



Garden of Peace

PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Creationtide is dedicated to celebrating and reflecting on God as the creator and sustainer of all life, and to addressing environmental concerns. This year's theme is **Peace with Creation**, inspired by Isaiah 32:14–18. Creationtide runs from September 1st until October 4th, the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

God calls us to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9) — to live in peace, worship the Creator, and work for a just and sustainable community that aligns with God's eternal plans. As co-workers with the Creator, we must embody peace with all of Creation.

This requires proactive steps. Jesus taught repentance and restorative justice. We must repair broken relationships: between humans and Earth, humans and other creatures, and humans and God.

There is a concerning decrease in the will to combat climate change or even to believe it is happening, despite the evidence around us: temperatures around the world reaching record levels, and continued incidences of

extreme weather, including floods and wild fires. Governments of rich countries have been rolling back policies intended to address global warming, and some political parties deny climate science.

Polls show that the proportion of people concerned about climate change has fallen from 68% to 60% and support for the UK target hitting net-zero by 2050 has decreased from 62% to a concerning 46%.

Christians have a responsibility to protect and preserve God's creation, encompassing both the natural world and humanity. It is rooted in the belief that God created the world and entrusted it to human care, making stewardship a core aspect of Christian faith.



Pope Francis challenged us:

"What is the goal of our work? What need does the Earth have of us? Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is up to us." (*Laudato Si'*, 160).

Let us all do our utmost to live sustainably and to encourage others by our example.

Awareness Days

September

22 World Car-Free Day

Fairtrade Fortnight

September 22–October 5

October

4 No-Disposable-Cups Day

14 International E-Waste Day

November

10–21 COP30, Brazil

29 Buy-Nothing Day

Prayer

Creator of all, we praise you for the gift of life and for the faithfulness that unites us in care for our common home. We confess how estranged we have become — from one another, from your creation and from our truest selves. We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others and with Earth. Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate, oceans and rivers are polluted. Thriving communities have become places of suffering and the earth cries out. May we come together as one family to labour for your peace — a shalom where all your people may dwell in safety and rest in quiet places.

Amen