



Creationtide Resources

Creationtide is becoming a very popular season in the Church's calendar and this year there are many different ways to you encourage congregations to respond to the call to care for God's creation and address the issues of climate change.

Bishop Nicholas is urging Christians to use the season to action to encourage biodiversity in our churches and communities by undertaking sustainability events.

While The Eco Church organisation has launched Creationtide 2019 - daily emails with reflections and prayers, written by the Revd Richard Clarkson. They are encouraging those in ministry to not only sign up for themselves but encourage their congregations to join in.

Under the title 'The Web of Life: Biodiversity as God's blessing', the Church of England has suggested a range of sustainability events that will include cleaning local waterways, planting trees and allowing churchyards and other spaces to grow wild in order to encourage biodiversity.

Did you know that 6 out of 10 churches in this country have churchyards, roughly equalling the area of a small national park? Therefore, we can stress that our churchyards are important for their habitats and as refuges for wildlife and plant life.

Bishop Nicholas, who is the Church of England lead Bishop on the Environment, said:

"We love the beauty of the earth. The fires in the Amazon show how interconnected we are in this beautiful, wonderful, fragile planet. We know there are serious issues to address if we are going to care for God's earth.

"Season of Creation is a chance once again to give thanks for the gifts of creation, to pray and act in ways that care for God's creation and address the issues of climate change and the depletion of species. It is the joyful, hopeful responsibility of people throughout the world and particularly of the Church which is both local and global."

For resources for prayer and worship throughout the year and practical advice on biodiversity, visit churchofengland.org/seasonofcreation.

To receive the daily email reflections sign up at ecochurchsouthwest.org.uk.

Churches are also being encouraged to photograph and share images that celebrate the biodiversity around their church on social media using #SeasonofCreation.

The Season of Creation is an Ecumenical initiative launched in 1989 and 2016 Pope Francis declared 1 September an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

The theme encapsulates two theological principles - that all creation comes from God, and that humans play a part in it.