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How, Then, Should We Live?

Southwold Lent Lectures

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Rediscovering our Mission



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The Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion

1. Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom (TELL)
2. Teach, Baptise and Nurture New Disciples (TEACH)
3. Respond to human need with acts of loving service (TEND)
4. Seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation (TRANSFORM)
5. Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth (TREASURE)

W O R L D W I D E N

TO ALL THAT TRANSFORMS THE EARTH

In mission

we strive to safeguard

the integrity of creation

and sustain and renew

the life of the earth.



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First Mark of Mission:

Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

(but what is good news in the context of an environmental crisis?)



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The Reconciliation of All Things

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him **all things** were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; **all things** have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before **all things**, and in him **all things** hold together.

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in **all things** he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have **all** his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself **all things**, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.





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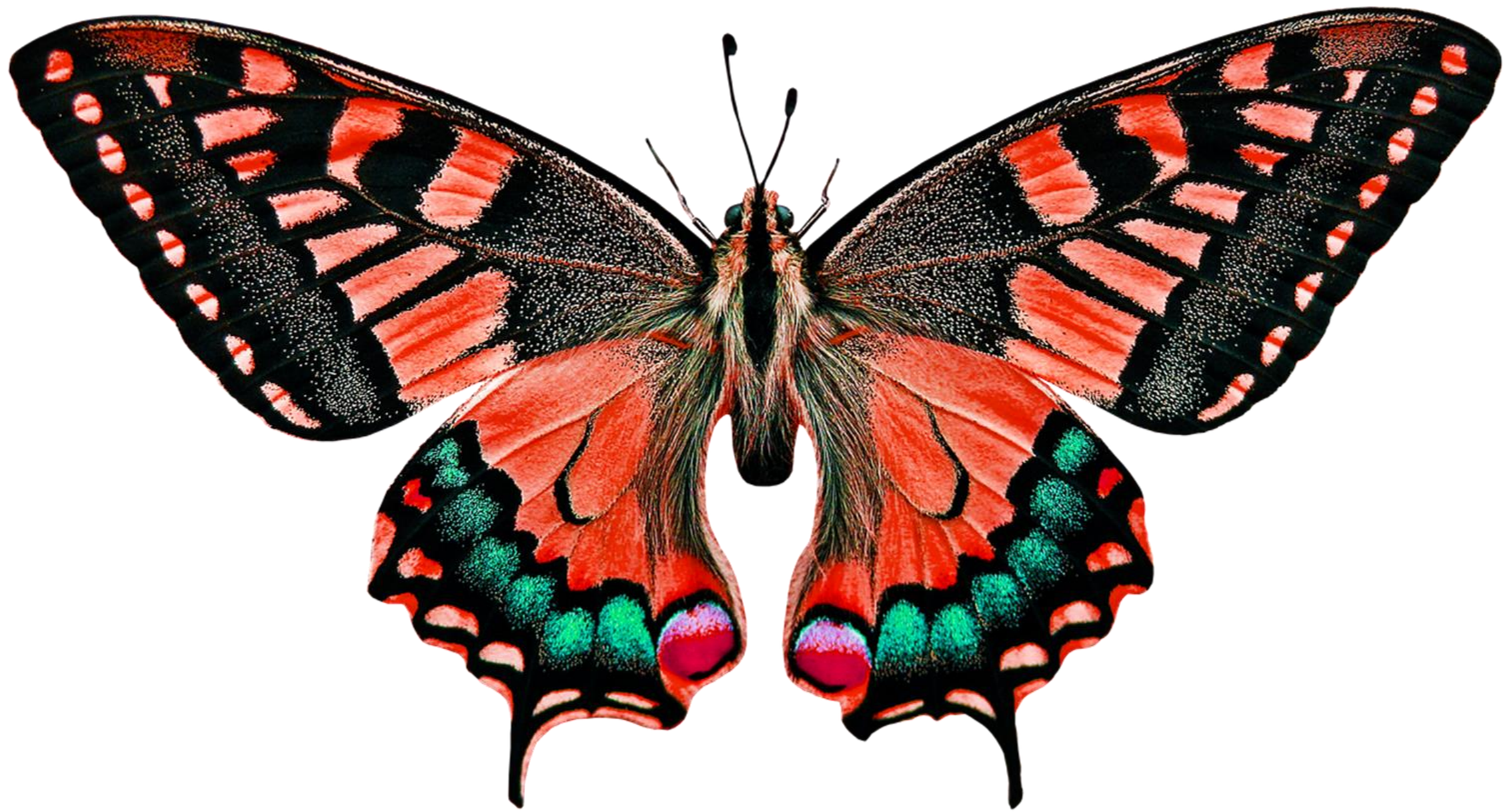










