



THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

TREASURE, SAFEGUARD & CARE FOR CREATION

Saturday 1st October 2022 10am - 4pm

St. Mark's Church, St. Mark's Lane, Horsham RH12 5PU



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Welcome to St. Mark's Church

10.00	Conference begins
11.30 - 11.45	Refreshments
13.00 - 13.30	Lunch
15.00 - 15.15	Refreshments
16.00	Conference ends



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**Heaven's Voice Brings The Dawn
by Joel Payne & Matt Weeks from the album
'Doxecology' by Resound Worship**

Video: 4:35

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msWH0HQTJRQ&list=PLFLsllwK6vG2_caR23HX6NbLS9xBu_vf&index=2

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Revd. Dr Richard Coldicott

Vicar, St. Mark's Church, Holbrook



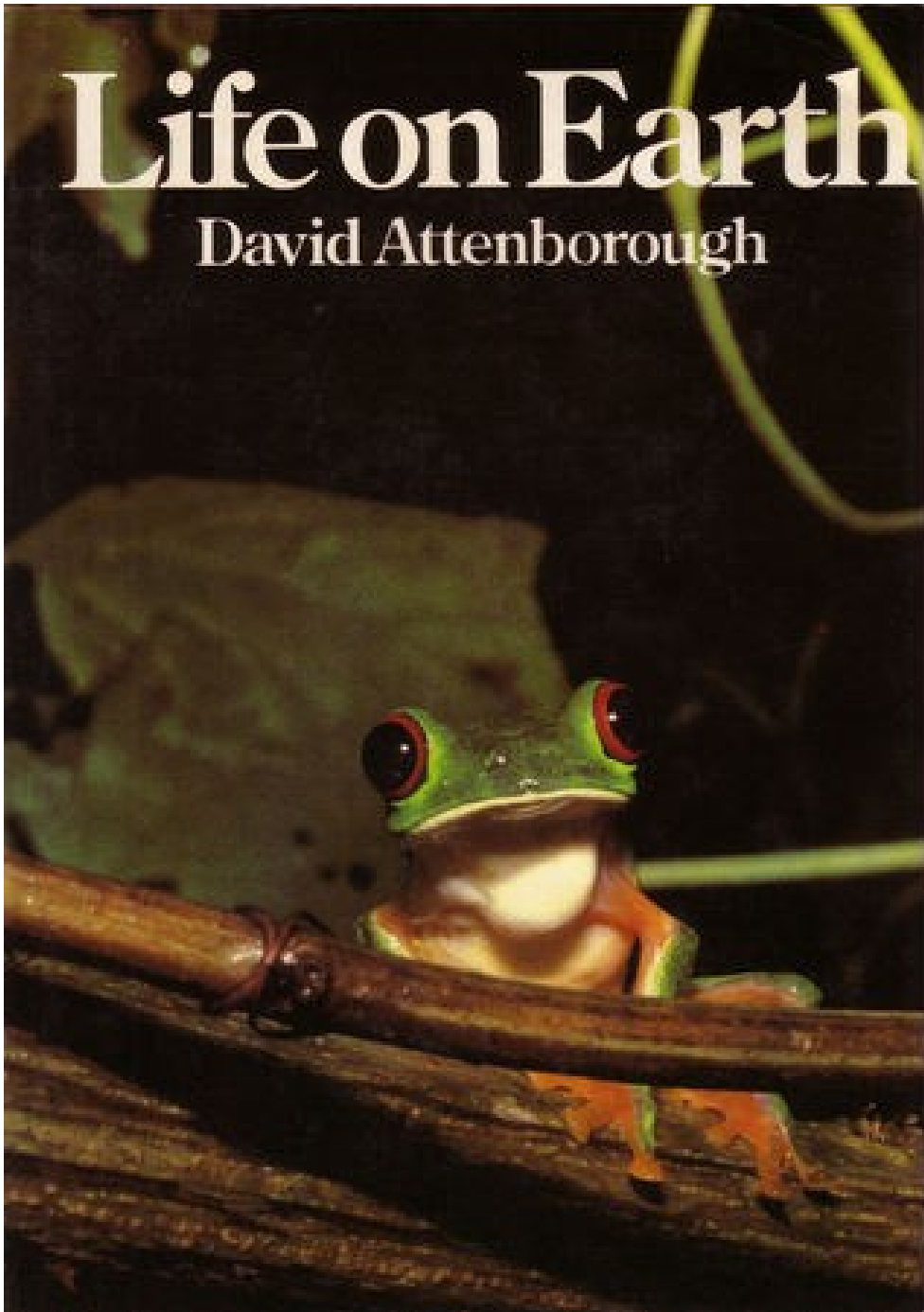
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Life on Earth

David Attenborough



“The fact is that no species has ever had such wholesale control over everything on earth, living or dead, as we have now. That lays upon us, whether we like it or not, an awesome responsibility. In our hands now lies not only our own future, but that of all other living creatures with whom we share the earth.”

