



CCOW Calendar of Dates for Environmental Prayer and Action

JANUARY

<p>1 January Pray and Fast for the Climate</p>	<p>Join people around the world praying and fasting for climate justice. See Pray and Fast (https://www.prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk)</p>
<p>1 to 31 January Veganuary</p>	<p>Could you use vegan refreshments at church? Try a vegan diet? Encourage church members to do so? Resources</p>
<p>1 to 31 January Buy Nothing New Month</p>	<p>Start the year by reducing the amount of new 'stuff' being bought ... cherishing what we have and reusing/recycling goods . Less waste – and less money. Info: Keep Britain Tidy</p>
<p>11 January 2026 Plough Sunday</p>	<p>May also be celebrated on another Sunday in January. Pray for all who farm worldwide. Resources from Diocese of Rochester, CCOW Tea Resource (covers tea, sugar, milk)</p>
<p>19 to 23 January 2026 Energy Savers Week</p>	<p>A great chance to share information on how to save energy – good for the planet and for people's wallets! Info: Energy Savings Trust</p>
<p>26 January International Day of Clean Energy</p>	<p>Info: UN. Focus is on enabling people everywhere to access clean energy. Pray/ campaign for adequate climate finance.</p>
<p>23 to 25 January 2026 Big Garden Birdwatch</p>	<p>Join in the annual survey of garden birds! Info: RSPB (Could you encourage your school to do the Big Schools Birdwatch, too?)</p>

FEBRUARY

1 February
Pray and Fast for the Climate

Join people around the world praying and fasting for climate justice. See [Pray and Fast](#)

1 to 28 February
'Show the Love' Campaign

Share with politicians and others how climate change affects the things we love. Find out more about this year's [Show the Love](#) from the Climate Coalition.

18 February
Ash Wednesday

The start of Lent. During Lent might you try a new rhythm of prayer? Read a Lent book? Work towards being plastic-less or meat-free? Establish new patterns of giving? See CCOW's links to ['green'Lent ideas and courses](#).

MARCH

1 March
Pray and Fast for the Climate

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3 March
World Wildlife Day

This year the focus is on exploring the wonders of medicinal and aromatic plants. Info: [World Wildlife Day/UN](#). You might also want to look at materials from the [World Wildlife Fund](#).

6 to 15 March 2026
British Science Week

Pray for scientists, especially those whose work relates to finding solutions to climate and environmental issues. If you have scientists in your congregation, could you ask them to share their story? Info: [British Science Week](#)

21 March
International Day of Forests

Pray for the protection of forests worldwide. A good time to introduce the concepts behind FSC wood products, too. Info: [FAO](#).

22 March
World Water Day

Pray for cooperation on protecting water sources and helping all to access safe water. Info: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day>

28 March 2026
Earth Hour

Annual moment of witness – join people around the world in switching off your lights and giving an hour to activities that protect the earth. Info and activity ideas: [Earth Hour](#)

<p>30 March International Day of Zero Waste</p>	<p>A day to raise awareness of issues around waste and to take action to reduce waste. Info: UN. Perhaps you could share ideas from Less Waste Laura's website?</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">APRIL</h2>	
<p>1 April Pray and Fast for the Climate</p>	<p>Join people around the world praying and fasting for climate justice. See Pray and Fast.</p>
<p>22 April Earth Day</p>	<p>A time for people across the globe to share in action to protect the planet. Theme: 'Our Power, Our Planet'. A good time to talk with your MP about the importance of renewables ... Info: Earth Day website</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">MAY</h2>	
<p>1 May Pray and Fast for the Climate</p>	<p>Join people around the world praying and fasting for climate justice. See Pray and Fast.</p>
<p>1 to 31 May 'No Mow May'</p>	<p>Could you hold off mowing in order to allow biodiversity to flourish in your garden or your churchyard? Info: Plantlife</p>
<p>4 to 10 May 2026? National Hedgerow Week</p>	<p>Hedgerows are vital for biodiversity. Can you help local hedgerows flourish? Info for national campaign: The Tree Council. For local volunteer opportunities, look at BBOWT and OCV</p>
<p>9 May 2026 World Fair Trade Day</p>	<p>Worldwide celebration of Fair Trade principles and organisations - which have a strong environmental component. Information will be available from the World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO) and CCOW.</p>
<p>10 to 16 May 2026 Christian Aid Week</p>	<p>A time for giving to Christian Aid and campaigning alongside them on issues such as climate justice. Resources will be on Christian Aid Week website.</p>

