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CORNWALL CHURCHES ENVIRONMENT GROUP

ENVIRONMENT SERVICE

***on the weekend of
World Environment Day***

SUNDAY 6 JUNE 2021

6pm on Zoom & Facebook Live

***Celebrating God's creation and new initiatives for its
care as we pray for wise decisions at the upcoming
G7 and COP26 conferences***

ORDER OF SERVICE & BACKGROUND INFORMATION



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- ❖ **Welcome** : *Joff Phipps, Social Justice Missioner, All Saints Highertown, Truro*
- ❖ **Song: So Will I** : *performed by Robin Mitchell, Worship Leader, Transforming Mission Truro. Words and music: Hillsong*
- ❖ **Video: Take a Stand, Tearfund** : *Young People from Cornwall and beyond with a message for world leaders*
- ❖ **Take a Stand** : *Joff Phipps interviews Toby Grier, Exeter School*
- ❖ **Bible reading: Genesis 9:8-17** : *read by Jenny Kwee, Our Lady of the Portal and St Piran's, Truro*
- ❖ **Reflection** : **Katie van Santen**
Katie van Santen started her career in marine biology and science teaching, and is now training to be a priest in the Church of England at Cuddesdon (near Oxford). She loves wild swimming and Lego. She sadly can't be with us live tonight as she's booked in to get her second job.
- ❖ **Meditation: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree** : *Chris Osborne, Penlee Cluster of Churches. Photos: Chris Osborne; music: St Molua's Church, Belfast*
- ❖ **Cycling to COP** : *Euan McPhee, Falmouth & Gwennap Methodist Circuit*
- ❖ **The Climate Coalition** : *Rev Andrew Hill, Lizard & Mounts Bay Methodist Circuit*
- ❖ **Prayers** : *Katrine Musgrave, Christian Aid South-West*
- ❖ **Song: Oh The Life Of The World** : *performed by Elizabeth Tremayne & family, members in the Lizard & Mounts Bay Methodist Circuit*
- ❖ **Close** : *Joff Phipps*
- ❖ **Postlude**:
- ❖ **Wave of Hope** : *John Ayers reports for BBC Spotlight*
- ❖ **Gee Seven** : *performed by Truro Cathedral Choir. Words: Sir Tim Rice; music: Peter Hobbs*

So Will I (100 Billion X)

God of creation
There at the start before the beginning of
time
With no point of ref'rence
You spoke to the dark
And fleshed out the wonder of light

And as You speak
A hundred billion galaxies are born
In the vapour of Your breath the planets
form
If the stars were made to worship so will I
I can see Your heart in ev'rything You've
made
Ev'ry burning star a signal fire of grace
If creation sings Your praises so will I

God of Your promise
You don't speak in vain no syllable empty
or void
For once You have spoken
All nature and science
Follow the sound of Your voice

Jesus Christ The Apple Tree

The tree of life my soul hath seen
Laden with fruit and always green
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree

His beauty doth all things excel
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree

For happiness I long have sought
And pleasure dearly I have bought
I missed of all but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree

And as You speak
A hundred billion creatures catch Your
breath
Evolving in pursuit of what You said
If it all reveals Your nature so will I
I can see Your heart in ev'rything You
made
Ev'ry painted sky a canvas of Your grace
If creation still obeys You so will I
So will I
So will I

If the stars were made to worship so will I
If the mountains bow in rev'rence so will I
If the oceans roar Your greatness so will I
For if ev'rything exists to lift You high so
will I

If the wind goes where You send it so will I
If the rocks cry out in silence so will I
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion
times

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I'm weary with my former toil
Here I will sit and rest awhile
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive
It keeps my dying faith alive
Which makes my soul in hast to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree

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Oh the life of the world

Oh the life of the world is a joy and a treasure,
unfolding in beauty the green-growing tree,
the changing of seasons in mountain and valley
the stars and the bright restless sea.

Oh the life of the world is a fountain of goodness
overflowing in labour and passion and pain,
in the sound of the city and the silence of wisdom,
in the birth of a child once again.

Oh the life of the world is the source of our healing.
It rises in laughter and wells up in song;
it springs from the care of the poor and the broken
and refreshes where justice is strong.

So give thanks for the life and give love to the Maker
and rejoice in the gift of the bright risen Son.
And walk in the peace and power of the Spirit
till the days of our living are done.

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WE ARE ____

TAKE A STAND

In 2021 young people are using their voices to speak up against the climate crisis, asking world leaders to choose people and planet over profits, by limiting a rise in global temperatures to 1.5°C.

SIGN OPEN LETTER

<https://wearetearfund.org/takeastand/>



<https://crackthecrises.org/wave>

#WAVEOFHOPE





A prayer for Cornwall's natural environment

*¹The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;
²for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.*

(Psalm 24:1-2)

Lord, we give thanks for all the wonderful areas of outstanding natural beauty you have created in Cornwall.

