

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR FAITH GROUPS

(Includes campaigns, activities and resources for worship relating to climate change)

New for 2021



Climate Emergency Toolkit

Step by step, The Climate Emergency Toolkit guides your church or Christian organisation through simple but powerful actions that have an impact far beyond your own walls or community.

www.climateemergencytoolkit.com

Climate Sunday



The Climate Sunday initiative is calling on all local churches across Great Britain & Ireland to hold a climate-focused service on any Sunday before COP26 (November 2021).

More here: https://www.climatesunday.org/

The Season of Creation 2021 - A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God.



A time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. https://seasonofcreation.org/



Ummah for Earth is an alliance-led initiative, with the goal to empower Muslim communities who are facing crises. The alliance addresses the pressing challenges facing our world. Together, we can take action toward a positive change.

More about the Alliance here (it includes several organisations OWW works with)

More about the action here



Young Christian Climate Network https://www.yccn.uk/home

YCCN are an action-focused community of Christians in the UK aged 18-30, choosing to follow Jesus in the pursuit of climate justice.



Relay to COP26 - They are organising a 750-mile Relay to COP26, walking from Cornwall to Glasgow to raise awareness of COP26 and spark conversations around climate and creation care theology within local churches and communities across the UK. Along the way, church leaders will hold services and events at key cities and join us in praying for climate justice. The symbol of the Relay is a boat, a representation of our hope that we would #RiseToTheMoment and set sail towards a just future.

https://www.yccn.uk/why-a-relay

The following list, first compiled in 2019, has been updated for 2021 (updated 08-05-2021)

CAFOD

The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development has lots of great resources including be a Zero Hero and Our Common Home plus more for schools and youth groups www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-Change

Christian Aid

Lots of ideas and resources too, especially right now on divesting from fossil fuels. www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/climate-change-campaign

Earthday

Ideas, campaigns and resources for various faiths https://www.earthday.org/campaigns/campaign-for-communities-of-faith/

Eco Church

A Rocha has an eco-church project which offers a free online survey and supporting resources It covers looking after buildings and land; engaging with the local community and in global campaigns, and in the personal lifestyles of the congregation. Activities can lead to an Eco-Award. https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/

Eco Synagogue

Provides a practical and simple roadmap for synagogues. Eco Synagogue is a cross-denominational project with synagogues from each of the movements invited to participate. Eco Synagogue was developed in partnership with A Rocha, founders of Eco Church, and launched in January 2018. https://ecosynagogue.org/



Faith for the Climate

https://www.faithfortheclimate.org.uk/index.html

- exists to encourage, inspire and equip faith communities in their work on climate change. Links to:
 - Preparing for the COP26: https://www.faithfortheclimate.org.uk/getting-ready-for-cop26
 - examples of faith group activities https://www.faithfortheclimate.org.uk/Building-Capacity
 - websites which cater for each of the main Faiths' engagement in environmental issues (https://www.faithfortheclimate.org.uk/Faith-Resources)

Green Christian

www.Greenchristian.org.uk

Lots of ideas for action, e.g. https://greenchristian.org.uk/why-should-we-support-the-cee-bill/ and worship resources.

GreenFaith

https://greenfaith.org/

An **interfaith coalition** for the environment that works with houses of worship, religious schools, and people of all faiths to help them become better environmental stewards.

This site is based in the USA and some of its sections relate specifically to activities (some of which

could be models for wider adoption).

NB – if planning interfaith worship do look at this guidance: "Interfaith Worship or Act of Reflection and Commitment"

Hope for the Future

A Christian organisation which trains people in communicating with MPs and working with local councils

http://www.hftf.org.uk/

Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences (IFEES) /Eco-Islam is a UK registered charity operating internationally, through programmes designed to increase knowledge and awareness, alleviate poverty, combat climate change and deal with other major environmental issues. See the Islamic Declaration on Climate Change - here and the Projects here including Muslim Green Guide to Reducing Climate Change - here www.ifees.org.uk/

One Earth Sangra – a Buddhist perspective https://oneearthsangha.org/



Operation Noah

Working with the churches to inspire action on climate change, Operation Noah has resources, Bible studies and a divestment campaign.

www.operationnoah.org

Pray and Fast for the Climate

https://prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk/

Quaker Peace and Social Justice

Lots of action and ideas

https://www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/sustainability/climate-justice-1

Tearfund

https://www.tearfund.org/

Wave of Hope – part of the Reboot Campaign: prayer and action to tackle injustice and see a breakthrough in the climate crisis. https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/reboot-campaign/wave-of-hope - Tearfund is joining with more than 75 other organisations in the **Crack the Crises** coalition, representing more than 10 million people in the UK, in this Wave of Hope. "Together, we can raise our voices powerfully to crack the crises of coronavirus, injustice, climate change and nature loss."

<u>Christianity and Climate Change</u> Tearfund's nine-part film series for small groups featuring Katharine Hayhoe, the internationally renowned Christian climate scientist.

Wild Christian

A Rocha UK's Wild Christian scheme is a community of families and individuals exploring the connections between our Christian faith, the natural environment, and how we live. www.arocha.org.uk/wildchristian

