

# Celebrating the Season of Creation 2023

“Let Justice and Peace Flow”

1 September - 4 October

Join us for this **Eco Festival of Events**  
in and around Macclesfield  
to raise awareness and take action  
in protecting our local and  
international environment.

The Macclesfield Churches  
in HOPE North East Cheshire  
warmly invite you to join in this period  
of daily reflection and action.

See the Calendar inside or scan the QR  
code for more information.



A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

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and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

## Let Justice and Peace Flow

The call is for everyone to “join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.”

Biodiversity is being lost at a rate not seen since the last mass extinction. The futures of young people are threatened by the cascading impacts of the loss of biodiversity and a changing climate.

The urgency grows and we must make visible peace with Earth and on Earth, at the same time that justice calls us to repentance and a change of attitude and actions. As we join the river of justice and peace with others then hope is created instead of despair.

You can find this calendar of  
reflections and events at:

[Creation-Events-2023.pdf \(stalbanmacc.org.uk\)](#)

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The Season of Creation in Macclesfield is  
co-ordinated by St. Alban's Justice and Peace Group

## Snapshot of Events

See Calendar for more details

**Thursday 1 September 7.00pm**  
**Prayer Service at Riverside Park**

Meet at carpark - Riverside Park, SK10 2SL

**Saturday 9 September 10.00am**  
**Explore Natural History: Natural Future**

Working with nature in over the years.  
Meet at the bottom of 108 Steps, Waters Green  
for a 2 mile walk to Danes Moss.

**Sunday 10 September 12.00 – 2.00pm**  
**Family Fun Afternoon in West Park**

Scavenger hunt, quizzes and games.  
Meet at the Rangers Hut next to the Café.

**Thursday 14 September 7.00pm for 7.30pm**  
**Sustainable Shopping**

How to shop sustainably. At Scoop and Scales,  
The Old Sunday School, SK11 6UT

**Sunday 17 September 2.00pm**  
**Creation Walk**

3 mile walk to appreciate God's creation  
Redesmere Sailing Club, Siddington, SK11 9JU  
 [what3words \(format.merchant.untrained\)](https://www.what3words.com/format/merchant.untrained)

**Wednesday 20th September**  
**Film – The letter**

Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start.  
Cinemas, The Old Sunday School, SK11 6UT  
Free, donations appreciated.

**Saturday 23 September 6.30—8.00pm**  
**Saving our Planet Workshop and Worship**

For young people 8+ (with an adult).  
The Hope Centre, Park Green, SK11 7NA  
Book via The Hope Centre 01625 404384.

**Tuesday 3 October 7.30pm**  
**“How to clean up a river: the Bollin and Dean” Talk**  
St. Michael's Church, Market Place, SK10 1DY

**Wednesday 4 October at 7.30pm**  
**Celebration & Feast of St Francis of Assisi Prayer Service**  
to close and thank God for the Season of Creation  
East Cheshire Hospice, Millbank Drive, SK10 3DR

# CALENDAR OF THE SEASON OF CREATION 2023 — Let Justice and Peace Flow

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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**3**  
**Family Cycle Ride** 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.  
[ropes.asking.clean](#)

**4**  
**Litter Pick** at 5.00pm  
Everyone welcome at the Hive, Unit 15, Turnock Street, SK11 7AP  
Reduce food waste by planning your meals and buying just what you need.

**10**  
**Family Fun Afternoon** with scavenger hunt, quizzes and games.  
12.00 – 2.00pm in West Park. Meet at the Rangers Hut next to the Café.

**11**  
Remember we are part of God's creation and to take care of ourselves in the way God intended with compassion and care.

**17**  
**Creation Walk** at 2.00pm  
An easy 3 mile walk to appreciate God's creation followed by a picnic of drinks and cakes. Meet at Redesmere Sailing Club, Siddington SK11 9JU  
[format.merchant.untrained](#)

**18**  
Take a break from consuming and buy nothing today.

**24**  
**Treacle Market**  
Come and meet us at St. Michael's for a coffee and cake at Angel at my Table and sign an online petition "Seeds for All"

**25**  
**Litter Picks**  
Throughout the week at all uniformed groups across Macclesfield.  
**Interactive Prayer Room**  
drop in between 9am to 8pm everyday to 1st October at Holy Trinity Church, SK10 2PX

**1 October**  
**Harvest** celebrated at all Masses at St Alban's Church, SK11 8JD. Bring some food items to donate to foodbanks for local people who would otherwise go hungry.  
**Interactive Prayer Room**

