice.
Earth and water sing your glory; air and fire in you rejoice!**

**Every flower and tree exalts you, towering rock and gentle plain.
Stars and planets all acclaim you, each separate voice in one refrain.
Dreams of longing and belonging, singing heaven into earth.
Song of love that’s never ceasing, brings in all your life to birth.**

 **All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet.
Worship flowing through the seasons, winds that praise, rain’s dancing feet.
Sunshine’s warmth and dark nights passion. Each is held in your embrace.
Harmony of earth and heaven, echoes on through time and space**.

**Birds of air and fish of ocean. From the depths to highest cloud.**

**Creatures of each plain and mountain, In their lives your praises sound.**

**Human song and human action, called to give your love for all.**

**Giving voice to all creation, blessing all our priestly call.**

**All things still in awe and wonder, touched by your never-ending love.**

**Held in your embrace so tender, We offer you all that we have.**

***May day poetry***

***Departing and travelling further***

God of the West and the setting sun

**Bless us now through the rest of this day until the dawn breaks**

God of the North and the distant winter

**Bless us now with the presence of Christ, God with us**

God of the East and the season of passing spring

**Bless us now through the good seeds you have sown in us**

God of the South and the coming summer

**Bless us and all creation now with your abundant life**

**Closing Worship**

For today,

**We thank you God.**

For this time,

**We thank you God.**

For this place,

**We thank you God.**

For our friends,

**We thank you God.**

For each other,

**We thank you God.**

For your love, **We thank you God.**

As we leave,

**Be with us Lord.**

Through the week,

**Be with us Lord.**

In our homes,

**Be with us Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Wild Church at Sheen**

***With Lichfield Diocese Forest Church***

**As Spring gives way to Summer**

**An outdoor celebration**

**For**

**May Day & Mary-Tide**

**&**

**St Julian’s Day**