

SEASON OF CREATION

*an Eco Festival of events
in Macclesfield*

1st September - 4th October
2025

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.



PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The international Season of Creation has been celebrated by churches in Macclesfield for 10 years and is open to all local people.

In 2025, the call from the religious leaders around the world is for everyone to “create peace with creation”.

The hope is that Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and be quiet, but instead to act, pray, change and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, repentance and solidarity.

Action for peace can include advocacy, sustainability projects, cleaning campaigns or education to show that caring for Creation is central to our faith and how we live our lives. We must collaborate and build on diversity to achieve peace and there are opportunities in the events we have planned in and around Macclesfield to learn about, pray for and get involved in caring for Creation.

Full calendar of Season of Creation events overleaf and on the **St Alban's Church website**:
<https://stalbanmacc.org.uk/season-of-creation/>

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Event Highlights

See calendar overleaf for more details

Sunday 31st August 4.00pm

**Prayer Service in the orchard behind
Macclesfield Leisure Centre**

Meet at carpark, Priory Lane SK10 4AF.

Tuesday 2nd September 7.00—8.30pm

Sustainable Church Flowers Demonstration

St. Michael's Church, Market Place, SK10 1DY.

Sunday 14th September 12.00—2.00pm

Big Trees and Mini-Beasts- Family Fun in West Park

Scavenger hunt, quizzes and games.

Meet at the Rangers Hut next to the Café.

Tuesday 16th September 7.45—9.15pm

Workshop—How is your Council tackling Climate Change and what can you do to help?

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

Saturday 27th September 9.30am—3.30pm

RHS Garden Bridgewater Visit

Join us on a coach trip to our local RHS garden in Salford. Discounted entry for non RHS members.

Full information at www.scoopandcales.co.uk

Tuesday 30th September 7.30pm

“Brilliant Bees” Talk

Safely meet some amazing honeybees, taste honey and find out about a beekeepers role. Macclesfield Methodist Church, Westminster Road, SK10 1BX.

Thursday 2nd October 4.00—7.00pm

Apple Pressing - come and have a go!

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

Saturday 4th October 2.00pm

Celebration & Feast of St Francis of Assisi Prayer Service

To close and thank God for the Season of Creation with a light lunch available from 1.00pm. St. Michael's Church, Market Place, SK10 1DY.

