

SEASON OF CREATION

an Eco Festival of events in Macclesfield

1st September - 4th October
2024

The churches of HOPE in North East
Cheshire invite you to join in this
period of reflection and action to
cherish and protect our
environment.

See the calendar inside or scan the
QR code for more information.



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

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The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

The international Season of Creation has been
celebrated by churches in Macclesfield for 7
years and is open to all local people.

In 2024, the call from the religious leaders
around the world is for everyone to
"act and hope with creation".

As we face the triple crisis of climate change,
biodiversity loss and pollution, many are
beginning to despair and suffer eco-anxiety.
We are all called to share the hope inspired by
the Christian faith. This is a hope shown in
concrete actions of prayer, educating,
service and solidarity.

This Season there is a call for the
uniting of voices to support the
Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

which demands a halt to all new fossil fuel
projects. Saturday 21st September is a world day
of action to endorse the Treaty which coincides
with the United Nations General Assembly from
10th to 24th September.

*A petition to our MP in support of the Treaty
can be signed at all the local events
throughout the Season of Creation.*

Full calendar of Season of Creation events overleaf
and on **St Alban's Church website:**

<https://stalbanmacc.org.uk/season-of-creation/>

or contact:
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Event Highlights

See calendar overleaf for more details

Sunday 1st September 4.00pm

Prayer Service at Danes Moss Nature Reserve

Meet at carpark – Lyme Green Retail Park, SK10 0TB.

Sunday 15th September 12.00-2.00pm

Family Fun Afternoon in West Park

Scavenger hunt, quizzes and games.

Meet at the Rangers Hut next to the Café.

Tuesday 17th September 7.30pm

"Brilliant Bees" Talk

Learn about these amazing insects and the job
of a beekeeper. Macclesfield Methodist Church,
Westminster Road, SK10 1BX.

Saturday 21st September 11.00am-3.00pm

Preloved Clothing and Toys Sale

Items for under 5's. Pay as you feel.

St. Alban's Parish Centre, Chester Road, SK11 8DJ.

Family Picnic and Story telling 5.30pm

Around the campfire, bring picnic food, stories and
poetry to share.

Prestbury Nurseries, London Road, SK10 4DY.

Sunday 22nd September 2.00pm

Creation Walk

3 mile walk to appreciate God's creation.

Meet at Clarke Lane, Bollington, SK10 5AH.

Wednesday 25th September 8.00pm

Film – "Six Inches of Soil" - documentary on British
farmers standing up against the industrial food
system. Cinemac, The Old Sunday School, SK11 6UT.
Suggested donation £5.

Thursday 26th September 7.30—9.00pm

"Getting to know your carbon footprint" Workshop

St Alban's Parish Centre, Chester Road, SK11 8DJ.

Thursday 3rd October 5.00-8.00pm

Apple Pressing - come and have a go!

Drop in at Scoop and Scales, Roe Street, SK11 6UT.

Friday 4th October 7.30pm

**Celebration & Feast of St Francis of Assisi Prayer
Service**

To close and thank God for the Season of Creation.
St. Michael's Church, Market Place, SK10 1DY.

