

Eco Bulletin



July 2026

🌍 Season of Creation 2026

Joint Diocesan Course Offering



This Season of Creation (or Creationtide) we are partnering with the Diocese of London to run a joint course for parishes- *Caring for God's Creation: Faithful Living in a Changing World*.

The course will take place over three Wednesday evenings in September, on the 16th, 23rd and 30th, 7-9pm on Zoom. We will be looking at it means to be faithful disciples in the context of the environmental crises and in today's changing world, and explore how Christians can take practical action in their churches, communities, and personal lives.

This course will be particularly helpful for parish Eco Reps, church leaders, Eco Teams, and anyone looking to deepen their understanding of environmental issues from a Christian perspective and develop confidence in taking action.

You don't need any prior knowledge to take part - simply come as you are, ready to engage. Find out more and sign up [here](#).

Season of Creation Resources 2026



Living Water

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IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

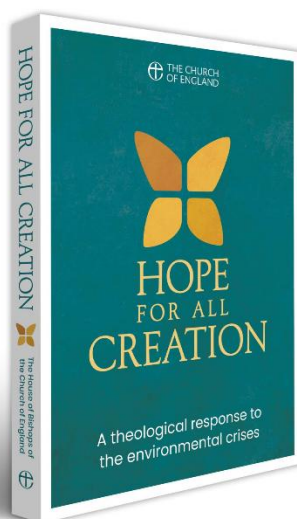
Join Christians worldwide in celebrating the Season of Creation this 1st September - 4th October. This is the time in the church calendar when we focus on God as Creator, celebrate his gift of creation, and renew our commitment to safeguard the planet.

This year's theme is 'Living Water', based on the vision from Ezekiel 47:1-12. There are exciting new developments this year, including the recently approved [Feast of Creation in Christ](#), which will be celebrated on the first Sunday of September, and the publication of the [Hope for All Creation](#) theological document.

We have released a webpage for 2026 highlighting resources for services, prayers written for this year, children's resources, practical activities, training opportunities and more to help you celebrate the season in your church.

There is something for everyone. Explore the page to find out more [here](#).

General Synod Environmental Updates



It was a busy week for the environment at the July General Synod.

The week saw the new [Feast of Creation in Christ](#) approved - a new ecumenical festival which will be celebrated on the first Sunday of September.

There was also an update on *Hope for All Creation*, the new landmark theological document produced by the Faith and Order Commission, and approved by the House of Bishops, as well as an update on our national progress towards Net Zero Carbon.

Read more about the week [here](#), and find out in more depth about the Net Zero Carbon update [here](#).

September Foundations for Creation Care Session



The Diocese of Southwark

Foundations for Creation Care

Join us to explore why creation care matters for Christians and how we can live out our faith in a time of the climate and nature crisis.

This **90-minute foundation-level training session** will help you explore hopeful, practical ways to integrate creation care into church life and daily discipleship - without feeling overwhelmed.

Do you feel called to care for God's world in your church, but don't know where to start?

Or, do you want to reignite an Eco Church journey that's stalled, or simply want to learn more?

Dates (all 6:30-8pm on Zoom)

Tue 20 th Jan	Thur 4 th June
Tue 21 st April	Thur 24 th Sep

Find out more and sign up here:
tinyurl.com/creationcarefoundations

Register now!

Our final *Foundations for Creation Care* session of the year is coming up during Creationtide, Thursday 24th September, 6:30-8pm on Zoom.

These 90-minute sessions are ideal for anyone wanting to get involved in caring for God's world in their church, as well as those already involved who want to consolidate their knowledge of key topics like climate justice, caring for nature on church land, reducing energy use, and 'greening' our finances.

Together, we will reflect on how caring for people and the planet is rooted in our faith and everyday discipleship, and consider practical, hopeful ways to take this forward in church life.

Come along on your own, or bring a group from your church to discuss ideas together in a welcoming space. Find out more and sign up for our September session [here](#).

🌈 Energy Footprint Tool - Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Energy Footprint Tool this year.

Thanks to a great final push from parishes, we surpassed last year's percentage, reaching a 78% completion rate across the Diocese. High submission rates are a huge help in providing the national and diocesan teams with clearer data, enabling more effective planning and targeted support to reduce our collective carbon footprint.

If you missed the deadline, there is still time to send paper forms to our Data Team before the end of July: data@southwark.anglican.org. The church form can be downloaded [here](#) and the form for other buildings, like church halls, is downloadable [here](#).

🏆 New Eco Church Awards



A huge congratulations to Holy Trinity & St Matthias Tulse Hill, St Peter's Norbiton, and St John the Divine Richmond, on achieving their Eco Church Silver awards!

A further well done to Christ Church Streatham, and St Mark's Mitcham, for recently joining the Eco Church scheme.

Find out more about the Eco Church scheme and how to get involved [here](#), or book a visit from our [Diocesan Environment Officer](#) to discuss ideas or next steps for your own church.

Great Big Green Week - Celebrations Across the Diocese



Garden Fair at St Mary's in Lewisham

This June, churches from across our Diocese got involved in Great Big Green Week - the UK's largest annual event celebrating climate and nature.

The week saw many churches caring for God's creation on their doorsteps, whilst also reaching out to those in their communities in new ways. Events ranged from community gardening, to bug hunts, garden fairs, and even film showings.

Read about the week and see what some of our churches got up to [here](#). Our thanks go to everyone who took part and sent their photos and reflections.

Churches Count on Nature On Demand Webinars

If you missed this year's Churches Count on Nature Webinars, don't worry - you can catch up with the recordings [here](#).



Small Grants for Social and Environmental Action

Our Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation team offer micro-grants of up to £500 for social action and environmental projects, focusing on the 3rd, 4th and 5th marks of mission.

Find the eligibility criteria and application form on this [webpage](#) under 'Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation grants', alongside other available grants. Get in touch with mission@southwark.anglican.org to find out more.



Heatwave Resource Blog and Poster



Though the last few days have brought some relief with slightly cooler temperatures, we know this summer is unlikely to have seen the last of the hot weather. Check out our [blog](#) and [poster](#) for practical tips on how churches can prepare for heatwaves and help those in their communities stay safe.

Often our churches are cooler than outside. Churches are increasingly signing up to become 'cool spaces', by opening their doors and offering drinking water. Find out more and register as a Cool Space [here](#).

🏡 Big Green Fair St Mary and St John the Divine, Balham



Join St Mary and St John the Divine, Balham, for their Big Green Fair Day on Saturday 12th September, 1-4pm.

This has become an annual event, featuring a number of speakers and activities relating to environmental awareness. There will be great stalls, food, and plenty of activities including a pop-up repair shop and up-cycled shopping to get involved in.

🌳 Heritage Orchard Open Afternoon, St Clement's Dulwich

Come and discover Dulwich's community Heritage Orchard, on Sunday 6th September 2-4pm.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon exploring the orchard and gardens, with something for all ages, including:

- A bug hunt and nature trail
- Garden games for all ages
- Tea, coffee, scones and homemade cakes

Everyone is warmly welcome. Donations for refreshments will help support the work of St Clement with St Peter Church and the ongoing care of the Heritage Orchard.