



# JULY 2025 UPDATES

## CREATION CARE

### **Cherishing Churchyards from Caring for God's Acre Monthly Nature Notes for Parish Magazines**

With more and more parishes recognising the potential wildlife value that can be found in their churchyard and keen to support the Biodiversity Motion from Synod, we would love you to encourage the churches in your Diocese to subscribe to our monthly Nature Notes.

These short articles, written by one of Caring for God's Acre's staff ecologists, highlight a seasonal plant, creature or feature to be found in churchyards. 2025 has seen articles ranging from green woodpecker to lizards and the value of churchyard walls, taking in betony and birdsong along the way.

Do please encourage any of your parishes to request Nature Notes by emailing [enquiries@cfga.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cfga.org.uk) and we can add them to our mailing list.

### **Children's Activity Sheets from Caring for God's Acre School holidays are on their way, so here are some useful resources for parents and holiday club leaders to use in churchyards**

There are loads of family-friendly activities that can take place in churchyards during the school holidays.

Whether it's families or holiday clubs, there's plenty of activity ideas in our children's activity sheets, that can be down loaded [HERE](#)

### **Forest for Cornwall Newsletter June Edition - view [HERE](#)**

### **Big Butterfly Count - 18<sup>th</sup> July - 10<sup>th</sup> August**

Following the results of the Big Butterfly Count 2024, Butterfly Conservation have declared a butterfly emergency, and your help is needed more than ever before. By taking part in Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count - a UK wide survey, you can help assess the health of our environment simply by counting butterflies. For more information click [HERE](#)

## CUT CARBON

### **Energy Footprint Tool 2024 (EFT)**

The deadline for the ETF has now past being the 30<sup>th</sup> June. However, Diocesan users can still upload data so it is not too late if your church has not completed the EFT. This can be done by completing the paper forms which you can find [HERE](#) and return them to Rosey Sanders [rosey.sanders@truro.anglican.org](mailto:rosey.sanders@truro.anglican.org).

### Mass Lobby of Parliament - 9<sup>th</sup> July

Join thousands of people from across the country this summer to take action on climate change. The climate action charity, The Climate Coalition, is organising the 'Act Now, Change Forever' mass lobby of MPs on Wednesday 9 July in Westminster. Find out more [HERE](#)



### Halo Heaters at St Mary's Church, Penzance

George Dow from St Mary's Church, Penzance writes:

The infrared heaters are now up and running in St Mary's Church, Penzance.

We have 4 'Halo' heaters in the main church, with 3 smaller models in other rooms.

Since there has been a lot of interest from attendees at the Cornwall Churches Environment Group and Creation Care Champions meetings, I wonder if you could please let everyone know that the heaters are now installed and working well, and that appointments can be made to come and see them in operation.

Appointments can be made by contacting Penlee Cluster's Administrator, Keno Toriello, on [admin@penleecluster.org.uk](mailto:admin@penleecluster.org.uk)

Technical information on the operation of the Halo heaters can be found at

<https://www.herschel-infrared.co.uk/product/halo-infrared-heater/?srsId=AfmBOop02Vdtr8kDakZ7eMmWkvCCVTIXuXXL6JduK76GA9AywDATVNBA>

See also story on the Halo's on the Diocese's website [HERE](#)

## SPEAK UP

### Join the Ghost Hunt - Truro Cornwall

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00 pm Idless Woods, near Truro TR4 9QT

The Ecology and Nature themed day event for families, dogs, nature enthusiasts and anyone interested to support Forestry England in restoring ancient woodlands across the Southwest.

Join RJ Working and Wild Card for this dynamic and educational event on Thursday 10th July from 4-7pm at Idless Woods, near Truro.

There will be creative outdoor activities for all ages run by local professionals and educators on the beauty and importance of restoring and caring for ancient woodlands.

The Ghost Hunt will involve:

A guided procession through your local plantations with ecologists and campaigners.

BioBlitz: become an ecologist for the day and search for the remnants (or 'ghosts'!) of the ancient woodland, including woodland species and native trees!

Art: taking inspiration from nature artist Andy Goldsworthy, collectively create a piece of art using materials you find in the woodlands to represent the vast difference between timber plantations and ancient woodlands.

With just 2.6% of England's land covered by ancient woodland and almost half of this precious habitat replaced by plantations for timber. An area greater than the Isle of Wight stands silent, waiting for the chance to burst with life again.

We believe public voices are vital for making change and we want Forestry England to see how much the community cares about ecology and nature!

This event and all activities are free, just bring some food for a potluck at 5:30pm! You don't need to have any experience to come - just a love for ancient woodlands.

To find out more, email [maya@rjworking.co.uk](mailto:maya@rjworking.co.uk) or sign up [HERE](#)

### **Marazion Quaker Meeting to Host 'Loving Earth' Fabric Art Exhibition on Climate Change (See attached flyer)**

**11-22 August 2025 | Open daily 10am-4:30pm | Free Entry**

Marazion Quaker Meeting is delighted to host the Loving Earth Project exhibition – a beautiful and thought-provoking collection of textile art exploring themes of climate change and our love for the Earth.

The exhibition will be held at the Quaker Meeting House in Marazion from Monday 11 August to Friday 22 August 2025, and will be open daily from 10:00am to 4:30pm. Admission is free, and all members of the public are warmly invited to attend.

The Loving Earth Project is a nationwide Quaker initiative that brings together individual stories and reflections through hand-crafted fabric panels. Each piece tells a personal story of connection with the planet, highlighting both what we value and what we risk losing in the face of environmental breakdown.

"This exhibition is a heartfelt response to the climate emergency," said a spokesperson for Marazion Quaker Meeting. "It invites us to slow down, reflect, and connect – both with the planet and with each other – through the power of creativity and care."

This exhibition is suitable for all ages and offers an inspiring space to think about our shared responsibility to the Earth – and how we can each make a difference.

Venue: Marazion Quaker Meeting House Back Lane , Marazion, TR17 0HE

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### **Ask your MP to help Brew it Fair**

The Fairtrade Foundation writes: We need you to ask your MP to show their support for a fairer, more sustainable tea industry. Your support will help raise awareness in parliament and drive real change for the people behind our tea. Take action [HERE](#)



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