

# 2023 Season of Creation Events & Resources

From September 1st, <u>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</u>, to October 4th, St. Francis of Assisi Day, billions of Christians all over the globe celebrate the <u>Season of Creation</u> (SoC). This year's theme is Let Justice and Peace Flow. Find more resources below!

This events list is a work in progress! Check back for more and share some of the events you've seen!

### **EVENTS**

### In the Congregations

 Biggest Little Farm Film and Discussion with children's activities | Sunday, 9/3 @ 10:45 - 1:00 pm | St Bart's Sanctuary

Email Parth Domke for more info at <u>parth.domke@gmail.com</u>

 EDSD CCC Book Study | Tuesdays, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Zoom

Sacred Nature: Restoring Our Ancient Bond with the Natural World by Karen Armstrong. **Please <u>register here</u>**.

• ReGen Service with Creation Care Activity | Wednesday, 9/6 @ 6 - 7:30 pm | St Bart's Chapel

Email Rev. Brian Petersen for more info at <u>curate@stbartschurch.org</u>

• Contemplation on Creation | Saturday, 9/9, 3:00 - 4:30 pm | St Bart's Chapel

Email Rev. Nancy Burnett for more info at asstrector@stbartschurch.org

- 9/14, Thursday, 5:30 7 pm: St Paul's Cathedral Contemplative Prayer: Connecting with Creation, Virtual | Register <u>lulu2parsons@gmail.com</u>
- St Bart's Pomerado Trail Interpretive Walk | Sunday, 9/17 @ 9:00 am

Email Bob Leiter for more info at <u>rleiter9@cox.net</u>

- Climate Trauma Interfaith Workshop | Saturday, 9/23, 9:00 am 4:00 pm | St Dunstan's | For more info: lisachaddock@yahoo.com | Register here
- Kids and adults Nature Art Forum | Sunday, 9/24 @ 10:30 am | St Bart's Email Parth Domke for more info at parth.domke@gmail.com
- St Paul's Cathedral SOC Liturgy and Faith Forum | Sunday morning, 9/24 @ 8:00 and 10:30 am (liturgy) and 9:00 am (Faith Forum) Email Carolyn Lief for more info at <a href="mailto:carolynglief@gmail.com">carolynglief@gmail.com</a>
- Teen Movie Night: Creation Care Film and Discussion | Wednesday, 9/27 @ 5:45-8:00 pm | St. Bart's

Email Parth Domke for more info at parth.domke@gmail.com

• Contemporary Courtyard Service for the SofC | Thursday, 9/28 @ 6-7:00 pm | St. Paul's Cathedral

Email Carolyn Lief for more info at <a href="mailto:carolynglief@gmail.com">carolynglief@gmail.com</a>

• Chaparral Chapel | Saturday, 9/30 @ 10- 12:00 pm | San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge

Contact Rev. Brian Petersen for details at curate@stbartschurch.org

• St Bart's and St Paul's Cathedral Blessing of the Animals | Sunday, 10/1@ **Morning Services** 

# **Ongoing Sundays in September**

- St Bart's Educational and Recycling Resources
- St Paul's Cathedral SofC Sunday Services and Petition/Advocacy table for Let's Go! San Diego (transportation equity bill for San Diego County)

# **Episcopal Church**

• Creation Care Compline | Monday, 9/18 @ 6:00 pm The Episcopal church-wide Task Force on Care of Creation and **Environmental Racism** invites you to a monthly compline on creation care, environmental justice, and eco-spirituality. All are welcome. Register here.

# **Partners in Creation Care**

• <u>Climate Action Campaign</u> Nexus Climate Conference | Friday, 9/15 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

For more info and to register, visit the event website.

 I Love A Clean San Diego 39th Annual Coastal Clean Up | Saturday, 9/23 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Find more info on their website

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### SEASON OF CREATION RESOURCES

- Season of Creation <u>website</u>, <u>guide</u>, and <u>promotional materials</u>
- The Episcopal Church SoC & St. Francis Day <u>website</u> (including 2 Blessing the Animals resources in Spanish)
- **<u>Prophetic Voices podcast</u>** for preaching the Lectionary during SoC
- Anglican Communion Environmental Network <u>website</u> with links to global Communion SoC liturgical guides

### **OTHER CREATION CARE RESOURCES**

• <u>"Love God, Love God's World"</u> is a nine-session, film-based curriculum, set to be released around St. Francis Day (10/4). It is ideal for Episcopalians anywhere on the journey with creation care and environmental ministry—from newcomers looking to take their first step to seasoned leaders seeking a transformative small-group experience.

Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton and Adrienne Elliott are both session authors. Please email <u>Adrienne</u> if your church would like to pilot a few sessions! Use this opportunity to gather a small group for transformation and action following Season of Creation!!

- <u>Hymns</u> for Creation Care
- Liturgical <u>resources</u> from the Diocese of AZ
- Creation Justice Ministries <u>Resource Hub</u>
- Youth and young adult resources
  - Seed planting <u>activity</u>
  - Butterfly raising instructions
  - Climate Justice Curriculum for Youth and Young Adults
    Written by the Rev. Nurya Love Parish
    - <u>Easter People: Faith Practice and Climate Justice</u> is a creative lesson plan for middle school, high school, or young adults.
- Climate Action tool

- This is a great starting point for folks, new and seasoned. The videos are generative for discussion either informally, or at a forum. Contact <u>Libby Carr</u> to accompany you or a group through this resource.
- Climate Advocacy opportunities from <u>CA Interfaith Power & Light</u> and the <u>Episcopal Office of Government Relations</u>
- Renewing the Life of the Earth: An Eco-Theology <u>Resource</u>

This new Anglican Communion resource includes a set of excellent video presentations on ecological theology and practice. Episcopal Church leaders, including the Rev. Richard Acosta and the Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, contributed short videos about how the church's mission must change in a time of climate/ecological emergency.

- Ocean Equity Collective Language Guide
  - The Ocean Equity Collective is a coalition of BIPOC-led organizations and people focused on holistic ocean conservation, protection, and appreciation. Their mission is to address historical inequities in the ocean conservation movement and include historically excluded communities in the protection and enjoyment of the ocean's ecosystems. They have created this language guide to help individuals, organizations, and corporations better communicate with communities and decolonize their language.

### UPCOMING

- Creation Care Compline | 3rd Mondays @ 6:00 pm, monthly...8/21 and 9/18 The Episcopal church-wide <u>Task Force on Care of Creation and</u> <u>Environmental Racism</u> invites you to a monthly compline on creation care, environmental justice, and eco-spirituality. All are welcome. <u>Register here</u>.
- Celebrating Faith in the Garden: Agrarian Feast Days Resource Connect the worshipping life of your congregation with your Good News Ministry! Celebrating Faith in the Garden highlights those minor feasts and fasts of the church year that connect our liturgical life with our agrarian life. View and download the resource <u>here</u>.



#### **Celebrating Faith in the Garden**

Honoring the intersection of agrarian and liturgical life.

#### Winter

Advent - The four Sundays before Christmas. Consider using natural elements for your Advent wreaths and using beeswax sheets to make your candles.

Feast of Saint Brigid, February 1 - Eve of February 2, patron saint of cattle, dairymaids, and chicken farmers. A common tradition is to make crosses out of reeds or straw.

Candiemas, February 2, -the halfway point between the winter solutice (Yuie) and the spring equipace (Datra) (des hows as inbolie). Condiens is traditionally a time to have condies blessed that you then use in your home for haly days and feasts. Common foods are creases (a French tradition) or tamales (a Mexicon tradition.)

Saint Abigail, February 11 – patron saint of honeybees and beekeepers.

#### Spring

Saint Gertrude of Nivelles, March 17- patron saint of cats (including barn and garden cats!)

Easter - Always a wonderful time to celebrate new life, in the garden and in the barnyards.

Rogation Days, three days before Ascension Day These are the major liturgical days that honor agrarian life.

Saint Isidore, May 15, - patron saint of farmers.

Saint Honoré May 16 - patron saint of bakers.

#### Summer

Corpus Christ, June 8 – the day we hand the bread and the wine, the body and the blood. A good day for bread baking and wine making.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary,  ${\rm August}$   $1{\rm S}$  – A wonderful day to hold a Blessing of the Herbs (a tradition harking back to medieval times.)

#### Autumn

Creationtide or the Season of Creation, September 1 -October 4 - Learn more at: hhttps://www.episcopalchurch.org/season-of-creationand-st-francis-day-resources/

Saint Fiacre, September 1, - patron saint of gardeners.

Hildegard of Bingen, September 17 - Considered by scholars to be the founder of scientific natural history in Germany.

Michaelmas, the Feast of Michael and the Archangels, September 29 - Often tied to autumn rogation days. Michaelmas is often honored with large harvest-themed celebrations, and apple dishes.

Feast of Saint Francis, October 6 - A time to host the Blessing of the Animals.

Saint Martin's Day, November 11 - A day associated with the harvesting of the hags in liberia, and drinking the first of the new wine all over Europe. (It is also a holiday festival in Germany with a lot of fun traditions.)