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**A Rocha** is an international Christian nature conservation organisation. The projects are cross-cultural, with a community emphasis and a focus on science, practical conservation and environmental education.

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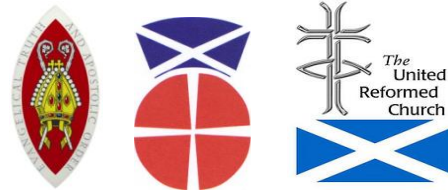
**Eco-congregation Scotland** is a free, ecumenical programme to help congregations understand environmental issues and make practical and spiritual responses.

Eco-Congregation Scotland,  
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**Ethical Consumer magazine**, looks at the social and environmental records of the companies behind the brand names.

One World Shop  
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[www.ethicalconsumer.org](http://www.ethicalconsumer.org)

**Christian Ecology Link** is an ecumenical UK organisation providing information, prayers, sermon notes, Christian insights into the green movement and events  
[www.christian-ecology.org.uk](http://www.christian-ecology.org.uk)



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# FAITH in ACTION

## October



## The Environment

**contact:**  
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Monthly leaflets downloadable from  
[www.scotland.anglican.org/index.php/church\\_in\\_society\\_committee/](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/index.php/church_in_society_committee/)

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You may wish to try the following:

- Pray for the good stewardship of the world and all its riches.
- Undertake an energy audit using the Eco-Congregation Carbon Footprint Calculator from [www.ecocongregationscotland.org.uk](http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org.uk)
- Draw something from the natural world: a leaf, a feather, a pine-cone, a range of mountains. Draw it from life, not a photograph: look at it very carefully and draw it as well as you can. Use it as a prayer of adoration, confession, and supplication, without words.
- Eat mindfully, aware of the work of earth, rain, sun, wind and human endeavour which has brought the food to your table.
- Walk, cycle or use public transport rather than use your car (where possible and practical) to give something back to Creation. For many of us, the car is a necessity but not only is it the biggest killer of teenagers in the UK, it has decimated German and Scandinavian forests through acid rain, it makes our cities unhealthy and noisy, and is one of the biggest contributors to climate change. Car travel is a costly luxury, and every time we choose to walk, cycle or take the bus instead, we have helped reduce our carbon footprint.
- Bank ethically. Do you know what your money is doing? Are your savings or pension funds paying for arms, oppression, or environmental destruction? Banks are keen to publicise their good investment returns, but they know that most people will not ask how the interest is earned. Various ethical investment policies are available: a good starting point is the Co-operative Bank, all of whose investments conform to ethical criteria. You could provide information and help at your church to make it easy for others to put their money where their faith is.
- Use your LOAF when you buy food : try to ensure it's Locally produced, Organically farmed, Animal friendly, Fairly traded. Your shopping bills may increase, and you may find it harder to eat any product at any time of year, but you will probably be eating better quality food, and *your money* will be doing more good than if you'd given it to charity.
- Enjoy the harvest- celebrate it.

## PRAYERS

### Litany for Creation

For our cars which kill trees and make children ill:

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our packaged meat hiding lives of suffering:

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our wheat which has eroded topsoil:

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our vegetables which have polluted rivers with agri-chemicals:

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our light and warmth which cause floods and droughts:

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our fast-food which turned rainforest into cattle ranches:

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our money gaining high interest by exploiting the earth:

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our children who have never seen the Milky Way:

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our cheap disposable products that squander the earth's riches:

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

For the food we eat without asking where it came from:

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

For the clothes we wear without asking who made them:

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

For the possessions we replaced but could have mended:

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

For the budget flights when we didn't count the cost:

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

For the statistics in which money is the only measure of wealth:

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

AMEN

**Give us eyes to see your new creation,**

breaking in upon us, frail and beautiful like tiny flowers in tarmac cracks - surprising us as we rush to our business.

We stop, and look, and water it - although time is money and water is metered helping it grow, until the earth is filled with knowledge of you, and the tarmac desert shall rejoice and blossom abundantly.

AMEN