

## The Garden

For the garden of your daily living, plant:

Three rows of peas:

- Peace of mind
- Peace of heart
- Peace of soul

Four rows of squash

- Squash gossip
- Squash indifference
- Squash grumbling
- Squash selfishness

Four rows of lettuce:

- Lettuce be faithful
- Lettuce be kind
- Lettuce be patient
- Lettuce really love one another

No garden is complete without turnips:

- Turnip for meetings
- Turnip for services
- Turnip to help one another

To conclude, in our garden we must have thyme:

- Thyme for each other
- Thyme for family
- Thyme for friends
- Thyme for God

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is now much fruit in your garden, and you harvest what you sow.

At the last Twinspire committee meeting, we decided upon a theme of "going green", to coincide with this year's Holiday Club: "Waste Watchers". Below are a few snippets I read from various magazines.

*Jamie McIntosh*

### Say It With Flowers

Here are some fun signs for your garden:

- I dig gardening
- Shh! Bulbs are sleeping
- All things grow with love
- Tread softly - your feet are killing me!

A new ecological footprint calculator, which works out how much damage your lifestyle is doing to the environment, has been launched by environmental group WWF. Its creators claim the calculator is the first of its kind to offer solutions rather than just "finger wagging". Log on to [www.footprint.wwf.org.uk](http://www.footprint.wwf.org.uk) to see if they're telling the truth.

### What is a carbon footprint?

A carbon footprint is the impact an activity has on the environment in terms of the amount of carbon dioxide (greenhouse gas) it produces. Increasing levels of carbon dioxide have been linked to global warming and climate change. Wind turbines and solar panels are renewable energy sources and help to reduce our carbon footprint. You can generate renewable energy at home - find out how at [www.est.org.uk](http://www.est.org.uk)

### A zoo with a message

*After 35 years of running a dairy farm as tenant farmers, Tony and Christina Bush bought the farm and turned it into a zoo. This isn't any zoo, it has a definite message to share ...*

Noah's Ark Zoo Farm opened its doors in 1999. "We wanted to put Noah, and so God on the map," explained Tony. "We want to remind people that God is there, and that he loves them. We remind children of God and give them a cracking day out!"

Reminders of God are woven all through a day at Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, but particularly in the presentations held in the Animal's Arena. The front of this is modelled to look like the front of Noah's Ark - giving some indication of just how large a vessel it was.

The presentation involves animals being brought in for children to coo over and touch. The message is constantly there - did you know that domesticated donkeys have crosses on their backs, a reminder that a donkey carried Jesus into Jerusalem for Passion Week?

Tony is keen for visitors to realise that not everyone believes in evolution - there are strong arguments in favour of biblical creationism, and the walls are plastered with information. I asked Tony if all their staff are Christians: "Many are. All who apply know they should not be anti-Christian. We have a prayer time each day, when we read the Bible, have a short explanation and pray for the day. Several of our staff have come to faith while with us"

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