



LETTERS FOR CREATION

Resource for churches

Letters for Creation encourages children and young people under 30 to reflect on what caring for creation means to them and how they want their voice to be heard in the call for climate justice. The Christian creation story emphasises that the world was created by God and is a gift to be treasured. We believe that responding to climate change is an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation. The project is open to churches from all denominations and can be done at home while churches are unable to physically come together.

Where will the exhibition be displayed?

Letters for Creation will be launched first as a digital exhibition later this year, followed by a physical exhibition that will tour the UK. We hope that it will be shown at a number of cathedrals, the UN's climate change conference (COP26), and the Lambeth Conference in 2021. We also have plans to release materials for local churches to hold their own exhibitions.

How can my church get involved?

Letters for Creation is a great activity for families to do together, and if you're live-streaming activities for children and young people over the next few weeks and months you could theme a session around writing letters and creation care. You could also ask different members of your congregation to contribute reflections on what creation care means to them.

'Letters' can take the form of physical letters, but we also welcome creative submissions of any kind. Here are some ideas about the different forms a letter could take, whether done individually or as a group:

- **Poem:** take a look at the [poems specially commissioned by the RSA¹](#) on the theme of climate change. Could your church write a poem about creation care?
- **Performance:** whether it's a song, dance, rap, spoken word, or any other type of performance piece we'd love to hear what your children and young people think.
- **Photo essay:** what about telling a story about how your church is caring for creation by putting together a photo essay? Take a look at [these tips²](#) for taking great photos.
- **Poster/placard:** posters and placards are a great way for families to contribute to a group piece.

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Top tips

- Apps like Zoom, Tik Tok, and 1SE, among others, are a helpful way to facilitate group videos. If you're editing together a number of videos, make sure those taking part all shoot their video in the same orientation, and [see here](#)³ for further tips.
- Don't forget to check you have the relevant parental permissions for any children and young people identifiable in photos and videos. Please include the name, age, and location of those taking part, and bear in mind that selected submissions may be shared widely as part of the exhibition.
- Does your church have an international partner? Invite them to take part too so that we can give a platform to the voices of children and young people around the world.
- Christian Aid have compiled an [order of service](#)⁹ themed around climate justice.
- Riding Light's play about climate change — *Baked Alaska* — has been converted into a series of videos, which you can watch [here](#).¹⁰

Letters will be reviewed as they come in and should be sent to:
lettersforcreation@churchofengland.org
Please get in touch if you have a physical submission to contribute.

Other Resources

- The Diocese of York has put together a series of [worship resources](#)⁴ themed around the [#LiveLent campaign](#).⁵
- St Bride's Church choir [performed a song](#)⁶ specially commissioned for creation.
- Christian Aid have a number of [resources for schools](#)⁷ that could be adapted for a church context.
- [Watch the interviews](#)⁸ with a variety of individuals, put together by Ruth Valerio, on different aspects of climate change.

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Links

1. <https://www.thersa.org/globalassets/pdfs/events/climate-change-poetry-anthology.pdf>
2. <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-england-digital-labs/labs-learning/taking-great-church-photos>
3. <https://www.churchofengland.org/How-to-set-up-to-film-a-video-on-your-phone>
4. <https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/schools-and-youth/schools-education-homepage/churchyearresources/lentresourcesforschools>
5. <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith/lent-holy-week-and-easter/livelent-care-gods-creation>
6. <https://soundcloud.com/st-brides-choir/a-song-for-the-season-of-creation#t=0:00>
7. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/schools/letters-creation>
8. <https://spckpublishing.co.uk/saying-yes-resources>
9. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/prayer-chain/resources>
10. <https://ridinglights.org/baked-alaska/>

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