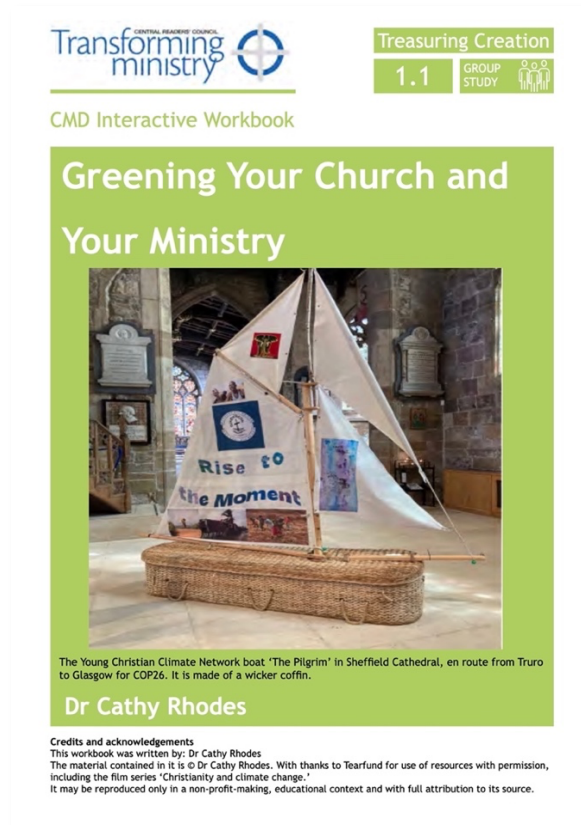




4. An interactive .pdf workbook that can be copied for each participant.

This allows people to work directly into a text so that they can keep notes and observations and access links. In this way it creates a record of the course and the work done that can be stored as a resource. Each participant should have one; they can carry it on laptop or tablet if they wish.

There is also a Word format 'exercise book' for people who can't use the .pdf. Recognising that some Readers may have difficulty with the .pdf software there is a parallel workbook which is a Word document that can simply be printed for people to use as a paper exercise book.



Cost and Purchase

CRC Members: £10 Non-Members: £25 The course is not yet available on the website. To enquire and purchase, please contact imogenclout@icloud.com



Greening Your Church and Your Ministry

By Dr Cathy Rhodes
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This topical new course will provide Readers/LLMs with tools and resources to 'green' their churches and ministry. It contains guided Bible study, discussion points and activities to aid reflection and action, worship and advice. There are links to companion videos and documents to enrich and stimulate your thinking on eco issues.

The author, Cathy Rhodes, says: 'I hope this module is helpful as a foundation and opportunity to learn, pray and discuss our call to sustain and renew the life of God's earth. We've used videos from Tearfund with climate scientist Katherine Hayhoe to encourage exploration of our Christian response to the climate and nature emergency, and what the Bible says about creation care. There's practical advice on Eco Church and time to think and learn about climate justice. Links to varied resources are provided to support you and your church.'

The course can be flexibly delivered, split into 4 sessions of approximately 2 hours each, or subdivided to 8 shorter sessions.

You can deliver the course online, or in person or hybrid formats.


The four sections are:

1. Getting started
2. God's creation under threat
3. The hope we have in Jesus
4. An invitation to respond

What You Get in Your Download

1. Facilitators' notes to guide you through each session

See sample pages below. You get helpful notes setting out what you need to do to prepare for each session, and a timed layout of each session with the links for online material which you will share with the group.



TRANSFORMING ministry

Treasuring Creation

Notes for Facilitators

This interactive PDF has been designed for use for group study. These notes are to aid you as a facilitator, whether you are using the module for an online group or working together in a room.

We have included some basic advice for facilitation online which you may not need if you have done this before but will help the complete beginner.

We have also created a PowerPoint presentation that you can use. It has key questions and quotations, but we have not used excessive amounts of text. You can adapt it as you wish, and you will find that the second slide is a blank template to which you can add material and copy as many times as you like. You can delete this if you don't need it - but the slide numbering which is shown at the margin of your notes will need to be changed by you.

You should have in the pack:

- These notes for facilitators
- Powerpoint presentation
- Workbook in .pdf format to which you can add the course details and which you should then copy to all the people attending. You will probably find it easiest to have a copy of the Workbook to hand as you are leading the group.
- Exercise Book in Word format which people can use as an alternative to the .pdf if they can't type into the .pdf. We suggest you offer this as an alternative and point out that it can be printed off and used to handwrite into.

1. Before you start the module

If you are working online, or in a hybrid fashion so that some of your group are at home and some in a room with you:

- Make sure that all the attendees have downloaded the module Workbook pdf and are able to see it while you are working on it. They can do this either:

SESSION 4 An invitation to respond		SLIDES
	Introduction After all we have heard and thought about, how are we to respond to this call on our lives? First, we fix our eyes on God and pray. We praise God for creation. But we also need to work together across neighbourhoods and nations, calling all leaders to be bold, just and honest with the facts.	11
5 minutes	Ask people what is already happening in their church communities in these five areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship and Teaching • How you look after your buildings • How you look after your land • How you engage with your local community and in global campaigns • The personal lifestyles of you and your congregation. Ask them to jot down at least two things in each area on the grid in the Workbook	12
10 minutes	Ask people to compare notes with a neighbour.	13
5 minutes	Watch video: Video (04:21 mins) What can we do as a church Then draw their attention to the resources in the box on Page 12, particularly the Eco-Church questionnaire. Share your screen with Page 1 of the survey: WORSHIP AND TEACHING if you are online, or give it out as a handout if you are in the room together. Ask the group to run through the questions quickly and bear their answers in mind as they deal with the next exercise	
30 minutes	Ask people to think about the question on the slide: "If you were to lead a church service on climate change and the biodiversity crisis, how would you do this?" <i>Depending on the makeup of your group and the numbers you might divide them into small groups and ask each to concentrate on one aspect of the service: prayers, readings, hymns, actions. In a smaller group you might just have a large group discussion.</i> <i>Record suggestions on a flipchart/whiteboard.</i>	14
10 minutes	Bring the session to an end by repeating the activity you began with: ask the group - How do you feel now when you think about God's Creation? What words come to mind? How have things changed after working through this module.	15

2. A resource booklet

This contains links and resources for further reading and exploration, which can be done individually or as a group. We envisage the

Further action

Visit the [CofE Eco Church page](#) and watch an [Eco Church webinar](#).
Consult, think and pray about if your church could register (for free) [here](#) as an A Rocha Eco Church. If already an Eco Church how can you further support this work?

Use the [Climate Emergency Toolkit](#) for a route map and resources for your church to sound the alarm about the climate emergency and take urgent action.

Green Christian have more info on declaring an emergency [here](#).

There's a great example of wording from an Eco Church declaring a Climate and Nature Emergency [here](#).

Other Resources



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Your local [DEO name and contact is here](#).
Connect with us for local info/advice and to get involved!

The [CofE Environment page](#) has a large amount of info including recommending reading, webinars, links, worship, music

The CofE resources are also available as an online regularly updated document [here](#).

[Oxford Diocese EcoHub](#) has zones for Knowledge, Action, Reflection, Net zero and a Directory of organisations. A huge amount of information with a good search facility.

Similar pages here at [Leeds Diocese](#)

facilitator making a copy available to each person in the group.

3. Powerpoint slides which can be edited for each session. These have been prepared to save you time and provide a pleasing visual effect but they can be edited to suit your session as you please.