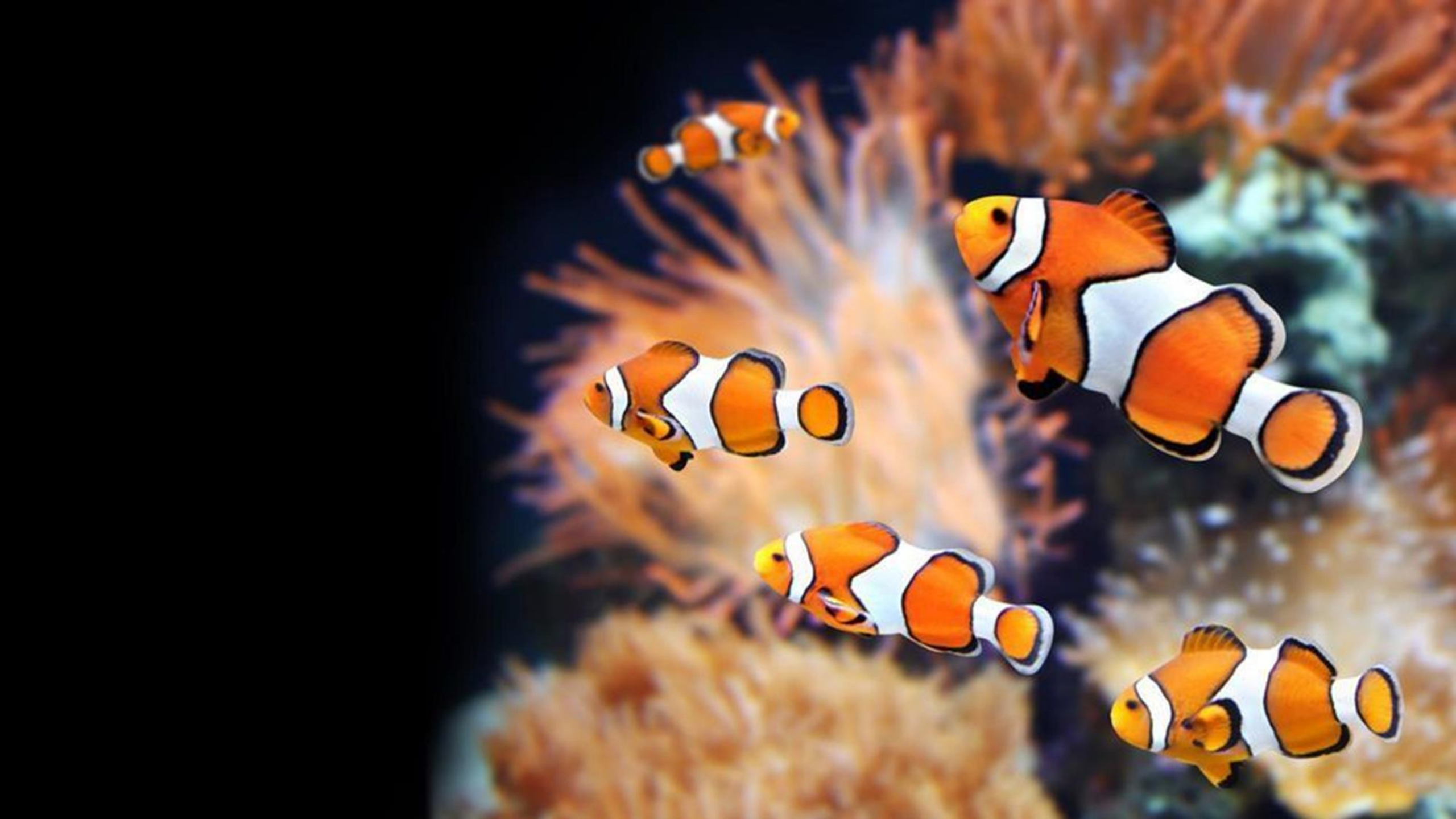
















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John 3:16

“For God so loved the world (kosmos) that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him might have eternal life”

Who or what does God love?

Who or what will be saved?



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Richard Bauckham:

“Salvation is bigger than we thought.
God’s love encompasses more than we thought.
The power of the cross is greater than we thought.
Jesus Christ himself is more significant than we
thought”



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Second Mark of Mission:

Teach, baptise and nurture new believers

What should we be teaching new believers about our role in caring for creation?

Dwight L. Moody



"I look upon this world as a wrecked vessel. God has given me a lifeboat and said, 'Moody, save all you can.'



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Third Mark of Mission:

Respond to human need with acts of loving
service

(Should the word 'human' be in there?)









Buzzy Bishop Mike

“As part of my commitment to the Lent Challenge, I am taking up a course in bee keeping and have bought a beehive for my garden. Bees are crucial to our eco-system as they pollinate a third of the food we eat and 80% of flowering plants. Honeybees are disappearing across the world at an alarming rate due to pesticides, disease and habitat loss so it is imperative that we all do what we can to help protect them.”



**MEET YOUR
NEW BEST
POLLINATOR..**

THE RED MASON BEE

(Osmia bicornis)

Red mason bees are gentle, non-aggressive solitary bees that make their nests in hollow spaces rather than in hives.



