St. Andrew's Eco News – October 2026

October 4th marks the end of the 'Season of Creation'. This year the theme of 'Living Water' has encouraged Christian's to reflect on Ezekiel's vision of a river flowing from God's temple into the rest of creation, bringing healing and restoration.

Ezekiel proclaims that "*where the river flows everything will live*" (Ezekiel 47:9).

Just as physical water brings healing and restoration to parched throats and land, the idea of living water is an image of how God brings relief to broken situations and lives. Of course, he knows where it is needed, but he delights when we recognise what and where his healing is needed and when we cry out to him.

This month we are holding a *Week of Prayer* in our Church. This will include an evening session (Tuesday 17th October 7.30pm in Stable Rooms) where we will be praying specifically for the natural world and asking God to flow into the parts of his creation that desperately need his healing water. Please do join us if you're able, but we'd also like to encourage you to personally be praying for parts of God's creation that you can see or know about that you long for God to restore.

Living in Cambridgeshire and surrounded by so many dry, cracked fields this summer I've been struck by how our agricultural intensification has made our landscape vulnerable to extreme heat and drought conditions. I will be particularly praying for the land that we rely on to produce food, and the farmers struggling to make ends meet in the current climate, using the words of Psalm 104:14. This psalm speaks of many aspects of creation which you might also find helpful to guide your prayers, but Psalms 8, 19 and 148 also contain reflections on creation if you'd like some further scriptural inspiration.