**2**  
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 at [refill](#).  
**Interactive Prayer Room**

**5**  
Make do and mend rather than buying new. Find something that could be repaired and bring it to the **Repair Café** on Saturday 9th September at Macclesfield Community Centre, Duke Street SK11 6UR.  
More info at [Repair Cafe](#)

**12**  
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.

**19**  
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.

**26**  
Collect good quality clothes and take them to the **One Project** Stall in the Indoor Market. They also take your hard to recycle items.  
Find out more at [oneprojectmacclesfield](#) or 07974 442003

**Interactive Prayer Room**

**3**  
**"How to clean up a river: the Bollin and Dean" Talk** by Mark Pinches. 7.30pm at St. Michael's, Market Place SK10 1DY

**6**  
Remember to say **Grace** before eating your meals today, and throughout the Season of Creation, thanking God for creating the food and for the people who have helped produce it.

**13**  
Pray for those who have been affected by natural disasters or the Coronavirus pandemic through illness, injury, death of loved ones, loss of their homes or livelihoods.

**20**  
**Film – The Letter**  
The Pope, the Environmental Crisis, and Frontline Leaders 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Cinemac, Roe Street SK11 6UT. Free, donations appreciated. Sign up [here](#).

**27**  
Take time to listen to the cry of the poor with your heart. Pray for those "Forgotten People" who share our common home, e.g. those who are living in poverty, homeless, refugees, migrants.

**Interactive Prayer Room**

**4**  
**Celebration and Feast of St Francis of Assisi** at 7.30pm  
Join the **Prayer Service** to close and thank God for the Season of Creation at East Cheshire Hospice, SK10 3DR

**7**  
Have a meatless or vegan meal, if possible shared with others. Meat and cheese both have a large carbon footprint.

Could you do this more often during the Season of Creation?

**14**  
**Sustainable Shopping**  
7.00 for 7.30pm start  
Come and find out how to shop sustainably.  
Scoop & Scales, Old Sunday School, Roe Street SK11 6UT. Find out more [Scoop and Scales](#)

**21**  
Think about how you travel each day during the Season of Creation.  
Could any of your journeys be walked, cycled or by bus to reduce the use of our cars? It's good for our health too!

**28**  
**Story Time** 4.30—5.00pm  
Come and hear tales of how we can look after our planet at Scoop and Scales, Old Sunday School, Roe Street SK11 6UT. Suitable for all young people.

**Interactive Prayer Room**

**Thereafter...**  
Continue to live as good stewards of God's creation taking care of yourself, people, animals and the environment that He has blessed us with—  
Our Common Home for All

**1 September**  
**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation—Prayer Service** at 7.00pm. To pray for one of the local endangered habitats. Meet at carpark at Riverside Park SK10 2SL

**8**  
**Foodie Friday Eat Out to Help Out** 6.00 for 6.30pm at 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.

**15**  
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?

**22**  
Whilst shopping select Fairtrade, plastic free & locally produced products with low food miles.  
Have you shopped at **Scoop and Scales** Refill Shop at the Heritage Centre? Find out more at [Scoop and Scales](#).

**29**  
Work out how much money you save by not eating meat one day a week and give that money to a charity. Many charities have suffered devastating reductions in their income since Covid-19. Could you make a regular donation?

**Interactive Prayer Room**

**Things you can keep doing...**

- Reduce food waste
- Buy local and without plastic
- Active Travel—walk or cycle
- Remember the 3 R's—Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
- Donate food to the Food Bank at local supermarkets
- Pray for world leaders to make decisions that protect the earth and the poor
- Buy less
- Make do and mend

**2**  
**Year 6 Design a poster Competition for Schools**  
Entries exhibited at the Hope Centre. Come and vote. Winners announced and prizes awarded on 30 September.

**9**  
**Explore Natural History: Natural Future** at 10.00am  
Working with nature over the years. Meet at bottom of 108 Steps, Waters Green for 2 miles walk to Danes Moss.  
**Repair Café** 10.00—2.00pm at Macclesfield Community Centre, Duke Street SK11 6UR

**16**  
**River Bollin Clean Up** 10.00am—3.00pm at Riverside Park SK10 2SL. Come for as long or as little and help clean up our local river. 14+ years. Register in advance at: [steve.oliver3@ntlworld.com](#)

**23**  
**Saving our Planet Workshop and Worship** 6.30—8.00pm  
For young people 8+ (with an adult) at The Hope Centre, Park Green SK11 7NA. Book via The Hope Centre 01625 404384.

**30**  
**Schools Design a Poster Competition**  
Winners announced and prizes awarded at the Hope Centre, Park Green SK11 7NA.

**Interactive Prayer Room**