CALENDAR OF ECO EVENTS, ACTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1st September <u>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation - Prayer Service</u> - 4.00pm. To pray in an endangered habitat, Danes Moss Nature Reserve. Meet at car park at Lyme Green Retail Park, SK10 0TB to walk to reserve.</p>	<p>2nd Consider how many bottles of water or soft drinks you buy. Could you replace these with tap water in a reusable bottle? Find out more: www.refill.org.uk <u>Bible Study</u> - Mondays, 11.00am at East Cheshire Hospice Chapel, SK10 3DR</p>	<p>3rd <u>PRAYER SESSION</u> 10.30am –11.30am. Tuesday and Thursday mornings to 3 October. All welcome. The Hope Centre, Park Green, SK11 7NA</p>	<p>4th Have a meatless/vegan meal. Meat and cheese have a large carbon footprint. Could you do this more often during the Season of Creation and beyond? <u>Bible Study</u> - Wednesdays, 7.00pm at East Cheshire Hospice Chapel, SK10 3DR</p>	<p>5th <u>People, Planet, Pint</u> 6.00pm - 8.00pm. The Fountain, Park Green. Come and chat about local sustainability initiatives and a drink on the house for the first 30. <u>PRAYER SESSION</u> - see above</p>	<p>6th <u>Foodie Friday</u> 6pm for 6.30pm St. Michael's Church, Market Place SK10 1DY 3 course meal, pay what you feel, all made from food which would otherwise be wasted. Booking required – St Michael's Office 01625 421984.</p>	<p>7th <u>Litter Pick</u> 10.30am. Join the monthly litter pick in Prestbury followed by tea and coffee. Meet at St. Peter's Church, Prestbury, SK10 4DG</p>
<p>8th <u>Reflective Service</u> 4.30pm to celebrate the Season of Creation in the new monastic garden. St. Peter's Church, Prestbury, SK10 4DG <u>Saving our Planet Workshop and Worship</u> 6.30pm-8.00pm For young people 8+ (with an adult). The Hope Centre, Park Green, SK11 7NA Book via The Hope Centre.</p>	<p>9th Remember to say Grace before eating your meal today, and throughout the Season of Creation, thanking God for creating the food and for the people who have produced it. <u>Bible Study</u> - see above</p>	<p>10th Make do and mend rather than buying new. Find something that could be repaired and bring it to the monthly <u>Repair Café</u> on Saturday 14th September. More info email: repaircafe.macc@gmail.com <u>PRAYER SESSION</u> - see above</p>	<p>11th <u>Litter Pick</u> 6.00pm - 7.00pm All welcome. Picker equipment provided. Meet at St. Michael's Church, Market Place, SK10 1DY <u>Bible Study</u> - see above</p>	<p>12th Reduce food waste by planning your meals and buying just what you need. <u>PRAYER SESSION</u> - see above</p>	<p>13th Whilst shopping select Fairtrade, plastic free and locally produced products with low food miles. Have you shopped at <u>Scoop and Scales</u> the refill shop at the Old Sunday School, Roe Street, SK11 6UT? Find out more: https://www.scoopandscales.co.uk/</p>	<p>14th <u>River Bollin Clean Up</u> 10.00am - 3.00pm Riverside Park, SK10 2SL. Drop in, families welcome. <u>Repair Café</u> 10.00am - 2.00pm Community Centre, Duke Street, SK11 6UR <u>Walk - Prestbury to Adlington</u> 10.00am meet at St. Peter's Church, Prestbury, SK10 4DG to walk to their sister church along the Middlewood Way and canal.</p>
<p>15th <u>Family Fun Afternoon</u> scavenger hunt, quizzes and games. 12.00pm - 2.00pm in West Park. Meet at the Rangers Hut next to the Café. <u>Family Cycle Ride</u> along the Middlewood Way. Meet at 12.30pm below Tesco Car Park, SK10 2AB to cycle approx. 7 miles to Nelson's Pit for a picnic. Bring a packed lunch.