



# CREATIONTIDE

'When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.' Psalm 104:30

## 5 WAYS TO CARE FOR CREATION

### 2 CARE FOR YOUR GARDEN, SPACE OR CHURCH YARD



#### REFLECTION

Creation Care isn't just about reducing carbon or climate change, it's also about how we care for the natural world. We each (individually or as churches) have a patch of creation we can be a part of caring for. The UK is often described as one of the most nature depleted countries in the world, and in looking after our patch of creation we have an opportunity to make a difference to biodiversity in our community.

#### CARING FOR CREATION AS AN INDIVIDUAL



Think about your space/garden and consider how you might be able to use it for nature. Here are three ideas:

- September is a great time to plant wildflowers. Why not set aside a patch in your garden and plant some wildflowers for the pollinators in your area
- Birdfeeders are a great way to support local wildlife and to introduce more activity into your garden!
- Work with your neighbours to create corridors for wildlife to move by opening up small spaces in your garden boundaries

#### CARING FOR CREATION AS A CHURCH



Take a survey of your churchyard, and consider completing the Land section of the Eco Church survey. This will help you understand what you're already doing and think about what might be a good next step. You might decide to:

- Pilot 'wilding' areas of your churchyard, letting the grass grow and planting wildflowers
- Setting up bug hotels and birdboxes for local wildlife
- Create a community garden
- Reconsider your mowing regime and establish a nature positive mowing plan



#### RESOURCES

[Caring for Gods Acre](#), [Resources for Church Yards](#)  
[Eco Church Land Resources](#)  
[Hampshire and Isle of Wight Actions Page for Your Garden](#)



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