

CREATIONTIDE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>With inspiration from Church of England Creationtide actions and reflections and Diocese of Southwark Creationtide calendar, https://seasonofcreation.org/resources</p>	<p>1 September</p> <p>World Day of Prayer for Creation - spend some time outside in prayer listening. https://godspacelight.com/the-art-of-creation-ecological-examen</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Sign up for Eco Church: https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Planning a service for Creationtide? Find more resources here: Creationtide</p>	<p>4</p> <p>School term starts. How can we work with local schools & pre-schools to share learning about Creation care?</p>	<p>5</p> <p>National Food Bank Day. Contribute to your local foodbank. Ask what happens to local food waste. Give thanks for the abundance of creation.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Water - use a re-usable water bottle and drink tap water. Bottled water has a carbon footprint of 320g and tap water 0.24g per litre.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Celebrate Creationtide with your community by sharing food together, using LOAF principles.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Grow your own food - even if it is only some salad leaves or herbs on a windowsill. You could get your brassicas going for winter such as cabbage, broccoli and beets.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>How far can your church become Net Zero Carbon? Look at the Church of England resources and contact the diocesan Net Zero Carbon team for advice.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>National Quiet Day. Find some peace in our noisy world by taking time for quiet reflection in nature.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Make a list of all the plastic you use today. What could you stop? Plastic is difficult to recycle and breaks into microplastics, which are found everywhere including the deep ocean.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Heritage Open Days start today. If you are opening your church, explain what you are doing about Creation Care and why. Invite your visitors to make a pledge.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Ride and Stride. Take part to walk, cycle or ride between churches. What do you notice that you would miss if travelling by car?</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Holy Cross Day / Education Sunday. Pray that we may always be willing to learn more about Creation and our place within it.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Can you set up a Community Fridge to help prevent food waste? See this example at St John's Spitalgate: https://www.stjohnspitalgate.co.uk/community-fridge</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Reducing Energy Consumption. Review what you use and think about small changes that add up to big savings.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Wildflowers help pollinators thrive. When planting and sowing seed, make sure all material is Lincolnshire appropriate. See Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust for more information.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Can you reuse, recycle and compost as much as possible today to produce zero waste? Zero Waste Challenge</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Community Gardening projects help build community and help with physical and mental health.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Repair Cafes. Do you have the space to host one or can you collaborate with others? Community Repair Network</p>
<p>21</p> <p>International Day of Peace. Join ecumenically to pray for peace and climate justice across the world.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Start of Fairtrade Fortnight. Choosing Fairtrade gives farmers across the globe a fairer share and enables communities to access healthcare and education.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Seed Gathering Season is organised by the Tree Council. Can you have a community seed swap day?</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Buy local and seasonally. This minimises the carbon footprint of food consumption and supports the local economy.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>With climate change, the volume of rainfall is increasing. Make sure your church drainage system is maintained regularly.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Review what you recycle - and what you can't / don't. What swaps could you make to lessen the amount of packaging you consume.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Clean up your community. Organise a community litter pick.</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Harvest Celebrations. Reflect on our role in reconciling creation with God - do we help or hinder?</p>	<p>29</p> <p>International Day of awareness of food loss and waste. Think about what you buy. Use a meal planner to help you not waste food.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Toilet Twinning. Can you twin each toilet on your premises? Raise awareness of everyone's need for clean sanitation.</p>	<p>1 October</p> <p>Start of National Vegetarian Week. Start by replacing one meal with a plant based one and build from there.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Caring for God's Acre. How can your churchyard better support local habitats and increase in biodiversity?</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Spend time in local woodland noticing the seasonal changes. See Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust for more information.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>St Francis Day. St Francis is the patron saint of ecology. Pray for all of creation and for guidance about what you can do further beyond Creationtide Season.</p>