We give thanks for all sea creatures that inhabit our waters from the smallest to the greatest; for those that live in the shallows and in the ocean depths.

We give thanks for flowers and trees, and all plants that grow in Cornwall,

for all wild creatures that dwell on land, and fly in the air above.

We give thanks for all people living in Cornwall and those who visit to share in the varied beauty of Your creation.

Heavenly Father, as we give you praise and thanks for the wonders of your works, help us to remember that You made us in Your image.

And as bearers of Your image, we have the responsibility and the privilege of caring for Your Creation.

Forgive us for failing to do Your will. Through our neglect, thoughtlessness, and greed, we have contributed to the climate change that's causing wildfires, crop failures, and killer storms.

Forgive us, Lord. Help us to do better.



The consequences of climate change, such as flooding, hit the poorest the hardest. Lord forgive us for adding to their struggles; help us to live more thoughtfully, so that we can reduce our carbon footprint and not contribute to climate change.

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Lord, there are people, young and old, who are working hard to care for your creation. Help us to help them by promoting a low carbon economy, a nature friendly way of living.

Heavenly Father, this year the G7 conference will be in Cornwall. It's exciting and daunting.



Host country	United Kingdom
Date	11–13 June 2021
Venue(s)	Carbis Bay, St Ives, Cornwall
Participants	 Canada  France  Germany  Italy  Japan  United Kingdom  United States  European Union



Lord, we ask you to encourage all leaders taking part in the conference to be bold, just, and honest with the facts: to act on the science, and to tolerate no more denial and no more delay. **Heavenly Father, please help all church communities in Cornwall to work across our neighbourhoods and our County to take better care of Your creation.**

In the words of Pope Francis

❖ **“O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you. Amen!”**

Michael Kent, Wadebridge Methodist Church



Find more prayers at
www.facebook.com/cornwallprayer/
and
www.ctcinfohub.org/pause-for-prayer-current/

Make a difference, make a pledge, or two...



If you would like to take some practical steps towards making a difference then do as many of the top ten pledges below as you think you can achieve.

Pledge ONE

I pledge to ring my electricity supplier over the next 24 hours and see if I can switch to green energy (if not I will find one!)

Pledge TWO

I pledge to buy local seasonal produce as much as possible – starting with at least 2 meals a week

Pledge THREE

I pledge to educate myself about the science and impacts of climate change.

Pledge FOUR

I pledge to contact my MP and my friends and make these pledges too

Pledge FIVE

I pledge to walk, cycle, use public transport or register with <https://liftshare.com/> 08700 111199 to travel to work or regular journey at least once a week.

Pledge SIX

I pledge to work out my own carbon footprint using one of the many easy to use carbon calculators eg, <http://footprint.wwf.org.uk>

Pledge SEVEN

I pledge to find out how I can save energy in my home with <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk>

Pledge EIGHT

I pledge to turn my thermostat down or use a thermometer to reach the lowest comfortable temperature, typically between 18-21°C & think about putting on a jumper instead.

Pledge NINE

I pledge to reduce my holiday air miles by 50%.

Pledge TEN

I pledge to research/google 'Driving in a greener way' or book a driving lesson to learn reduced-emission driving techniques (called eco-safe driving by the DVSA).

<https://climatevision.co.uk/top-ten-pledges/>



THE CLIMATE COALITION

OUR DECLARATION FOR A HEALTHY, GREENER, FAIRER TOMORROW

We are launching a Declaration addressed directly to the Prime Minister. We are bringing together businesses, community groups, MPs, local decision makers and people from all walks of life to send a strong and unified message that we want to see the UK forge a resilient recovery for a healthy and safer world, and inspire other countries to follow.

Dear Prime Minister,

The time is now to lead the UK towards a healthier, greener, fairer future. Ahead of hosting the United Nations climate summit in Glasgow in 2021, we can build back better together if we:

Unleash a clean energy revolution that boosts jobs across the UK, making our transport, power and housing fit for the future

Protect, restore and expand our green and wild spaces; allowing nature to thrive, taking carbon from the air and boosting the nation's health

Leave no one behind by increasing support to those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change at home and abroad

The UK must lead the world by ensuring our recovery gets us on track to net-zero emissions and limits the rise in global temperature to 1.5 degrees C. Our best chance of building a resilient economy goes hand in hand with tackling climate change.

We are ready to play our part, and we call on you to join us.

www.theclimatecoalition.org

<https://thetimeisnow.uk/declaration>



Sing2G7 is an apolitical international engagement programme with a vision to enable children to raise their voices in song and be heard by world leaders.

Central to *Sing2G7* is a dazzling new song with words by Sir Tim Rice. Initially recorded by Truro Cathedral choristers and launched as part of a beautiful short film celebrating Cornwall and the G7 countries. Singers, schools and choirs everywhere are encouraged to sign up to sing and share their renditions over the G7 Summit.