<p>20 May World Bee Day</p>	<p>A day to celebrate and to protect the amazing insects on which we rely so much. Info: UN. Activity suggestions: Friends of the Earth UK.</p>
<p>22 May International Day for Biological Diversity</p>	<p>Info from the UN. Materials for churches: CCOW, A Rocha, Green Christian</p>
<p>23 to 31 May 2026 National Children's Gardening Week</p>	<p>Encouraging young people to garden – at a time of year when growth is speedy! Could you encourage your Sunday School or school to get involved? Info: NCGW website</p>
<p>24 May 2026 Pentecost</p>	<p>"Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth!"</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">JUNE</h2>	
<p>1 June Pray and Fast for the Climate</p>	<p>Join people around the world praying and fasting for climate justice. See Pray and Fast.</p>
<p>5 June World Environment Day</p>	<p>2024 focus is land restoration, drought resilience, and combating desertification. Info: UN. Church materials on environment at https://www.climatesunday.org</p>
<p>6 to 14 June 2026 Great Big Green Week</p>	<p>Celebration of community action to protect nature and fight climate change. Great time to connect with local sustainability groups in shared activities. Info: Great Big Green Week</p>
<p>6 to 14 June 2026 Churches Count on Nature</p>	<p>Celebrate your church's green spaces and record the wildlife you find there. Loads of resources and activity suggestions available. Info: Caring for God's Acre</p>
<p>7 June 2026 Environment Sunday also Open Farm Sunday</p>	<p>The closest Sunday to World Environment Day (5 June). A time to renew your church's commitment to creation care – coincides nicely with Churches Count on Nature and Open Farm Sunday! Links to worship materials</p>

<p>8 June World Oceans Day</p>	<p>The world's oceans teem with biodiversity and play a crucial role in absorbing greenhouse gases. But they are also in peril. Pray for their wellbeing! Info: World Oceans Day website</p>
<p>8 to 14 June 2026? Bike Week</p>	<p>Organise a church cycle trip? Consider installing (more) bike racks? Info: Cycling UK</p>
<p>15 to 21 June 2026 Refugee Week (incorporates 20 June, World Refugee Day)</p>	<p>Many people are suffering displacement because of climate impacts – which can render areas unable to support human life and foster conflict. 2026 Theme: 'Courage. Info and materials: Refugee Week</p>
<p>16 June World Refill Day</p>	<p>Does your church use refills for cleaning products? Might you even become a refill station? Info: World Refill Day website</p>
<p>22 June World Rainforest Day</p>	<p>Pray for rainforests and also for environmental defenders under threat. Info: World Rainforest Day.</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">JULY</h2>	
<p>1 July Pray and Fast for the Climate</p>	<p>Join people around the world praying and fasting for climate justice. See Pray and Fast.</p>
<p>1 to 31 July Plastic-Free July</p>	<p>Plastic Free July provides resources and ideas to help us all reduce single-use plastic waste. Info: Plastic-free July</p>
<p>4 to 10 July 2026 Net Zero Week</p>	<p>UK's awareness-raising week and biggest net zero conference (hybrid/free). Info: Net Zero Week</p>
<p>17 July to 9 August Big Butterfly Count</p>	<p>Join in a survey of butterflies across the UK! It's easy and quick – just count what you see over 15 minutes. Info: Butterfly Conservation</p>

25 July to 9 August 2026
National Maritime Week

Celebrate and explore marine environments and wildlife. Info: [Wildlife Trusts](#)

AUGUST

1 August
Pray and Fast for the Climate

Join people around the world praying and fasting for climate justice. See [Pray and Fast](#).