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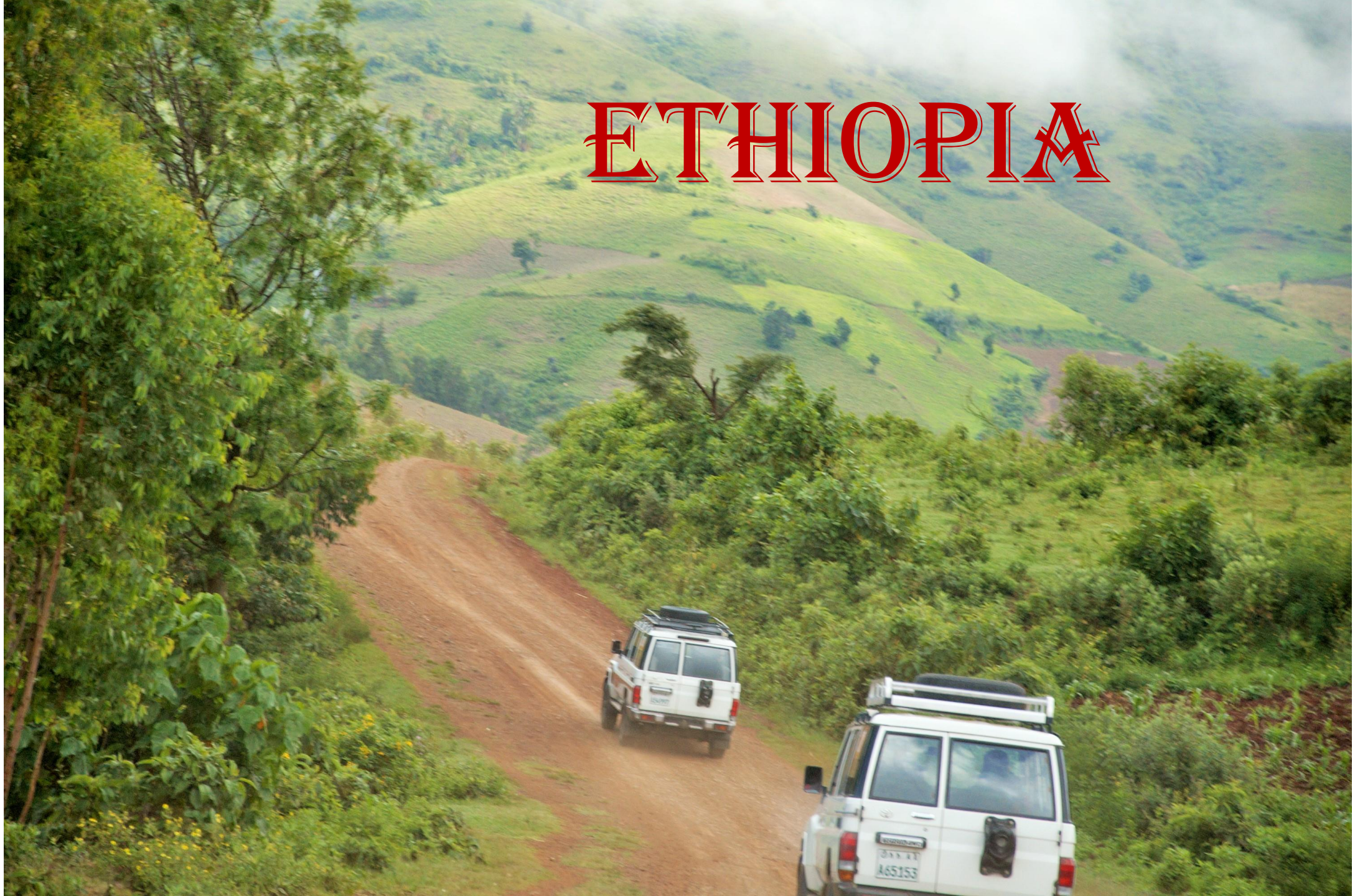
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Fourth Mark of Mission:

Transform unjust structures of society

(Where is the injustice we should be standing against?)

ETHIOPIA

























**YOUR
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things that will save

THE PLANET

Results from a poll of 25 experts



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‘The world’s faith groups have been silent for too long on the environment. It is high time that they fulfilled their rightful collective role in reminding us that we have a duty to restore and maintain the ecological balance of the planet.’