Free sheet music, tutorial and learning resources are all be available via the *Sing2G7* website: <https://www.sing2g7.org/>

Also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Sing2G7/> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Sing2G7> and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/Sing2G7/>

This project has been made possible through partners: Truro Cathedral, Truro School, Cornwall Music Services Trust, the Diocese of Truro and Cornwall Council as well as a small team of volunteers.

Gee Seven: Sir Tim Rice, Peter Hobbs

Performed by Truro Cathedral Choristers

Video created by a large pro bono film crew, led by Director of Photography Chris Yacoubian and Sound Engineer, Andrew Gemmill



Churches Count on Nature 2021

Churches Count on Nature runs as part of Caring for God's Acre's Love Your Burial Ground week from Saturday 5th June – Sunday 13th June 2021.

We are asking churches to use the week as a springboard to start recording the wildlife within their churchyards.

So, if you fancy running a wildlife spotting event in Love Your Burial Ground Week then please fill out the form below or [download a copy here](https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/LYBG-week-form-download.pdf) <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/LYBG-week-form-download.pdf> and we will send you a link to a page where you can download various resources.

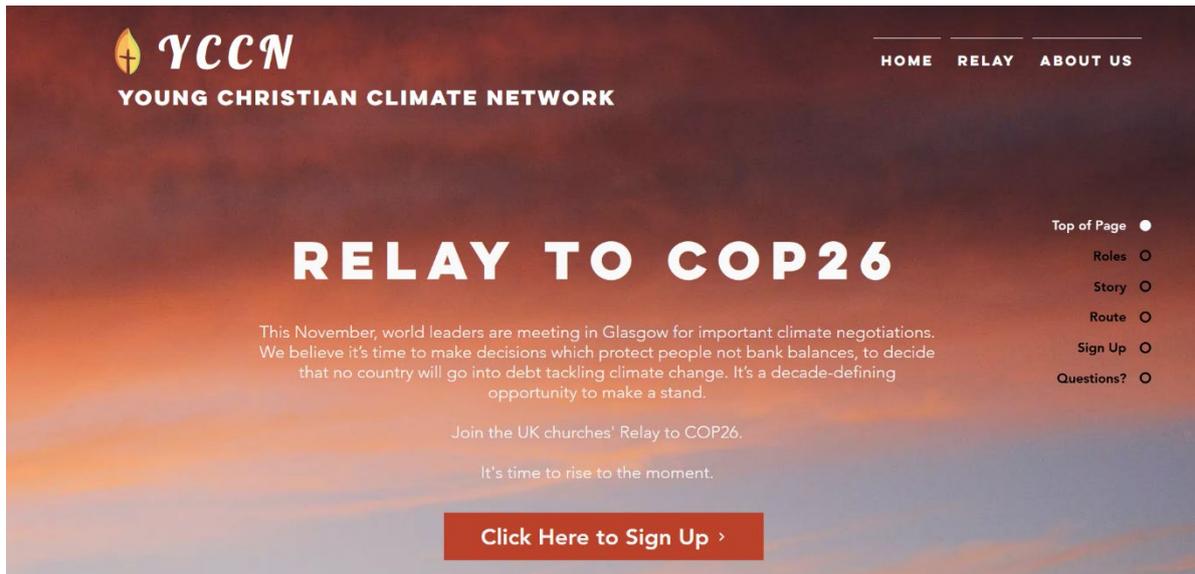
[Read the frequently asked questions about Churches Count on Nature here](https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/expression-of-interest-in-churches-count-on-nature-2021/churches-count-on-nature-faqs/) at <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/expression-of-interest-in-churches-count-on-nature-2021/churches-count-on-nature-faqs/>

We look forward to hearing what you have discovered in your local churchyard!

Don't forget to [visit our resources](https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/expression-of-interest-in-churches-count-on-nature-2021/resources-for-love-your-burial-ground-churches-count-on-nature-week/) page <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/expression-of-interest-in-churches-count-on-nature-2021/resources-for-love-your-burial-ground-churches-count-on-nature-week/> to help you with planning your activity.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Register Your Churches Count on Nature Activities, as part of Love Your Burial Ground Week - Saturday 5th June - Sunday 13th June 2021



This November, world leaders are meeting in Glasgow for important climate negotiations. We believe it's time to make decisions which protect people not bank balances, to decide that no country will go into debt tackling climate change. It's a decade-defining opportunity to make a stand.

Join the UK churches' Relay to COP26.

It's time to rise to the moment.

***Relay starts at Truro Cathedral Sunday 13 June at the Youth Pilgrim's Service
2-3pm – book tickets or watch livestream on***

<https://www.trurocathedral.org.uk/whats-on/young-pilgrims-service-sun-13-jun-2021-02-00-pm>

Relay route through Cornwall:

Monday 14 June – Wednesday 16 June: Carbis Bay to Falmouth

Friday 18 June – Sunday 20 June: Truro to Fowey

Tuesday 22 June and Wednesday 23 June: Looe to Plymouth

How you can help: <https://www.ctcinfohub.org/relay-to-cop26-your-help-needed/>





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