

Bristol churches standing together in prayer and action for the global climate crisis

CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE ISSUE OF OUR GENERATION

There is an urgent need for action, and to challenge the status quo. Yet when we all stand together in prayer for and with God's creation, we are filled with hope for **a safer, more sustainable future**.

Across Bristol and its many communities, we share the clear challenge and concern of the climate emergency and are taking strides towards becoming net zero carbon.

As a city, we are recognised for our environmental ambitions: from being awarded European Green Capital in 2015, to leading the world in reporting progress against the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

As churches in the city, we want to be at the forefront of this movement, both locally and alongside our global brothers and sisters in Christ. We recognise that caring for our shared earth is bigger than church traditions or divisions and, united in prayer, action and hope, we work for the coming of God's kingdom.

SEASON OF CREATION

This September is the international Season of Creation [September 1 to October 4]. Will you give over one Sunday to stopping, reflecting and committing to action for God's earth?

This year, the global reach of Covid-19 has revealed anew our shared human nature and the interconnectedness of our lives, economies, health care systems, food chains, energy and transportation systems. We also know that this complex web is sustained by the earth's limited and strained resources.

As we participate in the Season of Creation, may we unite as one family in Christ to celebrate the abundant gifts of God's earth, and the bonds that we share with each other and 'every living creature' (Genesis 9:10).

With every blessing,

Regional denominational heads / Presidents

Rt Rev Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton
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