



Connecting to Climate Change

A few examples (and links) to help you explore 'making connections' in church.

Incorporate into usual service structure

Prayers

- 26 Prayers for the Climate & Ecological Emergency, by **Rev Jon Swales**: www.tinyurl.com/CreationPrayers
- A compilation of options from **Christian Climate Action**: www.tinyurl.com/CCA-Prayers
- **A Rocha** releases a prayer diary every 3 months: www.tinyurl.com/ARocha-Pray

Songs

- **Resound Worship** brings us 13 new congregational songs on themes of creation, ecology & Christian hope: www.tinyurl.com/Resound-Doxecology
- **Climate Vigil Songs** is a Christian album challenging us to respond to the climate crisis as an act of worship. A Porter's Gate Worship Project: www.climatevigil.org/album

Psalms

- Why not **create your own** slides? You can use images from public domain platforms like: Pixabay, Upsplash, Pexels (or other sources listed by Faraday Churches: www.tinyurl.com/FaradayChurches-images)

Interviews (connect to stories - within your own congregation or using online options)

- In these short films, **Tearfund** staff from around the world share their firsthand experience of the climate crisis: www.tinyurl.com/Tearfund-Frontlines
- **Climate Justice For All** have created short films and worship resources based on experiences from around the world, to encourage creation-centred worship: www.tinyurl.com/CJ4A-Videos

Sermons

- **Preaching for God's World** helps preachers explore the set lectionary readings for each week from the perspective of creation care: www.preachingforgodsworld.org

Full service plans/collections of all the above

- **Climate Sunday** provides a selection of service materials: www.climatesunday.org/service-resources
- The **Faraday Churches** website compiles various Sunday service materials to help incorporate science into church, including creation care materials: www.tinyurl.com/FaradayChurches-Sunday

Season of creation

- "Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme chosen for **Season of Creation** 2023, an annual ecumenical celebration which runs from 1st September, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to 4th October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Activities and resources will be available via: www.seasonofcreation.org

Extra

- **Faraday Churches** review various resources under the hot topic 'Creation: Care & Enjoy': www.tinyurl.com/FaradayChurches-Creation
- **A Rocha** runs a podcast 'Field Notes': www.tinyurl.com/ARocha-podcast
- **BioLogos** provides creation care articles and interviews: www.tinyurl.com/BioLogos-Ecology
- Christian Climate scientist, **Katharine Hayhoe's** YouTube channel 'Global Weirding' has short, helpful videos: www.tinyurl.com/Global-Weirding

Outside the service structure

Advertise external events/resources

Keep an eye on the newsletters and social media accounts of some Christian environmental organisations, eg:

- **A Rocha UK:** www.arocha.org.uk/
- **Operation Noah:** www.operationnoah.org/
- **Tearfund:** www.tearfund.org/
- **World Evangelical Alliance Sustainability Center:** www.wea-sc.org/en/home
- **The John Ray Initiative:** www.jri.org.uk/

Seminar

- Approach the above organisations (or The Faraday Institute) for some local speaker ideas.

Small group and youth group studies

- A 9-part films series with leaders guide for small group discussions, with **Tearfund** and climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe: www.tinyurl.com/Tearfund-Katharine
- A 12-part series looking at 'Creation Care' with **Lausanne Global Classroom** and **A Rocha UK:** www.tinyurl.com/SmallGroup-Creation
- A 'Creation Matters' series from **St Paul's Church**, Dorking: www.tinyurl.com/CreationMatters
- A 4-part resource from **Operation Noah** that draws on the Bible, 'Tenants of the King': www.tinyurl.com/TenantsStudy

Book of the term

- **Planetwise** by Dave Bookless: www.tinyurl.com/PlanetwiseBook
- **Hope in an Age of Despair** by Robert White and Jonathan Moo: www.tinyurl.com/Creation-hope
- **Stewards of Eden – What Scripture Says About the Environment and Why It Matters** by Sandra L. Richter: www.tinyurl.com/StewardsEden
- **John Stott on Creation Care**, John Stott's teachings compiled by R.J. Sam Berry and Laura Yoder: www.tinyurl.com/JohnStottBook
- For young people: **Science Geek Christy and her Eco-Logbook:** www.tinyurl.com/ScienceGeekBook

Outdoor worship/socials

- The **Faraday Churches** website compiles various outdoor worship resources: www.tinyurl.com/FaradayChurches-outdoor
- **The Woodland Trust's** site for environmental education has some fun ideas to help young people delight in nature: www.tinyurl.com/WoodlandActivities

Taking action

Learn from others

- In these short films, **Tearfund supporters** from across the UK share their stories of faith and activism: www.tinyurl.com/Tearfund-Changemakers

Form a small, dedicated team (with leadership support) to see what you can do

- **Project Drawdown** has a list of solutions for reducing CO2 emissions to help us weigh up which practical changes can have the greatest impact. To see them ranked with highest impact at the top click twice on 'Scenario 1' or 'Scenario 2': www.tinyurl.com/DrawdownList
- **The Benefact Trust's** Building Improvement Grants are able to support direct capital costs relating to energy efficiency/renewable energy measures: www.tinyurl.com/BenefactTrustGrant

EcoChurch (A Rocha)

- **A Rocha UK's** award scheme: www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk

Climate Emergency Toolkit (Tearfund)

- **Tearfund's** route map to help all members of your church: www.climateemergencytoolkit.com/

Practical involvement in community-based initiatives