



RESOURCES FOR CREATION CARE

To accompany our 3-week sermon series on Creation Care (6 – 20 June), we have pulled together a number of suggestions and resources to help you further explore this vital issue.

JOINING IN AT ST STEPHEN'S

We're encouraging our **Life Groups** to study the Scriptures on creation care, making use of multimedia resources as below, so that we can discuss these issues as a church. If you'd like to be part of that discussion, but haven't yet joined a life group, then please contact annienotman@st-stephens.org.uk. You can find more information about life groups [here](#).

In addition, since September 2019 we have also been running a St Stephen's monthly group for environmentally minded people called **Conscious Living**. We have explored various topics such as food waste, ethical finance and organic gardening. Our group meets on the third Wednesday evening of the month, and going forward it will be a mixture of Zoom and in person meetings. Our next meeting on June 16th, will be a litter pick in Moormead park and you can sign up [here](#). If you would like to learn more about this group, or simply join our mailing list, then contact Sue Craig at consciouslivingstst@gmail.com.

We also have an **Environment Group** at St Stephen's. This group is drawing on A Rocha's [Ecochurch](#) programme, looking at five areas where we can develop as a church: Teaching & Worship, Buildings, Land, Global & Community Engagement and Lifestyle. Both church staff and volunteers are working hard to assess where we can make improvements to our environmental footprint and how we can communicate this to our congregation. The Environment Group's ethos is Evaluate, Educate and Encourage. If you have any questions about this or other environmental issues feel free to contact the group on environment@st-stephens.org.uk

RECOMMENDED VIDEOS

Tearfund has produced a [series of short videos](#) with US Christian Climate Scientist Katharine Hayhoe answering questions relating to the Bible and Creation Care. Tearfund also has a [summary document](#) on climate change and justice.

Operation Noah has a multi-media study guide [The Tenants of the King](#) containing four bible studies and short videos (presented by Bishop Graham Tomlin, Mark Melliush, Ruth Valerio, and Justin Thacker).

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

[Saying Yes to Life - Ruth Valerio - SPCK Publishing](#) - This was the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2020, written by Ruth Valerio of [Tearfund](#). This book looks at the theology in the Genesis creation narrative and relates care for the environment to wider issues of social concern.



[L is for Lifestyle – Ruth Valerio](#) - Written as a handbook for Christian living Ruth shows us how, by making small but significant changes to our lifestyle, we can learn the secret of a life that is both fair and simple.

[Planetwise – Dave Bookless](#) – As Director of Theology for [A Rocha International](#), Dave argues that climate change is a symptom of our misuse of the planet’s resources. He takes the reader on a biblical journey from creation onwards.

[The Future We Choose – Christiana Figueres and Paul Rivett-Carnac](#) Former UN Secretary for Climate Change, Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac, senior political strategist for the Paris Agreement, have written in a way which is practical, optimistic, and empowering.

[Turning the Tide on Plastic – Lucy Siegle](#) – An environmental journalist, Lucy continues to unpack the plastic problems highlighted in the Blue Planet series by David Attenborough.

ORGANISATIONS TO EXPLORE

There are numerous organisations working in this field providing resources, encouraging campaigning and offering practical advice.

[Tearfund](#) – international development charity involved in campaigning for climate change as they witness the injustices this causes in the developing world.

[A Rocha/Ecochurch](#) – A Rocha run the Ecochurch programme encouraging churches across the UK on their environmental journey. Based locally they also encourage practical support through environmental events held on their wildlife site in Norwood.

[Operation Noah](#) - was set up provide a Christian response to the climate crisis. Working with all Christian denominations, they support interfaith work on climate change. Their work is informed by the latest science on climate change, its causes, impacts and solutions.

[Green Christian](#) - Formed in 1981, they seek to live gently on the earth, encouraging one another in discipleship that accepts our impact on God’s creation. They produce a monthly prayer guide, and offer various online workshops on different environmental topics.

[Ethical Consumer](#) – a magazine and website with a wide range of information around how to buy products ethically.

[EIRIS Foundation](#) – provides resources about responsible investment.

[Fairtrade Foundation](#) - Fairtrade is about better prices, safe working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers.

The International Anglican Women’s Network (IAWN) have just released a resource on the link between gender and climate change. It’s an often less understood issue and the resource gives clear links between the two. It’s freely available [here](#). In addition, the Anglican Alliance have a whole set of resources on creation care including video reflection space. This is available for free [here](#) and reflection [here](#).



The desert and the parched land will be glad. The wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

- Isaiah 35:1 -