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Well, God saw all that he had made and behold it was very good. You can imagine these words from Genesis, that story of creation, have captured me somewhat today because here I am at the Kent Show surrounded by people enjoying their life. A whole variety of things: agriculture, stalls to buy things, the churches together in Kent, food, all the things that make a show what it is. But in the heart of this show is perhaps a question for all of us, back to that quote from Genesis – ‘God beheld all he had made and behold it was very good.’ A reminder that this is creation, that this is the way God entrusted His world to us. I’ve been talking to some farmers this morning about food security, not the most exciting subject you may think, but actually its **heart** is where actually does our food come from and what are we prepared to pay for it, and who pays the cost when we fly it in from across the world, or who pays the cost when we choose that food as opposed to food here from Kent? These are big issues for us but it seems to me in the midst of all of our economic situation, with all of those cries about ‘we must cut back’, is it also a question about how we are going to see the world, how we are going to use it? So this show reminds me this is God’s world in all of its variety, God entrusts it to you and me, to us, and says: careful, love it, share it, and help those who are perhaps less fortunate than yourselves enjoy some of its fruits as well. So, food security does have something to say to us about how we work with all that God has made for us. So if you haven’t been to the show, come next year. I’ll be here, and so will others of us. Enjoy it, and just listen in to the heartbeat of God’s creation.