

The crisis affecting nature is as great as the climate crisis. Caring for creation means looking after our land for the benefit of nature and people.

Church of England guidance

Churchyard Wildlife and Biodiversity

Churches and their churchyards are an important part of the diverse natural habitat of England.

We can help you look after and promote the wildlife and biodiversity in your churchyard.

[Wildlife in your churchyard](#)

Managing glebe land for biodiversity and climate

This guidance note for dioceses aims to help the people who deal with decisions on glebe, to endorse and adopt policies that embed issues of nature and climate into their decision-making

[Download our guidance](#)

Trees

Trees are a traditional and valuable feature in your churchyard. They create character and support wildlife.

We can help you take good care of them.

[Care for your Trees](#)

Resources to help you



Caring for God's Acre

[Caring for God's Acre works nationally to support groups and individuals to investigate, care for, and enjoy churchyards and burial grounds.](#)



Eco Church Land

[The Eco Church scheme is a great way to get all parts of your church life working to care for creation. It helps you to engage practically and spiritually, with people in your church and the community beyond.](#)

[Start by filling in the Eco Church survey and see how close you are to winning an award already.](#)



Webinars on land and nature

[Find help with churchyard management, inspiring examples of how Church land at all levels is being managed, hear from Bishop Graham Usher about becoming more aware of nature, and get informed about the big picture of the twin crises for climate and nature.](#)



Bats in Churches

[The Bats In Churches Project is working with churches, bat workers and heritage communities to find bespoke, sustainable solutions for some of the worst affected churches in England and provide advice for any church that has resident bats.](#)

Get involved

Churches Count on Nature 2024

Churches Count on Nature 2024 (8-16 June) is part of Love Your Burial Ground Week, focusing on the brilliant wildlife to be found in churchyards and chapel yards.

It is a joint initiative promoted by Caring for God's Acre, the Church of England, the Church in Wales and A Rocha UK.

[Get involved](#)

Communion Forest

The Communion Forest is a global initiative comprising local activities of forest protection, tree growing and eco-system restoration undertaken by provinces, dioceses and individual churches across the Anglican Communion to safeguard creation.

[Learn more](#)

Wild Christian

The Wild Christian programme is for individuals and families who want to enjoy and learn about nature together, take practical action at home and in their local areas, and join with other voices for national impact

[Explore more](#)

In Conversation series from the Church Commissioners Rural Assets team

In Conversation – with Richard Castle

Richard Castle speaks about his relationships with local landowners, RSPB and Natural England in the pursuit to preserve and enhance natural marshes, while running a successful business that is underpinned by a variegated take on conservation agriculture.

[Richard Castle](#)

In Conversation - with Jim Campbell

Jim Campbell walks us through responsible farming practices, his attraction to the farming community, local engagement, and honesty in how we farm now and in the future.

[Jim Campbell](#)

In Conversation – with Scott Norris

Scott Norris explains his new occupation of Tan House Farm as an opportunity to manage agricultural land responsibly, and to raise environmental standards through carbon audits and consider on-the-ground actions.

[Scott Norris](#)

In Conversation – with Paul Temple

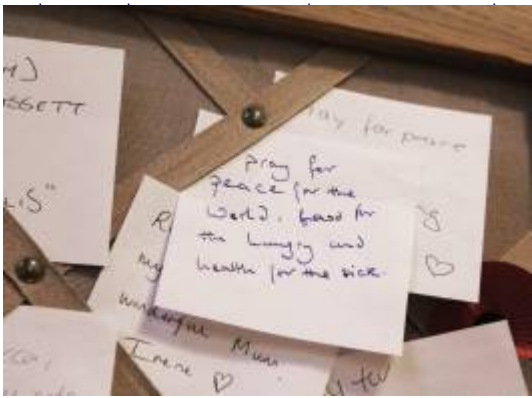
Paul Temple speaks about the intellectual challenge of farming, data, engaging the next generation and the policies he'd like to see to support environmentally conscious farming practices.

[Paul Temple](#)

Learn more



Take action



[Carbon footprint](#)

Celebrate creation



[Celebrate the environment](#)

Climate resilience



[Protect your community from climate risks](#)

Environmental fundraising

[Use our resources to help raise money for your environmental projects](#)



Why you should act

[Learn the facts about climate change and our duty to God's Earth](#)



Parish Buying

[Centrally procured green energy, energy audits, solar panel & more](#)

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