</p>	<p>16th As we uphold the human right to food, clean drinking water and safe sanitation for all. Pray today for the people in the world who don't have access to these. <u>Bible Study</u> - see above</p>	<p>17th <u>"Brilliant Bees" Talk</u> 7.30pm. Learn about these amazing insects and the job of a beekeeper from Sallyann O'Dell, Bee Keeper at Tatton Park. Macclesfield Methodist Church, Westminster Road, SK10 1BX <u>PRAYER SESSION</u> - see above</p>	<p>18th <u>Litter Pick</u> 6.00pm - 7.00pm All welcome. Picker equipment provided. Meet at St. Peter's Church, Windmill Street, SK11 7HS <u>Bible Study</u> - see above</p>	<p>19th Think about how you travel. Could your journeys be walked, cycled or by bus to reduce use of our cars? Its good for our health too! Arrange local deliveries by electric cargo bike from <u>eLOV Macclesfield</u> More at: https://elov.co.uk/about/ <u>PRAYER SESSION</u> - see above</p>	<p>20th Collect good quality clothes and donate them to local charities or initiatives like <u>The One Project</u>. They also take a wide range of hard to recycle waste. Find out more: Facebook/oneprojectmacclesfield</p>	<p>21st <u>Preloved Clothes and Toys Sale for under 5's</u> 11.00am - 3pm. Pay as you feel. St. Alban's Parish Centre, Chester Road, SK11 8DJ <u>Family picnic and story telling</u> around the campfire. 5.30pm Prestbury Nurseries, London Rd, SK10 4DY. Bring food and tales to share.</p>
<p>22nd <u>Creation Walk</u> 2.00pm. 3 mile walk to appreciate God's creation followed by a picnic of drinks and cakes. Meet at Clarke Lane, Bollington, SK10 5AH <u>Interactive Prayer Room</u> 9.00am - 8.00pm everyday to 1st October. Holy Trinity Church, Hurdsfield, SK10 2PX</p>	<p>23rd Remember we are part of God's creation and to take care of ourselves in the way God intended with compassion and care. <u>Bible Study</u> - see above <u>Interactive Prayer Room</u></p>	<p>24th Take a break from consuming and buy nothing today. <u>PRAYER SESSION</u> - see above <u>Interactive Prayer Room</u></p>	<p>25th <u>Film: "Six Inches of Soil"</u> 8.00pm - 9.45pm. Cinemac, Roe Street, SK11 6UT. Inspiring story of British farmers standing up against the industrial food system. Suggested donation £5. <u>Bible Study</u> - see above <u>Interactive Prayer Room</u></p>	<p>26th <u>"Getting to know your carbon footprint" Workshop</u> 7.30pm St. Alban's Parish Centre, Chester Rd, SK11 8DJ <u>PRAYER SESSION</u> - see above <u>Interactive Prayer Room</u></p>	<p>27th Take stock of what you've done so far. How are you getting on with listening to the voice of Creation? What more could you do to take better care of God's creation? <u>Interactive Prayer Room</u></p>	<p>28th <u>Open Green Spaces</u> 10.00am - 1.00pm. Visit one or all of the towns green spaces/gardens that support biodiversity and help out if you have time. Map available at: https://stalbanmacc.org.uk/season-of-creation/ <u>Interactive Prayer Room</u></p>
<p>29th <u>Treacle Market</u> 1.30pm-2.30pm. Come and join us at St. Michael's Church for a drink and discuss the importance of action on climate change. <u>Harvest Service</u> 9.30am Mass St Alban's Church, SK11 8JD. Bring some food items to donate for local people who would otherwise go hungry. <u>Interactive Prayer Room</u></p>	<p>30th Pray for all those who have been affected by climate change, natural disasters and wars through injury, death of loved ones, loss of their homes or livelihoods. <u>Bible Study</u> - see above</p>	<p>1st October How is your money or pension invested? Does it contribute to harming creation - through fossil fuels or destroying natural habitats? Check out your bank at: https://bank.green/ <u>PRAYER SESSION</u> - see above</p>	<p>2nd Turn off the television, computer, mobile phone, etc. and spend half an hour going for a walk or other activity in God's natural world. Invite your family or others to join you. <u>Bible Study</u> - see above</p>	<p>3rd <u>Apple Pressing</u> 5.00pm - 8.00pm Come and have a go at pressing apples. Drop in at Scoop and Scales, Old Sunday School, Roe Street, SK11 6UT. Suitable for all ages. <u>PRAYER SESSION</u> - see above</p>	<p>4th <u>Celebration and Feast of St Francis of Assisi - Prayer Service</u> 7.30pm. To close and thank God for the Season of Creation. St. Michael's Church, Market Place, SK10 1DY</p>	<p>Thereafter... Continue to live as good stewards of God's creation taking care of yourself, people, animals and the environment that He has blessed us with - Our Common Home</p>

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