



# Eco Bulletin



September 2025

## **The Season of Creation is here!**

Creationtide or the 'Season of Creation' is the annual time in the church calendar when we reflect on God as creator and sustainer of life and renew our commitment to caring for His world. It runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September finishing with Harvest on 5<sup>th</sup> October, and this year's theme is 'Peace with Creation'.

Check out our latest [blog](#) to read more about the theme and find out how churches are seeking peace with creation through local action. This month's copy of the [Bridge](#) also has inspiring stories - from gardening, to raising money for tree planting in Malawi, to the recent interfaith action at the mass rally for climate (check out pages 4, 5, 12).

For prayers, service ideas, events and other ideas of how to celebrate check out our resource blog: [Creationtide Resources 2025 - The Diocese of Southwark](#).



## **Join the Great Switch for Creation**



Wondering how your church can cut its carbon emissions? This Season of Creation, you can join churches across the country who are making the **Great Switch for Creation** by switching or pledging to switch to a green energy tariff.

Switching tariffs is a 'quick win' that can help reduce your emissions. As navigating the energy market can be tricky, the CofE has done research to help you confidently make the switch and choose a green supplier. Find out more and join the movement here: [churchofengland.org/the-great-switch](https://churchofengland.org/the-great-switch).

### Look out for Creationtide Prayers Social Media



Throughout the Season of Creation, videos of gardens around our Diocese and prayers by Green Christian will be released on our social media channels. We hope that these offer a moment of respite from scrolling to appreciate the beauty of God's creation and a chance to give Him thanks.

[Look out for our Creationtide prayer films - The Diocese of Southwark](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Foundations for Creation Care (Online) - RESCHEDULED 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER



The poster is for a training session titled 'Foundations for Creation Care' organized by 'The Diocese of Southwark'. It features a teal background with a central graphic of a globe with a large black cross overlaid. Text elements include: 'All are welcome!' in a white circle; 'RESCHEDULED DATE - 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER' in a dark blue box; 'Bookings still open' in a dark blue box; the title 'Foundations for Creation Care' in large white font; the question 'What does it mean to follow Christ in a world facing climate breakdown?'; a list of topics to be explored; the date and time 'THURSDAY 18 SEP | ZOOM | 18:30-20:00 | FREE'; and contact information for booking via email.

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# Foundations for Creation Care

**RESCHEDULED DATE - 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Bookings still open

**What does it mean to follow Christ in a world facing climate breakdown?**

In this **90 minute foundational training** we'll explore:

- Why caring for the planet is integral to our faith
- Why climate justice matters for Christians today
- How we can respond with hopeful, practical action

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✉ **TO BOOK YOUR PLACE EMAIL:**  
[JPICadmin@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:JPICadmin@southwark.anglican.org)

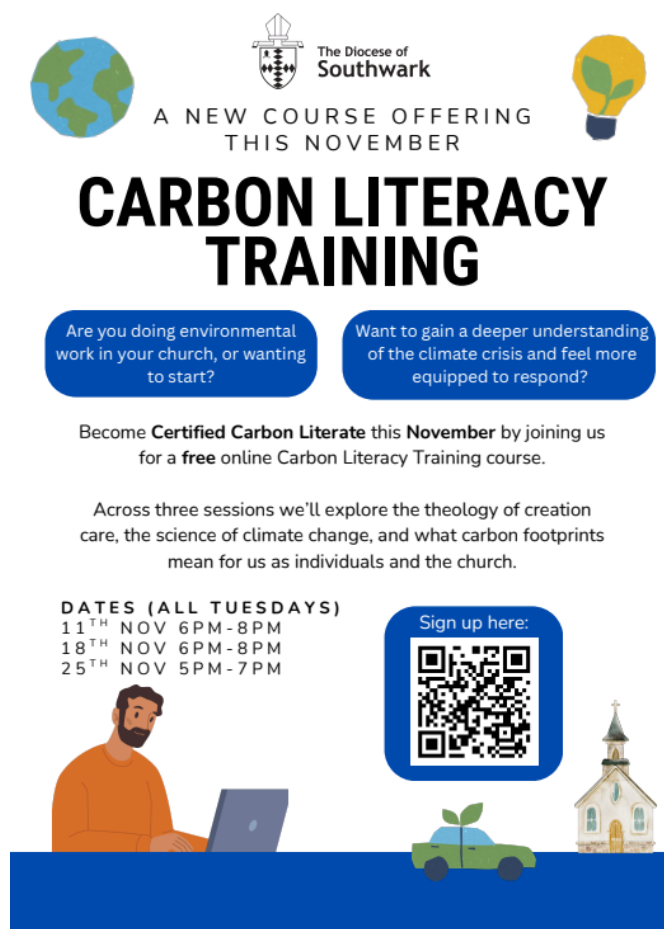
📍 **Zoom, 18:30 - 20:00 on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Bookings are still open for our **Foundations for Creation Care** training session, as the date has been rescheduled to **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September**. To book or for more information, please email [JPICadmin@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:JPICadmin@southwark.anglican.org).


In this 90-minute foundational training session led by our Diocesan Environmental Officer, we'll explore what it means to love God and our neighbour in the context of the climate crisis, and how creation care can be woven into different areas of church life and our everyday discipleship.