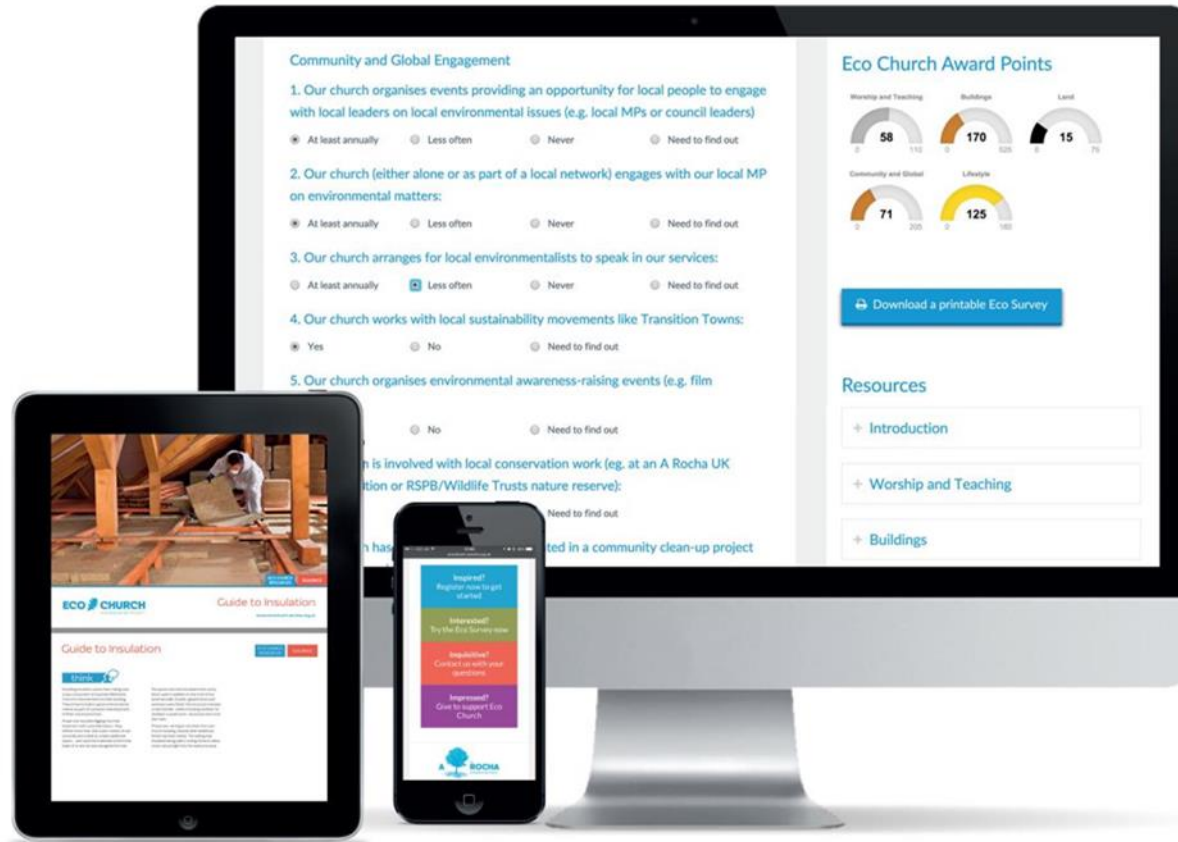
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“If we preach the Good News without addressing the most pressing issue of our time, we have not preached the Good News.”

ECO CHURCH

AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT



The image shows three devices displaying the Eco Church website. The desktop monitor displays a survey titled 'Community and Global Engagement' with five questions and a sidebar with 'Eco Church Award Points' and 'Resources'. The tablet displays a 'Guide to Insulation' page. The smartphone displays a 'Register Now' screen.

Community and Global Engagement

1. Our church organises events providing an opportunity for local people to engage with local leaders on local environmental issues (e.g. local MPs or council leaders)
 At least annually Less often Never Need to find out
2. Our church (either alone or as part of a local network) engages with our local MP on environmental matters:
 At least annually Less often Never Need to find out
3. Our church arranges for local environmentalists to speak in our services:
 At least annually Less often Never Need to find out
4. Our church works with local sustainability movements like Transition Towns:
 Yes No Need to find out
5. Our church organises environmental awareness-raising events (e.g. film
 No Need to find out

Eco Church Award Points

Category	Score	Target
Worship and Teaching	58	112
Buildings	170	320
Land	15	75
Community and Global	71	200
Lifestyle	125	180

[Download a printable Eco Survey](#)

Resources

- + Introduction
- + Worship and Teaching
- + Buildings

Guide to Insulation

is involved with local conservation work (eg. at an A Rocha UK or RSPB/Wildlife Trusts nature reserve):
 No Need to find out

has participated in a community clean-up project

Register Now

Interested? Register now to get started.
Interested? Try the Eco Survey now.
Interested? Contact us with your questions.
Interested? Come to support Eco Church.



Worship and Teaching

Buildings



Church Land





Community and
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Lifestyle





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