

November 2025

Jubilee: The Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Conference 2025



Rosamund Kissi-Debrah, CEO of the Ella Roberta Foundation speaking about clean air for all

On 8th November we held our JPIC 'Jubilee' Conference - a day rooted in God's heart for justice and peace. With a number of workshops and talks, we reflected on how churches can faithfully respond to issues of social action, social justice, and creation care.

Environmental action was a focus of the day. A workshop led by our Diocesan Environment Officer, Sophie Roberts, together with Eco Champion, Catharina Stibe Hickson (St Mary's Oxted), explored how churches can take meaningful local action for climate justice. A highlight for many was hearing from Rosamund Kissi-Debrah, CEO of the [Ella Roberta Foundation](#), who shared her daughter Ella's story and spoke about the Foundation's vital campaigning work since her passing - including the push for the proposed *Ella's law*, which would require the government to bring air quality up to World Health Organisation standards. Her words offered a powerful reminder that air pollution is not only an environmental issue - but a matter of health, social justice, and racial justice.

Find out more about the Ella Roberta Foundation on their [website](#), including ways to support their work.

Learn more about our Justice Peace and Integrity (JPIC) team, explore resources, and discover how we can support your church [here](#).

🌍 COP30 Reflections and Upcoming Debrief



The 30th United Nations summit on climate change has now drawn to a close, leaving mixed reactions. Whilst the outcome delivered important steps, including an agreement to triple adaptation finance, stronger mechanisms to support a just transition, and renewed global cooperation, many are disappointed by the failure to include fossil fuels in the final deal.

Zero Hour has published a helpful round-up [blog](#) on the events, and Faith for the Climate will be hosting an interfaith post-COP30 debrief on **4 December** at **3pm**. This will be a valuable opportunity to hear directly from experts who attended, to gain a clearer picture of what took place, and explore the opportunities to build on.

Sign up here: [Join us for COP30: What happened and what next?](#)

🏆 New Eco Church Awards & Registrations



A massive congratulations to St Saviour's Herne Hill for achieving their silver Eco Church award! 🏆

A further well done to St Dunstan's Cheam, St Saviour's Brockley Hill, and St Michael the Archangel East Wickham for recently taking the jump to become Eco Churches.

Learn more about the Eco Church scheme and find resources [here](#).

Warmer Home Advice and Grants this Winter



This winter, there are people in our communities who will be facing fuel poverty. But, there is support available that we can signpost vulnerable people in our parish towards, to keep people warmer and safer.

For those in the Surrey area of our Diocese, households may be eligible for a free home visit from a **Home Energy Advice Team (HEAT)**. These are teams of energy champions who give advice on cutting bills, staying warm and at the same time, reducing carbon. They also give out free insulation materials and refer some of the most vulnerable households for free retrofitting from Surrey County Council.

As a church you can do something simple to help - put up a poster (download [here](#)) and advertise it in your notices. Head to their [website](#) and watch this [video](#) from the Diocese of Guildford to find out more.

For Londoners on low incomes, support is also available. The **Warm Homes: Local Grant** scheme offers free or subsidised home improvements for eligible households, with aims of tackling fuel poverty whilst also cutting carbon. Check eligibility and find out more [here](#).

Choosing a Green Tariff



Want to switch to a green tariff but don't know where to start? The Church of England have done some research and created guidance to help churches choose a green tariff that works for them. Watch a new animation that explains how they've done this, and find their guide and more information [here](#).

Divestment Update

We're happy to announce that earlier this year, our Diocesan Investment Committee completed its divestment away from fossil fuels - a significant step in aligning our finance with our environmental commitments. Read the news item here: [Divestment from fossil fuels - The Diocese of Southwark](#).

For advice on aligning finances with faith in your own church, check out resources from Operation Noah's [Bright Now Campaign](#), and read our [blog](#) on greener banking, which speaks about Just Money's [banking resources](#) for churches and individuals.

New Foundations for Creation Care Dates 2026



Dates for our foundation level training *Foundations for Creation Care* have been released for 2026. In these 90 minute training sessions, we explore what it means to love God and our neighbour in the context of the climate and nature crisis, and think about how we can weave creation care into different areas of church life and our everyday discipleship.

These sessions are aimed at anyone who is interested in getting involved with or starting eco work in their church, and for those who are already involved who want introductory level training to deepen their understanding. We'll look at why caring for the planet is integral to our faith, why climate justice matters for Christians today, and how we can respond with practical, hopeful action.

The dates for 2026 are as follows (all on Zoom):

Tuesday 20th Jan, 6:30-8pm

Tuesday 21st April, 6:30-8pm

Thursday 4th June, 6:30-8pm

Thursday 24th Sep, 6:30-8pm

Signup for a session here: [JPIC Team Sessions 2026](#)

St Augustine's Sessions on Creation 2026

There are some early dates for 2026 sessions from St Augustine's College:

Creation, Mission and Outreach Tuesday 3 February 2026

Learn how church witness concerning creation can draw people into Christian faith, and develop ideas for integrating mission and the environment in your own church setting.

Creation, Worship and Liturgy *Tuesday 28 April 2026*

Learn about the new Feast of God the Creator, launching in September 2026, and develop ways to integrate creation perspectives into your context of worship. With liturgy expert Revd Dr Christopher Irvine.

Both events take place at St Andrew's, Waterloo, from 12:00 - 16:00. Tickets are £40 per head; but you can get in touch for a free place if cost is a barrier to your attendance.

Places are limited; email Becky Young (r.young@staugustinescollege.ac.uk) to reserve a spot, and for questions about the content of the events get in touch with Charlotte Sleigh (c.sleigh@staugustinescollege.ac.uk).

Blogs

No Climate Justice Without Racial Justice



Although not always at the forefront of environmental messaging, climate change is at its core, a racial justice issue. As harm falls disproportionately on those from global majority heritage both locally and globally, we can't call for climate justice without calling for racial justice - the two must go hand in hand.

In this [blog](#), we explore how racial justice and climate change are deeply intertwined, what it means to address both in practice, and the role the church has to play.

🌲 How to Have an Eco-Friendly Christmas



Even for the most eco-conscious among us, Christmas is one of the hardest times of the year to stick to greener choices. As advent fast approaches, read our [blog](#) on how to have an eco-friendly Christmas for advice on preparations - from trees, to food options, to wrapping paper and more!