

A Rocha UK update Spring 2022

We are pleased to share our Spring Update with you. To support you in your creation care journey, we've included resources and information below to inspire you and your church to pray and take action. **Our work would simply not be possible without your support and prayers.**

On behalf of our trustees, staff and volunteers, we **thank you**.



Prayer Diary

Prayer is an important part of A Rocha UK's life and mission. We welcome the prayers of our supporters as we fulfil our calling to equip Christians to protect and restore the environment – for God, nature and all people. Our quarterly prayer diary is available online, and we invite you and your church to pray with us. Perhaps you could pray for A Rocha UK each Sunday in your service? Please join in by visiting: arocha.org.uk/prayer-diary and share the prayer diary with your congregation.



Events

We know how important it is to meet together to encourage each other and we have a number of forthcoming events running both in person and online. After a 2-year break due to Covid restrictions, our popular Easter sunrise Service with local churches at our Wolf Fields nature reserve starts at 6am on Easter Sunday (17 April). A Rocha UK CEO, Andy Atkins will be speaking at our rural reserve, Foxearth Meadows' outdoor open air service on 8 May. Please look at our A Rocha UK events page for more information on these events and others (registration may be required): arocha.org.uk/events. Maybe there is something you or your church would like to join in with? We'd love to see you.

Act for Nature Days

New for 2022, we are offering a series of **Act for Nature** days in different parts of the UK, on our reserves and in collaboration with our Partners in Action on their sites. Our Act for Nature Days will provide demonstrations and training to churches, individuals and other Partners in Action on specific conservation techniques relevant for large and small sites alike. They will be great opportunities to meet and share a fun day with other A Rocha UK supporters in the region as well as A Rocha UK staff and volunteers.



The **Act for Nature** days will be happening on: **25 June** at Wolf Fields in west London, **23 July** at Hugh's Meadow in Northern Ireland, **3 September** at Foxearth Meadows in North Essex and **8 November** at Hilfield Friary in Dorset. More details including the registration link will be shared in our eNews and on our website soon. If you can't join one of these events, here are ideas to help you enjoy nature throughout the coming months wherever you are: bit.ly/enjoycreation. Do also keep an eye on our events page for details about Churches Count On Nature 2022 and how you can get involved: arocha.org.uk/events

Eco Church Resources



Our newly refreshed and updated Eco Church resources (bit.ly/EcoChurchResources) are designed to help your church find simple ways to take action by exploring five areas of church life; Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community and Global Engagement and Lifestyle.

Our Eco Church survey is based on the same five key areas. Each resource explains why we should think about the topic and how to take action. These resources are now available in Welsh. To encourage a new generation to act to support biodiversity and reduce their own carbon emissions, Eco Church Kids resources (for 4-7's) and our Eco Church Youth Resources (for 11-14s) are also available. If your church has not started their Eco Church journey yet, why not take a look at ecochurch.arocha.org.uk and join the fast growing Eco Church award scheme for churches who want to demonstrate the gospel is good news for God's earth. For more resources to enable children and young people to explore nature and care for our planet through indoor and outdoor activities, have a look at our educational plans for Key Stage 1 and 2: arocha.org.uk/education-plans These can also be adapted for a church or youth group setting.

YouTube

Our growing library of video resources can be found on the A Rocha UK YouTube channel. Included are short films suitable for you to use in a church service or small group to inspire and equip your church to take action for nature. You can view our playlists and you can now also select 'Eco Church' or 'Partners in Action' videos. Subscribe and receive a notification as soon as new videos are uploaded.

Root & Branch Magazine

Our twice-yearly magazine, Root & Branch, is a great resource to keep churches and supporters up to speed with topical issues, ideas for action and Biblical reflections. It's also a great way to engage new audiences in caring for creation with its well-researched, scientifically sound articles, interviews, stories from individuals and Eco Churches, plus updates on the work of A Rocha UK and the wider A Rocha family. Previous feature articles are free to download here: arocha.org.uk/our-magazine.