Open to anyone from our churches who want to deepen their understanding and take action on the climate crisis.

## Carbon Literacy Training this November



The poster features a blue header with a globe icon on the left and a lightbulb icon on the right. In the center is the Diocese of Southwark crest. Below the crest, the text reads 'A NEW COURSE OFFERING THIS NOVEMBER'. The main title 'CARBON LITERACY TRAINING' is in large, bold, black letters. Below the title are two blue rounded rectangles containing white text: 'Are you doing environmental work in your church, or wanting to start?' and 'Want to gain a deeper understanding of the climate crisis and feel more equipped to respond?'. Below these is a paragraph: 'Become **Certified Carbon Literate** this **November** by joining us for a **free** online Carbon Literacy Training course.' This is followed by another paragraph: 'Across three sessions we'll explore the theology of creation care, the science of climate change, and what carbon footprints mean for us as individuals and the church.' Below this is a section titled 'DATES (ALL TUESDAYS)' with three lines: '11<sup>TH</sup> NOV 6PM-8PM', '18<sup>TH</sup> NOV 6PM-8PM', and '25<sup>TH</sup> NOV 5PM-7PM'. To the right of the dates is a blue rounded rectangle with a white border containing a QR code and the text 'Sign up here:'. At the bottom of the poster is a blue horizontal bar. Above this bar, on the left, is an illustration of a man with a beard sitting at a desk with a laptop. To his right is a small green car with a plant growing out of the back, and further right is a small illustration of a church.

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### Zoom, November

This November we will be running a **free Carbon Literacy Training** course for people doing environmental work in our churches. It's a great opportunity for those who want to deepen their understanding of the climate crisis and feel more equipped to take action.

Across three sessions we'll explore the theology of creation care, the science of climate change, and what carbon footprints mean for us as individuals and the church. To gain certification, participants will need to attend all three sessions.

#### **Cost: Free**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 6pm-8pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 6pm-8pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 5pm-7pm

Places are limited, so we encourage you to book as soon as possible to secure a place.

Please register your interest here: <https://forms.office.com/e/KPXj2B2LEF>.

## Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Diocesan Conference 🌱 ⚖️



The poster for the JPIC Diocesan Conference 2025 features a dark background with red and white text. At the top left is the Diocese of Southwark logo. The main title 'JUBILEE: THE JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION CONFERENCE' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, a paragraph describes the focus on social action and justice. To the right, two overlapping circles show hands holding soil and a scale of justice. A red circle at the top right states '£10 Earlybird and group discounts' and '£15 thereafter'. The event details are in a red box at the bottom: 'Saturday 8 November 2025, 10am-4pm (Doors open at 9.30am)' at 'St. John's Church, Waterloo'. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

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### JUBILEE: THE JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION CONFERENCE

Join us for a day focused on Social Action and Social Justice with speakers and workshop to inspire, challenge and encourage. We will be coming together to reflect on God's heart for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation.

**Register:**  
<https://JPICConference2025.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Saturday 8 November 2025**  
10am- 4pm  
(Doors open at 9.30am)

**St. John's Church, Waterloo**

Workshops, speakers and info marketplace with lunch provided.

**For more information: [jpicaadmin@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:jpicaadmin@southwark.anglican.org)**

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📍 St John's Church, Waterloo

📅 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am-4pm

Join us for the Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Conference this autumn - everyone is welcome!

This is an important conference for the Diocese of Southwark focused on Social Action and Social Justice. Our theme is 'Jubilee' and we will be coming together to reflect on God's heart for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation.

There will be speakers and workshops to inspire, challenge and encourage. You will also have the chance to meet others, ask questions, and have access to further information at our marketplace stalls. We will explore topics of poverty, racial justice, climate justice, disability, and much more.

**Register before the end of September to secure the early bird price of £10 (lunch included).** If the ticket price is prohibitive please do get in touch as we do not want cost to be a barrier.

Book here: <https://JPICConference2025.eventbrite.co.uk>

Find more details [here](#) and email [JPICAdmin@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:JPICAdmin@southwark.anglican.org) with any queries.



### Join the Nationwide Lobby Week (13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September)

If you didn't make it to Mass Lobby in July, there is a chance to meet your MP locally this September. The Climate Coalition have planned a nationwide lobby week from 13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September. Head to their [website](#) for all of the information.

### Celebrate Good Money Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October



This year's Good Money Week takes place from 6<sup>th</sup> October to 12<sup>th</sup> October, finishing with Good Money Sunday. Just Money movement are encouraging churches to host a service or other event to consider how we can make money choices for a greener, fairer world.

Learn more and find worship resources, action points for churches and individuals and other resources [here](#).

### Watch - New LED's at Immanuel & St Andrew Streatham



Watch Rev Sarah Simpson at Immanuel and St Andrew's Streatham share how they installed new LED lighting through the match funding Give to Go Green CoFE scheme in a new video. The project helped them reduce their electricity usage and save on energy bills.

### **Fine Dining for Birds**

With the colder months approaching, many of us may be getting ready to put food out for our flying friends. This can be a great thing to do for many species, but it's important to do it the right way to minimise risks of disease transmission.

Read this [blog](#) from A Rocha on how to feed *and* protect birds this autumn.

