



A Rocha UK Prayer diary
July – September 2025

July

WEEK 1 (JULY 7TH) CLIMATE RESILIENT SPACES

Pray for our upcoming "For the Love of Outdoors" event at Wolf Fields on Saturday 12 July. Pray that many will come and will be engaged and inspired as they learn how to create climate-resilient outdoor spaces for nature. This event is a part of a series, helping people to learn everyday 'climate resilience' skills to adapt and prepare for how our climate is changing. Pray for good weather on the day and for Regina and Andrew as they lead the activities.

WEEK 2 (JULY 14TH) PLASTIC FREE JULY

Each year, billions of tonnes of plastic end up in our oceans, harming wildlife and polluting natural habitats. This July, millions of people worldwide will be reducing their plastic waste by choosing to refuse single-use plastic at home, work, school, and in the community. Churches are encouraging congregation members to do so too! So let's pray for inspiration, thoughtful acts and much success in reducing the negative impacts of plastics on nature and the planet as part of Plastic Free July.

WEEK 3 (JULY 21ST) WILDLIFE AT FOXEARTH MEADOWS

Pray for a good event at our Foxearth Meadows Reserve (Dragonfly and Damselfly Identification Walks) on Saturday 26 July. Give thanks for the opportunity to share creation with visitors and a growing team of volunteers. Pray for a good butterfly year as numbers start to recover from disastrous weather last year. Pray that the UK Government has wisdom and courage to commit to policies encouraging and protecting wildlife, especially whilst developing land. for creation.

WEEK 4 (JULY 28TH) LOVE PARKS WEEK

Parks and green spaces promote wellbeing, community connection, and biodiversity. During Love Parks Week, we celebrate their role in mental health, relaxation, and social bonding – spaces that help people reconnect with creation and learn to love and care for our natural world. Please pray for those that care for and protect these vital natural environments for future generations, including our own Reserves and Partners in Action who play a vital role in caring for green spaces and making them available to their communities.



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WEEK 1 (AUGUST 4TH) WOLF FIELDS LOCAL COMMUNITY

The solutions to many of our greatest challenges are often found in bringing community together. On Friday 8 August, at our "For the Love of Community" event at Wolf Fields Nature Reserve we will be sharing food, celebrating creation and looking at how communities in Southall can work together to become more resilient to climate change and nature loss. Please pray for the success of this event and that many local people will come along to enjoy it.

WEEK 2 (AUGUST 11TH) NATIONAL MARINE WEEK

Pray for marine work across the A Rocha Worldwide Family. A Rocha Kenya are protecting sharks and rays, including the critically endangered Halavi guitarfish; A Rocha USA work in protecting and restoring the Indian River Lagoon (home to dolphins, manatees and seahorses); and A Rocha Portugal are studying and identifying sources of microplastics and hope to begin a major biodiversity study of the Alvor Estuary. Our very own UK Partners in Action coastal projects (in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales) includes sand dune management, kelp and seagrass monitoring.

WEEK 3 (AUGUST 18TH) FARMERS AND GARDENERS

This week, give thanks for the responsibility, and the God-given call, that we have to tend the land. Give thanks especially for farmers and gardeners in the UK and across the world who work tirelessly to produce food for us all. Pray that God would bless them and the work of their hands, and that they would have the resources they need to adapt to changing weather patterns that threaten crops, driving food insecurity and rising food prices globally..

WEEK 4 (AUGUST 25TH) PREPARING FOR AUTUMN

Many churches adopt a different, slower rhythm over the summer months. Then the last week of August can be a time of starting to prepare for a new season, a new term, and tidying up after a more relaxed summer. Let's pray that more churches embrace managing their land for nature and leave seedheads to form for birds, especially rose heads for rosehips. Check hedges before cutting in case of late nesting birds like thrushes and blackbirds and take note of departing swifts, protecting the places where they've nested for their hoped-for return next year.

WEEK 1 (SEPTEMBER 1ST)
SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation, or Creationtide is observed from 1 September to 4 October and is the annual, ecumenical Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation. This year we are uniting around the theme, "Peace with Creation". Pray for Christians everywhere to be moved to prayer and action during this season and it would be a time to renew our relationship with God our Creator and all Creation. More Season of Creation prayers can be found on our website.

WEEK 2 (SEPTEMBER 8TH)
HARVEST AND CREATION AT FOXEARTH
MEADOWS

Pray for a special time worshipping our Creator at Foxearth Meadows Nature Reserve at our Open Air Service on 14 September. Pray for speaker, Prof. James Pearce-Higgins (Director of Science, British Trust for Ornithology) as he speaks. Give thanks for God's provision. Pray for farmers in the UK struggling with climate change, finances and changes to inheritance tax rules.

WEEK 3 (SEPTEMBER 15TH)
HARVEST EVENT AT WOLF FIELDS

Thank God for the provision of fruit and produce from our orchard and allotment at Wolf Fields Nature Reserve, and for the time we have to bring people together to enjoy these. Pray that our "For the Love of Harvest" event on the 20 September will be a blessing and encouragement for all who attend as we learn about the vital connections between growing food and nurturing and working towards a more climate-resilient planet.

WEEK 4 (SEPTEMBER 22ND)
ZERO WASTE WEEK

In 2023, England generated 58.7 million tonnes of residual waste – that means rubbish that is not recycled or reused. This estimate corresponds to 1,017 kg per person. This waste ends up in landfill, is incinerated or sent outside the UK. Everything we purchase has to go somewhere. Businesses, organisations, schools, community groups, churches and households are all challenged to rethink waste during Zero Waste Week. Pray for a shift in our thinking about the resources God has entrusted to us and for practical action from all sections of society.