Sir David Attenborough 1979

**GOD – CREATOR
AND LORD
OF ALL
THINGS -
GENESIS 1:1-13**



GENESIS 1.1

*In the beginning **God created the heavens and the earth.***

GENESIS 1.28-31

²⁸ ***“Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”***

²⁹ *Then God said, **“I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.*** ³⁰ ***And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.”*** And it was so. ³¹ ***God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.***

GENESIS 2.8-9 + 15

*⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and **there he put the man he had formed.** ⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—**trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food.***

*¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden **to work it and take care of it.***

All Creation Groans

¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Romans 8:19-22

Creation Groaning (Romans 8.19-22)

While St Paul wasn't talking about the climate crisis in this passage, his words remind us that we have a relationship with creation that is broken.

We, too, can hear this groaning of creation today:

- Extinction of species
- Fury of increasing storms and typhoons
- Deepening droughts and rising floods
- Listen to the science of climate change
- Call out for climate justice



An aerial photograph of a forest fire. The left side shows a dense green forest, while the right side is a charred, brown landscape with thick white smoke rising. A red rectangular box with white text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

WE ARE LIVING IN A

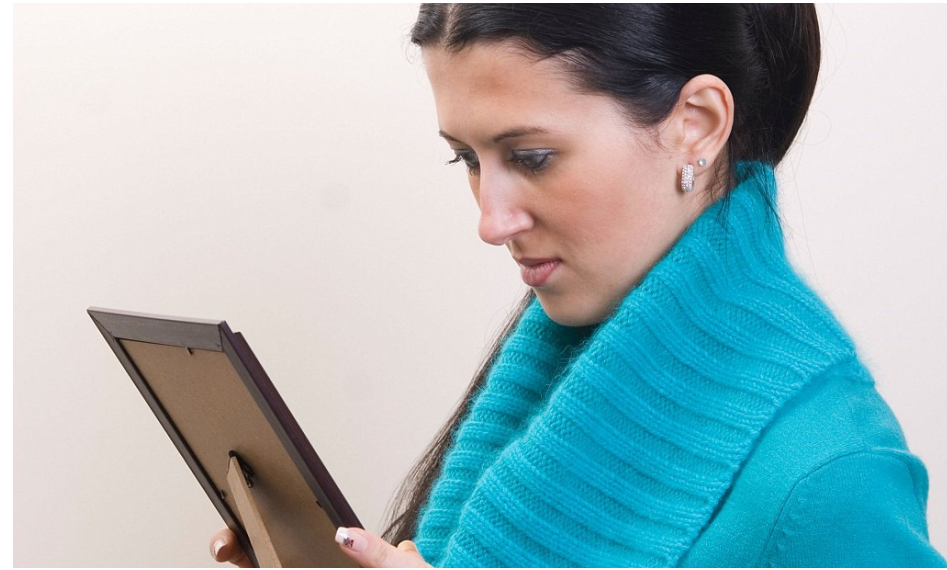
CLIMATE EMERGENCY

THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION



5th mark of mission: **to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.**

TREASURE





To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

...because we understand earth's value as a precious item entrusted to us, precious both for its rarity and beauty, and also for its emotional value – it's our home.

- **God created** the earth and it was very good.
- **God provided** sufficient food/clothing/etc for mankind and all living creatures (a sustainable eco-system)
- **God values mankind**, giving us the elevated role of being a **responsible steward** for the earth (to safeguard the integrity of creation).



Climate and Ecological Emergency

In the Bible, Jesus tells us the most important commandments are to love God, and to love our neighbours.

Tackling the climate crisis is vital to both honouring God, by protecting his creation and loving our global neighbours, who are hit first and worst by what is now a climate emergency.

