











Care for God’s creation is part of the Christian life. We honour the Creator when we care for creation. We show love to our neighbours when we care about the places they live, near and far. And we work for justice when we seek to tackle climate change and halt the loss of nature.

That’s why it’s so important to include environmental themes in our prayer and worship, and explore what the Bible has to say about the environment in sermons and Bible studies.

Rev Dr Margaret Bullitt-Jonas talks about why we need to preach on creation care.

Here you will find resources to help you weave creation care into your mission, worship, prayers, liturgy, preaching and Bible study.



## Including Creation Themes in Liturgy

Creation themes and environmental imagery can be woven through the Church of England's liturgy, whatever kind of service you are holding. [A Time for Creation](#), by Church House Publishing, brings together the Common Worship liturgical resources for creation and the environment. These service resources can be used at any time of the year.

The liturgy for the [Agricultural Year](#) gives a structure for including creation and environmental themes in worship at specific times throughout the year.

## Environment and the Five Marks of Mission

The five marks of mission are a demonstration that we are living out God's calling on our lives. The document below describes how the environment and creation care weave through them all.

[Environment and Five Marks of Mission](#) (723.76 KB)

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## Outdoor Worship

Nature can be a wonderful inspiration for our worship of the Creator. At times in the last few years, we could only meet outside, but now, many people have found they want to continue to worship outdoors. Find lots of ideas and advice on our [outdoor worship page](#).

## Preaching for God's World

[Preaching for God's World](#) is a resource for preachers, which offers thoughts and reflections on each Sunday's Revised Common Lectionary readings viewed through the lens of the Anglican Five Marks of Mission – in particular on caring for people and planet.

Watch our recent webinar on speaking about creation care in church "Preaching for God's World". [Watch on YouTube](#).

Speakers:

Bishop Olivia Graham, Bishop of Reading and member of the Church of England's national Environment Working Group

Rev Dr Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, Missioner for Creation Care (Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts & Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ)

Dr Paulo Ueti, Theological Adviser and Latin America Regional Director, Anglican Alliance

Rev Dr Dave Bookless, Director of Theology at A Rocha International and Priest-in-Charge at St Mary's, Norwood Green

## Season of Creation

This time in the Church's calendar runs from 1 September to 4 October and is especially focused on God as Creator and Sustainer of life. It includes the time of year when many churches hold their Harvest Festival. [Take at look](#) at how you can get involved.

## Bible Study Resources

Here are two books produced for the Church of England, which are good for reading and reflection on your own, or to use with a small group.

[Saying Yes to Life](#), by Ruth Valerio. Now republished, this was originally written as the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2020.

[Sleepers Wake](#), by Nicholas Holtam. Written as the Archbishop of York's Advent book for 2022.

This resource has been prepared by the Anglican Communion Environment Network and the Anglican Alliance. [Re-imagining our World Together](#) is a series of Contextual Bible Studies on the Anglican Marks of Mission and the Sustainable Development Goals.

For a small fee, you can download [Tenants of the King](#), a four-part study guide produced by Operation Noah.

# Also of interest



## World Environment Day



[World Environment Day, held on 5 June each year](#)

## The agricultural year

[Explore ideas for worship and prayer around the agricultural year](#)

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