

Topic sessions are held online and last c.105 minutes, including a short break. Prior to each online session there is some prework to do in preparation. This is done through our online training platform, Moodle. The prework should take about an hour to do each time. The opening and closing sessions are held in person at a venue in the central part of Winchester diocese for ease of access.

The dates for autumn 2022 are:

Launch Session Saturday 10th Sept 10am—3pm

Topic Sessions on Tuesday evenings on: 20th Sept, 4th Oct, 18th Oct, 1st Nov, 15th Nov and 29th Nov.

There is a cost to you for this training of £30 . This amount is a subsidized fee with Salisbury diocese covering the remainder.

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We hope you will decide to join us.

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# Creation Care Training Programme Summary



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## A guide to the programme

Many people within the church, and certainly those beyond, are deeply concerned about the environmental damage humanity is unleashing on the world today. The church has been slow to respond leaving many Christians keen to act but lacking a theology to give them the confidence to do so. Creation Care will introduce you to environmental theology, give you ideas to make a difference in your locality and explore how creation care can also be a mission opportunity to connect with your community.



**Session 1: God's Wonderful World** We will explore why we believe in a God-created universe, look at whether a scientific approach can be compatible with Christian belief, consider the significance of death and extinction, see how ecological communities are structured and summarise the ecological crises we face.

**Session 2: Made in God's Image to Care** We will consider what it means to be made in the image of Christ and what dominion might mean in this context. We will explore the way ecosystems work and introduce the idea of linear and circular economies. We will consider ways we might share resources better.

**Session 3: The Problem** We will consider how things have gone wrong because of us and look at the impact humans have had on the planet. We will also look at the carbon cycle and explore the 'greenhouse effect' and its role in climate change.

**Session 4: A Future and a Hope** We will consider God's plan for the future, looking at resurrection and renewal of the world. We will discuss whether, and how, God is actively involved in His world today. We will look at good news stories, talk about food issues and introduce Living Lightly.

**Session 5: Telling the Truth in Love.** Communicating climate change and creation care is vital, so we will explore ways of doing this. We will evaluate the view that creation care is irrelevant to the gospel, look at common questions and why people try to deny climate change. By the end of the session you should understand and be able to justify that creation care is an imperative for all Christians.

**Session 6: Action Stations** As the topic sessions draw to a close, we will look forward, exploring our possible next steps. We will look at the national and diocesan context, Eco church and what it might look like for you to become an Eco champion in your parish/benefice.

Creation Care is offered under the BCM banner of the Diocese of Winchester. As such there is also an opening session exploring mission spirituality. This is not compulsory for you but you are very welcome to join us and we do commend it to you if you can make it as a useful context for your study.