Add our voices to those who are suffering the most, but have done the least, to cause the problem



Creation Care

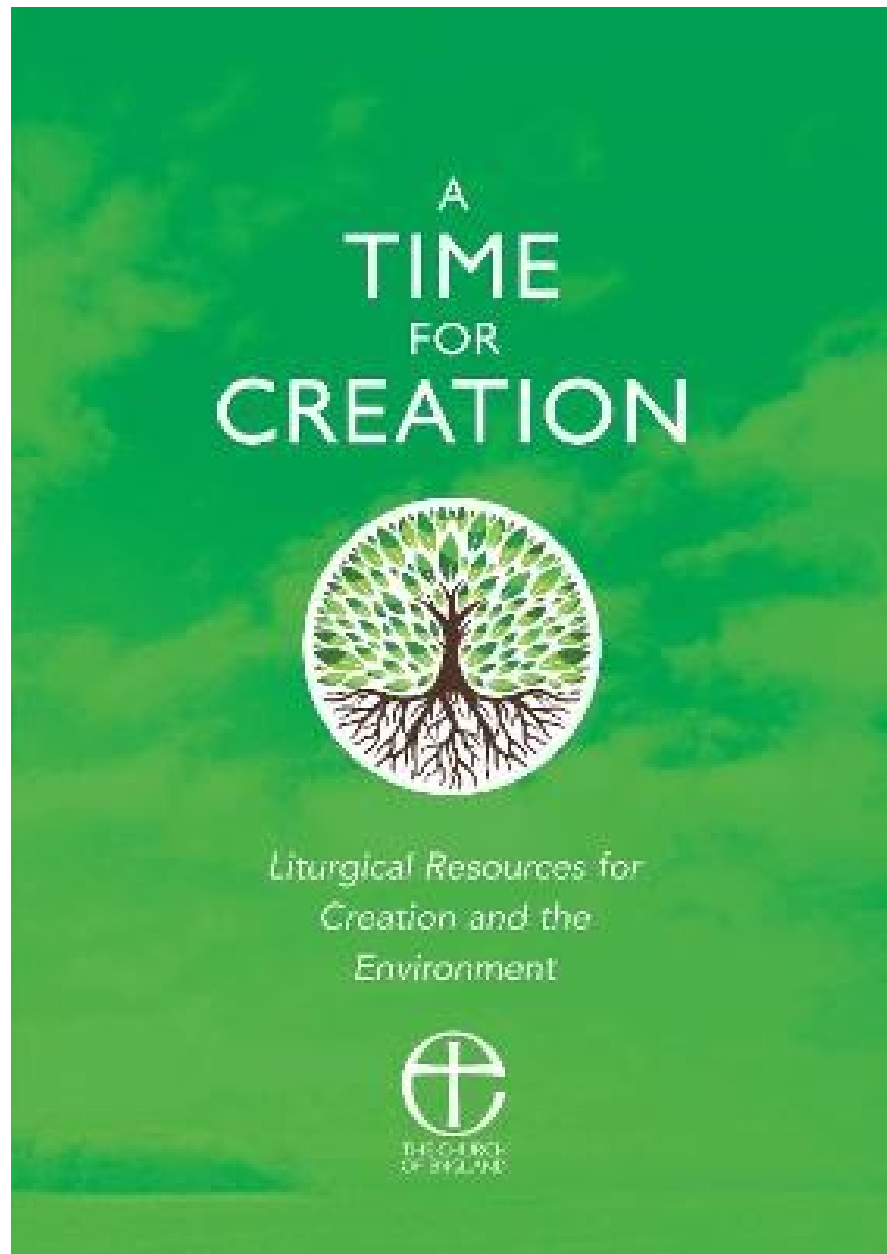
- Encourages households of all ages to make changes, using a free online questionnaire with ideas for next steps towards a **Bronze**, Silver or **Gold** Creation Care Certificate. creationcare.org.uk
- Our household and personal actions can make a difference.
- Creation Care helps you take better care for God's earth.

Online questionnaire covers 7 areas of household life.

Register with your church, they won't see your survey responses, but will be notified when you complete the survey or achieve an award, so that you can be presented with a certificate.

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Liturgy which encourages congregations to reflect upon our relationship with creation and the Lord's desire for us to be good stewards.

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Carbon Fast

for Lent



Climate
Stewards

THE NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER

SAYING

YES

TO LIFE

'Perfect...think, reflect, pray and be challenged'

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

RUTH VALERIO

Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2020





Climate Sunday

Link a climate-focused service with your Harvest Service.

- Make a short, simple commitment to greater action to address climate change in your church and community
- Raise your voice to urge bolder action by governments
- Select from resources appropriate to your tradition and needs
- Sermons, prayers, readings, music and hymns

climatesunday.org

Eco-friendly habits...



- Walk or cycle rather than drive...
- Repair broken items rather than replace them...
- What home items could you share rather than buy...
- Re-sell items like clothes and toys in good condition no longer needed rather than discard...

treasure

- to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth



Confession

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's
redemption.

We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources:

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all your
children:

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins
and assure you of His eternal love,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



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