

A Creation Care Creed

We believe and trust in God, all-powerful Creator and Sustainer

- who fashions the heavens and the earth and all that is in them
- who gazes on his handiwork in love, pronouncing it 'very good'
- who crafts men and women, calling us to partnership with him in caring for his world
- who provides in generous abundance all that is needed for the whole of creation to thrive
- who grieves at the way we neglect and spoil his masterpiece, and calls us to account
- who, like a loving parent, sees our weakness and yet persists in love
- who purposes to restore what is broken and retrieve what is lost

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ

- who shared with his father the wonder and promise of creation
- who was born like us, choosing to share our humanity with its joy and its pain
- who lived an earthly life, affirming and celebrating the goodness of the physical world
- who used the natural world to teach us more of God's nature
- who modelled for us a pattern for living with integrity even though it cost him everything
- who died and came back to life to show us that in sacrifice lie the seeds of freedom and hope
- who returned home to his father – his earthly work complete

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit

- who danced in the darkness at the dawn of time to bring light and life
- who breathes life and purpose into all living things
- who inspires and guides all people of God throughout the ages
- who opens our eyes to injustice and points us truthwards
- who calls us to join in the work of sustaining and renewing the earth
- who transforms our hearts and minds, empowering us to be faithful stewards
- who will lead us home at the end of our age

We commit ourselves to live day by day in the light of these beliefs, cherishing the earth and labouring for its healing and renewing,

in loving obedience to God,
following the example of Jesus Christ,
and seeking the help of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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