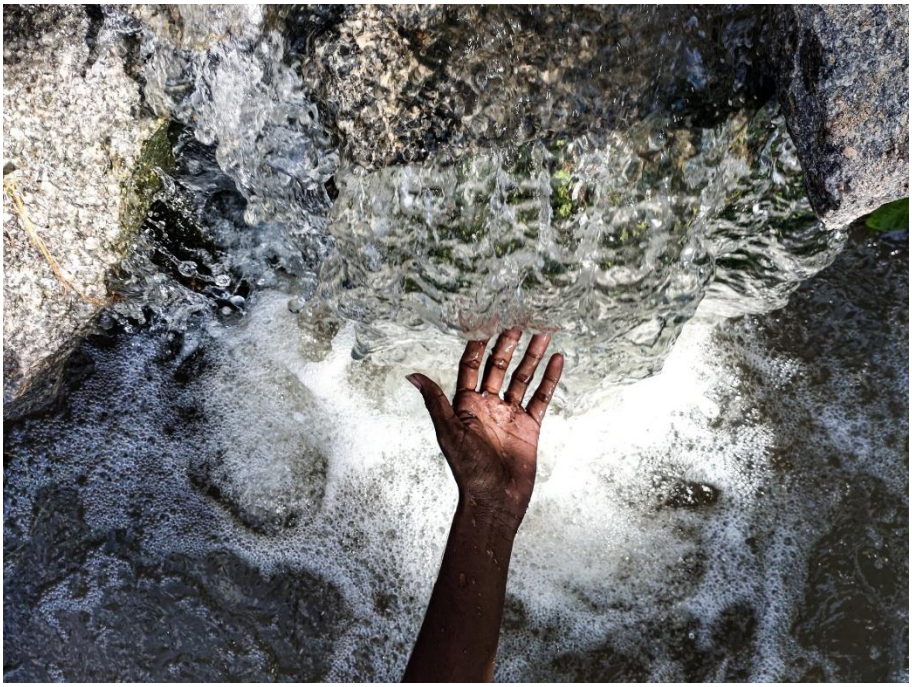
Eco Bulletin

September 2026

Creationtide 2026 - Living Waters



This Creationtide's theme is 'Living Waters', inspired by Ezekiel's vision of a river flowing from God's temple, bringing healing, renewal and life wherever it goes (Ezekiel 47:1-12).

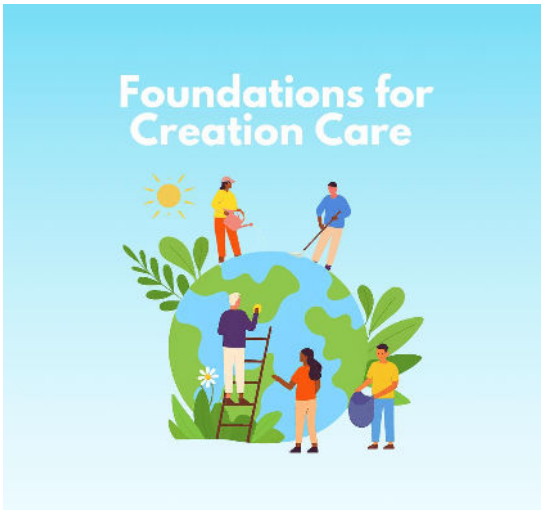
As we celebrate, this theme invites us to reflect on the challenges facing our waterways today, and how we can play our part in looking after this precious resource. Read our blog reflecting on this year's theme **here**.

The Great Switch for Creation

It's not too late to take part in this year's Big Switch for Creation by starting the process to switch to a green tariff in your church.

Each year, the Church of England commissions research to review current energy tariffs on the market, in order to help churches in choosing a green and ethical supplier. Head to the webpage for more info on switching and to see the dedicated guide.

November Foundations for Creation Care Session



There is one more rescheduled *Foundations for Creation Care* session for the year coming up on 12th November, **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. Together, we'll 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.

You are warmly welcome to join us for our final session of the year- find out more and sign up here.

🏅 New Eco Church Awards

There has been a flurry of new Eco Church registrations and awards in the last couple of months – congratulations to:

- St John the Baptist, Wimbledon, and All Saints Carshalton for joining the scheme.
- St Mark's Wimbledon for achieving their bronze award.
- St Mary's Caterham, St Matthias, Richmond, and St Mary Magdalene, Richmond for reaching silver!

To find out more about Eco Church and how to get involved head to the Eco Church website, or book a visit from our Diocesan Environment Officer to discuss ideas for your own church.

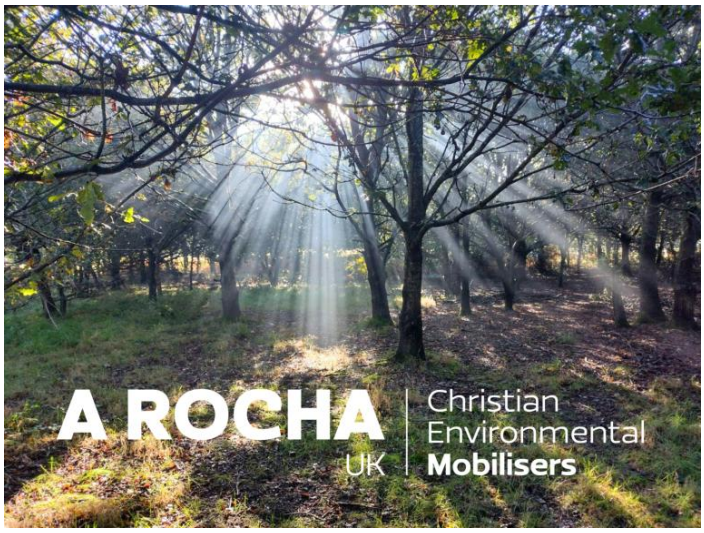
🎄 St George's Crowhurst Ancient Yew nominated for Tree of the Year

An ancient yew at St George's Crowhurst, believed to be 4,000 year's old, has been nominated for the Woodland Trust's 'Tree of the Year' 2026.

Thought to have once survived a direct cannonball hit in the English Civil War, and with its hollow trunk having been used as a meeting room for parish gatherings, this long-lived tree has an impressive history.

Hear more from Revd Sue Bosley in a video and cast your vote here.

Christian Environmental Mobilisers Course Opportunity



Launching on 7th October, A Rocha are running a brand new Christian Environmental Mobilisers Course. The course is designed for anyone who wants to inspire others to care for God's creation, who might be leading environmental initiatives or wanting to start.

The course will take place over six online evening sessions, 7-9pm. Spaces are filling up quickly, so find out more here and sign up soon to secure your place for the autumn cohort.

Good Money Sunday

Good Money Sunday is coming up on 4th October 2026, to round up this week's Good Money Week (28th Sep – 4th Oct). This is a good opportunity to reflect on how our church and wider community can act to connect faith to finances.

Find out more and download Just Money's resource pack for ideas for celebrating.