



Christians for Creation



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Creationtide 2026

Creationtide (or the 'Season of Creation') is from 1st September to 4th October and dedicated to God as the Creator and Sustainer of all life. It is a time to celebrate the gift of creation and renew our commitment to care for God's planet, through prayer, worship, and practical action.

The theme this year is 'Living Water', based on the vision from **Ezekiel 47:1-12**. God's life-giving water flows from the temple of God, restoring a desolate place, reviving waters, and bringing transformation.

This year there are exciting new developments, including the '**Hope for All Creation**' theological document recently adopted by the House of Bishops, and liturgical resources for the new '**Feast of Creation in Christ**', which are covered, with links in this newsletter.

A New Feast day

General Synod overwhelming supported a new ecumenical feast day, '**Feast of Creation in Christ**', aligning with a growing global ecumenical movement celebrating creation. General Synod approved a new festival to be celebrated on the **first Sunday of September** each year, highlighting Christ's central role in creation "*created through him, sustained in him, renewed in him*".

More information can be found [here](#) and the approved liturgical resources focused on gratitude stewardship and hope [here](#).

Hope for All Creation

General Synod considered and welcomed *Hope for All Creation*, a landmark theological document produced by the Faith and Order Commission and recently adopted by the House of Bishops.

Hope for All Creation, frames environmental crises through Christian theology — creation, redemption, renewal — using the themes **See, Reflect, Respond**. Arguing that caring for creation is not an optional concern, rather a **core part of Christian discipleship**.

The document blends science, theology, and moral responsibility, whilst encouraging a range of practical action rooted in hope and collaboration with wider society.

You can download the book [here](#).

Save the date

Sustainable flower arrangements

26th September 2026 10am-1.30pm at (Royal Chapel) St John's hall.

Come and join us to explore how to produce beautiful arrangements using traditional methods without foam. Inspired by this season of Creation and General Synod's advisory motion encouraging churches to use locally sourced, seasonal and biodegradable flowers and foliage, eliminating single use floral foam.



Places Limited! For detail and booking please contact Louise 474275.

THANK YOU!!!

I am delighted to say that we, as team Sodor & Man achieved **100%** of EFT returns. **Thank you** for the effort and participation. It is appreciated, it helps with grant applications and also demonstrates the Island's commitment .

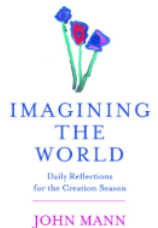


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RESOURCE: Creation: A Four-Week Reflection

Inspired by John Mann's most recent book, *Imaging the World*, a four week resource has been created based on creation centred bible passages. It is an invitation to experience renewal, where hearts and the world can find healing through sacred reflection on creation.



The Four-Week Reflection, is a flexible resource designed for individuals or groups to explore creation-themed Bible passages and deepen their spiritual connection with God's world. Each week features a different scripture, gentle activities, and guided conversations that encourage reflection on our relationship with creation and inspire positive actions. Perfect for Creationtide, small groups, or personal devotion, this resource helps participants engage emotionally and spiritually with environmental stewardship through prayer, discussion, and creative exercises. For the resource use the QR code and watch the website for [details](#).

Target Mission

25 Manx species, habitats and groups that are crying out for our stewardship and Christian response to nurturing creation presents a golden opportunity to connect with the wider community who share our concerns through [T25](#).

Rev Joanna Fisher and her congregation have firmly embraced the opportunities, selecting **T6—Wild Flowers** (see 'save the date') and **T10 bees**. Earlier this month the church held a bee morning supporting the launch of 100% pure, locally sourced bees-wax polish & tealight candles (Contact Joanna / Louise for details).

Have you chosen your two yet? This Creationtide is a great opportunity to converse with congregations to pick two that will suit your churches personality and context. We will share more news of the events across the Diocese in the months ahead.



Terminology: Net Zero 'v' Carbon Neutral

The Anglican 2020 General Synod agreed to achieve *Net Zero* by 2030. This space is not for discussion of that date, but rather for clarifying the language distinction between *Net Zero* and *Carbon Neutral*.

Carbon Neutral refers to balancing all anthropogenic (human caused) greenhouse gas emissions, typically through significant use of offsetting.

Net Zero requires deep reductions across all greenhouse gases and all scopes (1–3*), with offsetting used only for unavoidable residual emissions. The Anglican Church follows this principle, limiting offsetting to the final 10% as set out in the [Routemap to Net Zero by 2030](#).

In practice, **Carbon Neutral** is often applied to specific actions or products (e.g., "carbon neutral paper"), whereas **Net Zero** is an institution wide, transformation strategy.

*Scope 1= Direct emissions (what you own / control), Scope 2 = Indirect Emissions (what you buy / consume), Scope 3 = Indirect supply chain Emissions (post 2030 goal).