

‘Caring for Creation – Living out our faith – bringing Hope to others.... ‘

Saturday 17th April 2021 10 – 12am CET
Revd Dr Dave Bookless



Dave will lead us in reflecting on:

‘Christianity & the Environment: The Mission of God and the Mission of God’s People’

Dave Bookless is Director of Theology for *A Rocha International* (www.arocha.org), an international Christian nature conservation organisation and a Mission Partner with CMS. He is also part-time Vicar of St. Mary’s Norwood Green, in Southall, London and a member of the Church of England’s Environment Working Group. In addition, Dave is *Global Catalyst for Creation Care* with the *Lausanne Movement*, and recently completed a PhD in Theology and Biodiversity Conservation at Cambridge University. Born in India, Dave and his wife Anne have lived in multifaith Southall since 1991, and their four daughters have all grown up there. He has spoken and lectured on environmental issues across six continents, and has contributed to over 20 books including *Planetwise* (translated into Chinese, Dutch, French, German and Spanish) and *God Doesn’t do Waste*. To relax, he enjoys wildlife, running, mountain walking and Indian food.

Monday 19th April 2021 – 18.30-20.30 CET Catherine Ross & Jo Chamberlain
This zoom meeting will focus on the Church of England’s goal to become net zero carbon by 2030 and what that means practically for us in Europe.



Catherine Ross is the Open and Sustainable Churches Officer in the central buildings team at the Church of England. She leads on environmental issues for them; anything from low carbon heating to biodiversity in the churchyard. Since February’s synod, Catherine has been the officer working on the definition of net zero carbon for the Church, and Catherine and Jo jointly run the net zero webinar programme.

Jo Chamberlain is the National Environment Officer in Mission and Public Affairs team at the

Church of England. She leads on issues of policy and engagement on environmental issues. This includes the Church's engagement with national and international policymaking such as at the UN COP26 climate conference, and encouraging churches and church members to engage with environmental issues in practical ways and as part of their spiritual life.

Wednesday 21st April 2021 – 18.30 – 20.30 CET Dr Ruth Valerio

'The practical implications of our biblical mandate to care for creation.'



Author, environmentalist, social activist and theologian and Global Advocacy Director at Tearfund. Ruth longs to see the culture of the Church change so that caring for God's earth becomes an integral part of church life, rather than an optional extra. My Christian faith and spirituality are central to my life, and from this bedrock comes a deep desire to work for social justice, equality and ecological flourishing. She has written extensively on justice, environment and lifestyle issues, particularly from a Christian perspective.

Saturday 24th April 2021 – 10-12am CET (speaker to be confirmed)
Intentional Discipleship

"The best decision anyone can ever make, at any point in life, in any circumstances, whoever they are, wherever they are, is to become a disciple of Jesus Christ." - Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby

Jesus Christ urged his disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations". Anglicans and Episcopalians around the world are still responding to that 'Great Commission' today by supporting evangelism, training, discipleship and church growth globally.

Intentional Discipleship has its origins in Anglican Witness, an initiative committed to evangelism and church growth set up after the Lambeth Conference in 2008.

This is a growing movement across the whole communion and the vision of the Coordinating Group is "to encourage *every* Anglican and *every* Anglican Church to live, love and be like Jesus – in *every* part of life - for the sake of the whole creation and to the glory of God". The vital importance of this call was re-affirmed at ACC-17 on the theme of "Equipping God's People: Going Deeper in Intentional Discipleship".

Monday 26th April - 18.30-20.00 CET Revd Rachel Mash



The Revd Rachel Mash is a Provincial Coordinator of the Environmental Network of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa – now known as ‘Green Anglicans’ and it has now spread to Central Africa, Kenya, DRC and Portugal. Globally, the Anglican Church has long been concerned with environmental issues. The Anglican Communion states that the fifth mark of mission is ‘to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the earth.’ The ACSA environmental network aims to support churches and Dioceses to fulfil God’s call to be Earth-keepers and to care for creation. We will hear of Rachel’s work and in particular the Youth Work!

If you would like to join any of these workshops – please register with the DEO: Revd Elizabeth Bussmann – bemdeo@gmail.com stating which workshop(s) you would like to join. At the appropriate time you will receive the instructions to join Zoom meeting. If you have any queries please also contact Elizabeth at the above email address.