CALENDAR OF ECO EVENTS, ACTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31st August <u>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Prayer Service</u> 4.00pm. To pray in an local rewilded habitat. Meet at car park at Macclesfield Leisure Centre, Priory Lane, SK10 4AF</p> <p>Stall at the Treacle Market in the St Michael's Churchyard</p>	<p>1st September 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.</p> <p><u>Care for Creation Bible Study</u> Mondays, 11.00am at East Cheshire Hospice Chapel, SK10 3DR</p>	<p>2nd <u>Sustainable Church Flowers Demonstration</u> 7.00—8.30pm St. Michael's Church, Market Place SK10 1DY How to provide church flowers sustainably using seasonal and local flowers and foliage.</p> <p>Booking required 01625 421984.</p>	<p>3rd 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</p> <p><u>Care for Creation Bible Study</u> Wednesdays, 7.00pm at East Cheshire Hospice Chapel, SK10 3DR</p>	<p>4th 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.</p>	<p>5th <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.</p> <p>Booking required: St Michael's Office 01625 421 984</p>	<p>6th <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>7th <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>8th 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?</p> <p><u>Bible Study</u> - see above</p>	<p>9th 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 13th September.</p> <p>More info email: repaircafe.macc@gmail.com</p>	<p>10th Remember we are part of God's creation and to take care of ourselves in the way God intended with compassion and care.</p> <p><u>Bible Study</u> - see above</p>	<p>11th <u>People, Planet, Pint</u> 7.00pm - 8.30pm The Snowgoose, Sunderland Street, SK11 6HN. Come and chat about local sustainability initiatives. A drink on the house for the first 10 people!</p> <p>Find out more at www.scoopandscales.co.uk</p>	<p>12th Whilst shopping select Fairtrade, plastic free and locally produced products with low food miles.</p> <p>Have you shopped at <u>Scoop and Scales</u> the refill shop at the Old Sunday School, Roe Street, SK11 6UT</p> <p>Find out more: www.scoopandscales.co.uk</p>	<p>13th <u>Repair Café</u> 10.00am - 2.00pm Community Centre, Duke Street, SK11 6UR <u>Parish Walk (4 miles)</u> Prestbury to Adlington 10.00am from St. Peter's, Prestbury, SK10 4DG. <u>Creation Walk I (6 miles)</u> 10:00am start & finish at Holy Trinity Church, SK10 2PX Contact Andrea: 07366 561 955</p>
<p>14th <u>Big Trees and Mini-Beasts— Family Fun in West Park</u> 12.00pm - 2.00pm Meet at the Rangers Hut next to the Café.</p> <p><u>Reflective Service</u> 4.30pm to celebrate the Season of Creation in the monastic garden. St. Peter's Church, Prestbury, SK10 4DG</p>	<p>15th <u>Scoop and Scales Book Club</u> 7.30pm - 9.00pm Reading: One Garden Against the World by Kate Bradbury. Scoop and Scales, Old Sunday School, Roe Street, SK11 6UT. Sign up: www.scoopandscales.co.uk</p> <p><u>Bible Study</u> - see above</p>	<p>16th <u>How is your Council tackling Climate Change and What can you do to help?</u> 7.45—9.15pm Come along to this workshop to find out more. St. Alban's Parish Centre, Chester Rd, SK11 8DJ</p>	<p>17th Reduce food waste by planning your meals and buying just what you need.</p> <p><u>Bible Study</u> - see above</p>	<p>18th Think about how you travel. Could your journeys be walked, cycled or by bus to reduce use of our cars? It's good for our health too! Arrange local deliveries by electric cargo bike from <u>eLOV Macclesfield</u></p> <p>More at: https://elov.co.uk/about/</p>	<p>19th Would you like to grow food? Come along to one of the <u>Macc Market Garden</u> weekly volunteering sessions. Find out more at Facebook/maccmarketgarden</p> <p><u>Creation Walk II (4miles)</u> 6:00pm from St John's Church, Earlsway, SK11 8RS Contact Andrea 07366 561 955</p>	<p>20th <u>River Bollin Clean Up</u> 10.00am - 3.00pm Riverside Park, SK10 2SL. Drop in, families welcome. Bring your wellies and gloves.</p>
<p>21st <u>Litter Pick</u> 11.30am after the service St. Peter's Church, Windmill Street, SK11 7HS All welcome.</p> <p>Find out more at www.scoopandscales.co.uk</p>	<p>22nd 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.</p> <p><u>Bible Study</u> - see above</p>	<p>23rd <u>St. Peter's Surprising Gardens</u> 10.00—12.00noon Drop in to find out more St. Peter's Church, Windmill Street, SK11 7HS</p>	<p>24th Donate unwanted clothes 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><u>Bible Study</u> - see above</p>	<p>25th 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/</p>	<p>26th 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?</p>	<p>27th <u>Visit to RHS Garden Bridgewater</u> 9.30am - 3.30pm Coach trip with discount tickets to these beautiful gardens. Info, costs and booking at: www.scoopandscales.co.uk</p>
<p>28th <u>Sacred Circle Dance</u> 3.00pm-5.00pm St. Alban's Parish Centre, Chester Rd, SK11 8DJ Booking required: 07401 003976</p>	<p>29th 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.</p> <p><u>Bible Study</u> - see above</p>	<p>30th <u>"Brilliant Bees" Talk</u> 7.30pm. Safely meet some amazing honeybees: taste different honeys and find out how beekeepers care for these vital pollinators. Sallyann O'Dell, Bee Keeper at Tatton Park. Macclesfield Methodist Church, Westminster Road, SK10 1BX</p>	<p>1st October Take a break from consuming and buy nothing today.</p> <p><u>Bible Study</u> - see above</p>	<p>2nd <u>Apple Pressing</u> 4.00pm - 7.00pm Come and have a go at pressing apples and enjoy some juice.. Drop in at Scoop and Scales, Old Sunday School, Roe Street, SK11 6UT. Suitable for all ages.</p>	<p>3rd <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>4th <u>Celebration and Feast of St Francis of Assisi - Prayer Service</u> 1.00pm Light Lunch 2.00pm Prayer Service to close and thank God for the Season of Creation. St. Michael's Church, Market Place, SK10 1DY</p>

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