Creationtide

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feast of Creation: Begin Creationtide with an outdoor worship service to celebrate God as a creator. Have a moment of silence to listen to your surroundings and nature. (Celebration Guide: pg. 18).	Carbon Footprint: Measure and reflect on your personal and church environmental impact. Share results in small groups and discuss steps for improvement. (Carbon Calculators – Climate Stewards)	Food Waste: Plan ahead to save money and minimise food waste. (Food Waste Tips)	Buy locally and seasonally: reduce transport miles and support local independent businesses. (Seasonal Guide UK)	Water Conservation: Discuss ways to reduce water usage such as taking shorter showers. (More Water Saving Tips)	Meat Free Friday: Eating less meat can reduce global carbon impacts. (Cutting Down Meat - CofE)	Plastic Waste: avoid single use plastic and instead use re-useable bottles/mugs/bags to save the planet. (<u>WWF Tips to Reduce Plastic Waste</u>)
Green Communion: Celebrate the wonder of God's earth. Use A Rocha's Green Communion Resources.	Transport: Organise a car share scheme to not only reduce pollution but also help those who would otherwise be unable to travel to church.	Fashion: Shop more sustainably by using charity shops or apps such as Vinted.	Education: Host a community event on the impacts of climate change. Invite local environmental groups to share how people can get involved in local initiatives. (Celebration Guide pg. 21)	Gardening: Does your church have any land or a garden? Create a sensory garden where local habitats can thrive, and the community can embrace God's creation. (Wildlife-Friendly Church Land)	Local Clean Up: Organise a litter picking event in your local area. Help keep plastic waste out of our ecosystem. (<u>Litter</u> <u>Pilgrimages</u>)	Create an Eco Group within the church to lead sustainability efforts and plan for long-term environmental goals, like achieving net-zero emissions. (Starting a Green Team)
Ecumenical Prayer Service: Collaborate with your church community to host a prayer service dedicated to Creationtide. (Celebration Guide pg.19).	Creation Walk: Organise a walk in a local park or natural area. Use the time to pray and reflect on the gift of God's creation and our response to be in deeper communion with all life. (Prayer Walk Guide)	Feast Together: Hold a church picnic and give thanks to God for His good gifts, use LOAF principles. (Eating together).	Advocacy: Speak up for climate justice by writing to your local MP. (Welcome your New MP)	Sustainable Banking: Make a simple change by divesting from fossil fuels. (<u>Big Bank Switch</u>)	Energy Usage: Look for ways to save energy at home or at church, such as turning off appliances and switching to LED lights. (Energy Efficiency Advice)	Tree Planting: Plant a tree for special occasions such as weddings, baptisms, or in memory of a loved one. Enable wider participation in afforestation. (Trees)
Creation Scene: Work with Children and Young People (CYP) to set up an artistic creation scene, symbolizing God's creation of the world. Try to use sustainable materials. (Celebration Guide pg. 19)	Eco Church: This scheme by A Rocha is a great way to get all parts of your church life working to care for creation. Fill out the survey this season and find out how close you are to winning an award. (Eco Church)	Fairtrade: Make simple shopping choices to support farmers across the world in getting a better deal. Affirm this commitment on the Fairtrade website: Fairtrade Places of Worship.	Fundraising: Set up a fundraising activity to raise money for Christian charities that help the environment, such as A Rocha, Operation Noah, and Green Christian. (Christian Charities to Support)	26 Climate Pilgrimage: Push for change and join a Climate Pilgrimage Near You.	Climate Vigil: Hold a candlelight vigil to pray for those affected and at risk from climate change globally. (Powerful Prayers for Climate Change and Prayer Vigil)	Green Energy: Research and consider switching to renewable energy sources for your home or church buildings. (Renewable Energy)
Harvest Festival: a time to reflect on and respond to our creative role within God's creation and our responsibilities, under God, for all God's creatures. (A Service for Harvest in Climate Emergency)	Donate to local food bank: Collect and donate food items to support those in need, reflecting on the abundance of creation.	Zero Waste Challenge: Challenge yourself to produce no waste for the day—reuse, recycle, and compost as much as possible. (Zero Waste Challenge)	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Revisit your recycling habits and find ways to improve in your daily life and within the church. e.g., installing colour coded bins. (Recycling in Church)	Support our Global Neighbours: start a collective for <u>Toilet</u> <u>Twinning</u> by the loos and encourage people to donate.	St Francis of Assisi Day: Celebrate St. Francis, the patron saint of ecology, by blessing animals and praying for all of creation. (Vibrant Ways to Celebrate St. Francis)	