

St James's Piccadilly Season of Creation 2023

'Speak with the Earth' Job 12:8



The Season of Creation is an initiative of the World Council of Churches and runs from 1st September to St Francis' Day on 4th October. It is a time for renewal and joining in prayer and action for our common home. This year at St James's our aims are to provide opportunities to encounter the more-than-human world, and fire imagination so that we can respond together to the ecological and climate crises.

Sunday 3 September: Dear Earth

'Dear Earth' is an exhibition at the Hayward Gallery exploring themes of care, hope, and emotional and spiritual connection with our environment

<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/art-exhibitions/dear-earth>

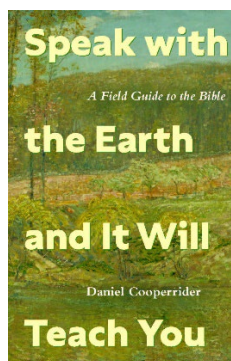
We will travel together from St James's after the morning eucharist, or you can meet us at the Hayward Gallery.

Please book a ticket in advance timed for entry 1.15 – 1.30.

Email ecochurch@sjp.org.uk to let us know you're coming, or just turn up.



Wednesdays 6, 13, 20 and 27 of September at 6.00pm: Speak with the Earth and It Will Teach You



During September we will read [Daniel Cooperrider's book](#) *Speak with the Earth and It will Teach You*. We're delighted that Daniel will join us on Zoom for the first session where the prologue 'God's Two Books' will form the basis of the discussion. [Click here](#) for the Zoom link and scanned copy of the prologue.

We strongly recommend reading the whole book! You can purchase your own copy for reading in advance or borrow a copy from the rectory, then join the three subsequent sessions with Rev Joan Ishibashi on 13, 20 and 27 September at 6.00pm on Zoom.

Saturday 16 September: Speak with your feet

A Walking Boots outing on the South Downs led by Nick Thasarathar with reflections from Daniel Cooperrider's book 'Speak with the Earth and it will Teach You'. Details in the Weekly Newsletter and on the website nearer the time.



Sunday 17 September at 1.00pm: Speak with the neighbours (1)



Engage with some of our plant neighbours in the Southwood Garden. There are many different species and communities to get to know, and our gardener Catherine Tidnam will be on hand to facilitate. Art and poetry will help build relationships and we will include a journey to our Ecozoic garden on Jermyn St.



Sunday 17 September 3.30pm: Speak with the neighbours (2)



A pilgrimage around the St James's area with Christian Climate Action incorporating learning and prayer vigils outside some of our neighbours, particularly those involved in global financing of the fossil fuel industry.

"But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called 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 (From the international Season of Creation theme for 2023)

Sunday 24 September at 9.45am: Speak in silence

Our regular eco-contemplative liturgy in the Southwood Garden. Details in the Weekly Newsletter and on the website nearer the time.

Sunday 8 October: A celebration

Harvest Festival, with an Ecozoic flavour. Details to follow.

Barley harvested from the 'Food for the Ecozoic' Garden