6 August
Transfiguration also
Hiroshima Day

Transfiguration commemorates Christ's glory being made manifest to his disciples. Where do you see revelations of God's glory in creation? On this day, we also pray for healing for people and lands affected by nuclear arms. Materials for Hiroshima Day: [Methodist Church](#)

9 August
International Day of the World's
Indigenous Peoples

Info: [UN](#), [Indigenous Climate Action](#) Prayer materials: [Anglican Church of Canada](#) [Indigenous Ministries](#), [Christian Reformed Church Indigenous Ministry](#), [Final Document of the Synod on the Amazon](#)

10 to 16 August 2026
National Allotments Week

Allotments have so many benefits – promoting social interaction, exercise, production of food and food sharing ... Could your church use some of its land for allotments? Hold a service in your local allotments? Info: [National Allotment Society](#)

24 to 28 August 2026
World Water Week

Theme: 'Water for People and Progress' Info: [World Water Week website](#), Church materials: [Water Aid](#). Pray for water conservation and safe access to clean water for all; raise funds for water access.

29 August
International Day against
Nuclear Tests

Nuclear testing has a profound environmental impact. Pray for an end to it ... and for peace. Info: [Global Dimension](#)

SEPTEMBER

1 September to 4 October Season of Creation/ Time for Creation	(Includes Day of Prayer for Creation on 1 Sept and opportunity to pray & fast on 1 Sept/4 Oct) Materials available from Season of Creation ; CTBI ; Catholic Bishops Conference (E and W) , Church of England ; CCOW
1 to 30 September Organic Month	Time to consider organic farming and questions around sustainable food. Pray for farmers – and celebrate organic food.
1 to 30 September Second Hand September	An initiative from Oxfam to encourage people to buy second-hand goods instead of new. Info: Oxfam
7 to 11 September 2026 Zero Waste Week	Could your church look at running a repair café? Info: Zero Waste Week
21 Sept to 4 Oct 2026 Fairtrade Fortnight	Now located in Harvest season! A chance to celebrate the programme that helps protect people and planet. Info: Fairtrade Foundation . Church-focused materials: CCOW
20 September World Cleanup Day	A UN day to tackle the clean-up of our waste-strewn world. Could your church coordinate a litter-picking activity for your community? Or a trip to a recycling/waste facility? Or talk to your MP or local councillors about waste disposal issues? Info: World Cleanup Day
22 September World Car Free Day	A chance to hold a 'Walk to Church Sunday'? Or perhaps to encourage a 'walking bus' for your church school?

OCTOBER

4 October Feast of St Francis/ End of Season of Creation	See 1 September. You might want to look at CCOW's Canticle of Creation powerpoint
14 October 2026? International E-Waste Day	E-waste is a mounting problem – but also offers rich opportunities for recycling and reuse. Could your church collect old phones/tablets/computers and give them to an organisation that will refurbish them and put them to good use? Email us for details. More info: WEEE Forum

15 October International Day of Rural Women	Rural women are key carers for creation. Info: UN .
16 October World Food Day (Churches' Week of Action on Food)	Info: Food and Agriculture Organization . Church focused materials at World Council of Churches .
17 October International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Information at https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-for-eradicating-poverty . Pray that people will find ways of eradicating poverty that also protect the planet.
19 to 25 October 2026 One World Week	One World Week closed in September 2023, but some churches may still wish to hold events. The resources from past OWWs are still available on the One World Week website

NOVEMBER

1 November Pray and Fast for the Climate	Join people around the world praying and fasting for climate justice. See Pray and Fast .
20 November World Children's Day	Could you ask children to help organise a creation service or event? Also, give thanks for and pray for them. Info: UN .
21 to 29 November 2026? National Tree Week	A time to celebrate and plant trees. Suggestions and activities: The Tree Council
22 November 2026 World Youth Day (Roman Catholic)	Theme: "Take courage! I have overcome the world!" Pray that young people may be filled with courage as they face the world's challenges. Might you also ask young climate activists to speak in your church or organise an event?
27 November 2026 Buy Nothing Day	Take a break from shopping – save money and reduce consumption. Info: Buy Nothing Day

DECEMBER

<p>1 December Pray and Fast for the Climate</p>	<p>Also Advent Sunday. Join people around the world praying and fasting for climate justice. See Pray and Fast</p>
<p>5 December World Soil Day</p>	<p>Pray that we will value and care for the soil on which our lives depend. Info: UN</p>
<p>25 December Christmas Day</p>	<p>“All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.” John 1:3 (ESV) We rejoice with creation in the coming of the Christ to earth.</p>
<p>25 December to 6 January '12 Days Wild'</p>	<p>A festive nature challenge! Do small acts each day to connect with nature. Info: BBOWT</p>



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