



## Key Dates

Earth Day, Sunday 22 April 2018, 11.00am liturgy: Our children's future

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 6:30 to 8:30pm David Carter: 'A New Perspective on the Universe Story'

Saturday 19 May. Eco-Pilgrimage to 'Working with Emergence' workshop at Winchester University

Sunday 17 June 1.30 – 3.30. Eco-theology and conservation with Peter and Miranda Harris, Founders of A Rocha International

Sunday 16 September 1.30-3.30 Nicola Peel: Finding solutions to key ecological issues, including plastic waste

Sunday 14 October. Harvest Festival

# ECO CHURCH EVENT SERIES 2018

## St James's Church, Piccadilly



<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>



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# \*Cutting-edge theology \* Practical action \* Consultation and creative opportunities \*

## Earth Day Sunday 22 April 2018

Time for reflection during the 11.00am service

A follow-up to our reflection and community survey at the APCM, where we considered which issues are of most concern to our community. During the 11.00 am service we are invited to make eco pledges with our children's future in mind. **Children at SJP** will help us with this activity.

## Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 6:30 to 8:30pm in the library at Essex Church London W8 4RT A New Perspective on the Universe Story with David Carter

**David Carter** is an Associate Fellow of the Institute for Theological Partnerships at Winchester. His background includes university science and theology and he has been working intermittently on Universe Story time-lines since 1982. His *New Perspective* is working towards a coherent world-view – a 'human cosmos' – incorporating insights from the sciences, humanities and religions.

If you'd like to read about the Universe Story beforehand, try either of these introductory books: *The Universe Story in Science and Myth*, Morter & Brennan, GreenSpirit or *Journey of the Universe*, Swimme & Tucker, Yale.

## Saturday 19 May, All day

Eco Pilgrimage to "Working with Emergence" Winchester University

Speakers: **Rev Dr. Terry Biddington**, Anglican priest, Dean of Spiritual Life, and lecturer in Eco and Practical Theology at Winchester on **The Emergence of Interiority and the Development of Religion in an Evolving Universe**. **Chris Mowles**, Professor of Complexity and Management at the University of Hertfordshire is speaking on **Working with Emergence** and will lead a whole group process to demonstrate emergence in action.

Deborah Colvin and Petra Griffiths are amongst the facilitators for small group discussions to look at how the topics of the day relate to our everyday lives. David Carter has offered to meet anyone who is coming to the event at Waterloo. A group of five from St James's are already going! For the event leaflet and how to book (£25 payable in advance), see Petra on Sundays or go to: [www.livingspirit.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/working\\_with\\_emergence.pdf](http://www.livingspirit.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/working_with_emergence.pdf)

## Sunday 17 June 1.30-3.30

Eco-theology and conservation for today's world  
Peter and Miranda Harris, founders of A Rocha International

As leaders of A Rocha, **Peter and Miranda** are committed to engaging churches across the theological spectrum with issues of conservation and biodiversity. For the past 25 years A Rocha has been protecting and restoring threatened environments in more than 20 countries. Their engagement with local communities, bringing new life to urban and rural areas, has made a profound impact on many lives and places. Peter and Miranda will bring their experience to Piccadilly to help us think about these issues in our own situation.

## Sunday 16 September 1.30-3.30

Finding solutions to key ecological issues with Nicola Peel

**Nicola Peel** is an award winning environmentalist, filmmaker, speaker and 'solutionist'. 'Resilience is critical in finding solutions to the problems we face. Solutions are all around us. It's just knowing where to look.' Nicola has been working in the Ecuadorian Amazon for 18 years, finding solutions to oils spills with fungi, building rainwater systems for indigenous people suffering from contamination due to the oil industry, training farmers in agroforestry to prevent the slash and burn of tropical rainforests and cleaning the beaches of tons of plastic, turning rubbish into a resource. Nicola is also passionate about Biomimicry, a discipline built on the premise that nature is our greatest teacher.

## Sunday 14 October, Harvest

Musical and artistic ecological inputs from members of our community

An opportunity to make and do, as well as share information on practical issues in our lives, such as how to deal with our plastic waste. We will be responding to the information requests from our community as to how to go about reducing our carbon footprint in different areas of our lives. We will also invite members of a synagogue and a mosque to join us for this event. More details to follow.