



# Eco Bulletin



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## The Energy Footprint Tool Opens for Churches



The Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) is now open for churches to input their 2025 energy bill data on [Parish Returns](#).

The EFT helps churches to measure their carbon footprint, and can identify areas to reduce it and lower energy bills. Completing the tool is also an essential step in being more eligible for grant funding, and for playing a wider role in the Church of England's mission to care for people and the planet.

Last year, we were delighted that **75%** of churches in our Diocese completed the tool - a fantastic increase from the previous year's **58%**. This year, we hope even more churches will take part. To find out more and for support with filling it in, head to our EFT [blog](#) page.

### Online Training Sessions

If you'd like extra support completing the EFT, we are running training sessions in collaboration with London Diocese on the **10<sup>th</sup> March** and the **5<sup>th</sup> May**. These sessions will include a walkthrough of how to fill in the tool and time for questions.

Find out more [here](#) and book either a lunchtime session (12:30 - 13:30) or an evening session (18:30-19:30) by emailing [JPICadmin@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:JPICadmin@southwark.anglican.org) with your name, church, and preferred date and time.

## 🌟 New Eco Church Awards & Registrations



*Revd Dr Sharon Moughtin transporting equipment by cargo bike for St Mary's, whose congregation worships outdoors and does not have a building.*

A huge congratulations to St Peter's Petersham for achieving their Bronze Award, St Margaret's Putney for reaching Silver, and St Mary's Eco Church which has become the **third church in our Diocese to reach Gold!**

A further well done to Croydon Minster, St Mark's Wimbledon, and St Peter's Limpsfield, for all taking the leap to start their [Eco Church](#) journey.

## 🌍 Join a Foundations for Creation Care Session this Year!



New session dates for our foundation-level training, ***Foundations for Creation Care*** are now available for 2026.

In these 90-minute sessions led by our Diocesan Environmental Officer, we explore what it means to love God and our neighbour in the context of the climate and nature crisis, and

consider how creation care can be woven into different areas of church life and everyday discipleship.

These sessions are ideal for **anyone** seeking foundation level training - whether you're wondering where to begin in your church, hoping to reignite an Eco Church journey that has stalled, or simply wanting to deepen your understanding. You're welcome to join individually, or come along with others from your church.

Find out more and sign up for a session [here](#).

## National Emergency Briefing on Climate & Nature



A National Emergency Briefing on climate and nature was held at Westminster Central Hall last November, bringing together leaders from business, faith, sport and the media, to urge stronger action across all sectors. Experts shared the latest insights into how the climate and nature crisis is affecting the UK's health, food systems, national security, and economy. You can now watch sessions from the day [here](#).

A short film of the event will be released in March, with the aim of spreading information from the day more widely in community settings. If you're interested in hosting a watch event or want to learn more about other follow up actions, head to their [website](#) (scroll to the bottom to 'express your interest' in hosting a screening).



## Environment Dates & Eco Tips Calendar 2026



Do you want a simple way to keep track of environmental awareness dates coming up this year? The Church of England have released their 2026 [environment calendar](#) to help you do just that. It has links to click through to learn more about dates and events.

If you're looking for greener living ideas for each month of the year check out A Rocha's eco calendar for fresh ways to keep you and your church inspired throughout the year - [Easy Eco Tips 2026 Calendar - A Rocha UK](#).

## Upcoming Events - RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch & Love Your Yew Week



Looking for some nature-focused activities to get involved in as the year starts?

RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch is coming up **this weekend** on 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January. Head to their [website](#) to learn how you can take part in the world's largest garden wildlife survey and to sign up.

This year's Love your Yew Week is also coming up on 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> February. This week is a collaboration between conservation charity Caring for God's Acre and the Ancient Yew Group - and this year, their key ask is for custodians of ancient and veteran yews to look down at the ground beneath yew trees and to clear it. Find out why and learn how to take part [here](#).

## Church Commissioners for England outline their approach to nature



The Church Commissioners, the investment arm of the Church of England, has published its approach to addressing the systemic risk of nature and biodiversity loss across its £11.1 billion endowment fund. The report summarises its approach as a responsible investor and long-term steward of the Church of England's assets. You can read the report [here](#).

## Green Christian Climate Resilience Conference



Green Christian recently held a conference in Peterborough on climate resilience, titled *Building on the Rock: shared resilience for stormy times*. The day explored how climate adaptation is a challenge for Christian mission today, and how churches can help their communities be prepared.

If you missed it, you can watch the range of speakers [on demand](#) now, including Jo Chamberlain and Adrian Fox from the Church of England's Environment Programme, Rupert Read from the Climate Majority Project, and Revd Vanessa Elston, pioneering eco-vicar and chaplain to the Bishop of Kingston.

## St Augustine's Creation Workshops



St Augustine's College of Theology are running two workshops centred around creation in the coming months.

Both will take place from **12pm-4pm**, at **St Andrew's Church, Waterloo**. Each workshop costs £40 which includes a simple vegetarian lunch.

### **Creation, Mission and Outreach Workshop (3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026)**

How might mission and environmental care strengthen one another in your local context?

This practical and inspiring workshop led by **Revd Dr Cate Williams**, an expert in mission and the environment, will explore how to integrate creation care into the life and outreach of your church. Learn how to develop ideas that connect faith, community, and the planet we share. Click [here](#) for details and to book.

### **Creation, Worship and Liturgy Workshop (28 April 2026)**

This creative and theological workshop invites you to explore how liturgy and worship can reflect God's love for creation. Learn about the new Feast of God the Creator, launching in September 2026, and develop practical ways to celebrate creation in your own church setting.

Led by Revd Dr Christopher Irvine, expert in liturgy, with Revd Dr Sharon Moughtin, vicar of St Mary's Eco Church, this event will offer inspiration, discussion, and hands-on ideas for worship leaders, clergy, and lay ministers alike. Click [here](#) for details and to book.