

Attending the Living Creation Groups

If you would like to attend the Groups—all or some of them—it is important for us to know in advance so that we can make necessary arrangements. Also, please let us know of any special requirements you may have.

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The three Groups will be led by Patti & Bob Owens, Readers (Licensed Lay Ministers) who live in Tavistock and minister in the Church of England Benefice of St Eustachius, Gulworthy, and Brent Tor.

Patti is a retired psychotherapist, teacher, and lecturer. She has facilitated Christian retreats, quiet days, and exploratory faith groups, and has been involved in Healing Ministry in two London churches.

Bob is a retired Professor of English Literature. Among his publications are editions of John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress* and the King James Bible version of *The Gospels*, both for Oxford World's Classics.

Living Creation

Three Discussion and Study Groups 2024



Tavistock Parish Church Centre
2.15pm on 8 October;
15 October & 22 October

The Programme

Group 1, Tuesday 8 October 2024

❖ In the beginning . . .

We explore together the biblical accounts of Creation and 'Fall', followed by Flood, Ark, and Rainbow. What do these ancient stories have to say to us as Christians now?

Group 2, Tuesday 15 October 2024

❖ Our place in God's Creation

We discuss the depiction of creation in a varied selection of passages from Scripture. How do these texts help us to understand our place in creation and our role in caring for it?

Group 3, Tuesday 22 October 2024

❖ New Heavens, New Earth

In this final session we turn our gaze towards the future and our shared Christian hope for the renewal of all creation. How does this hope shape our response to the ecological crisis facing the world?

Groups will begin at 2.15pm in the Parish Centre and will be followed by tea/coffee.

ALL WELCOME

About the Groups

The three 'Living Creation' Groups are free of charge and open to everyone. They will be quite informal, and will include Bible reading, discussion, reflection, and worship. They are all intended to be sociable as well as spiritual occasions. We will meet in the Tavistock Parish Church Centre, situated next to the Bedford Hotel on Plymouth Road, Tavistock. There is no parking at the Centre, but the Bedford Car Park (Canal Road, PL19 8AU) is only two minutes' walk away.

The purpose of the Groups is to deepen and strengthen our understanding of God's creation and how we as Christians should respond to the ecological crisis in which the world finds itself. Together, we will explore what 'Living Creation' means to us in our lives, actions, and witness as followers of Jesus.

What you can expect from each Group:

- ❖ An opportunity to share different perspectives on the theme of 'Living Creation'.
- ❖ Facilitation by experienced group leaders.
- ❖ A time to worship our Creator God in prayer, reflection and songs of praise.
- ❖ A chance to be with fellow-Christians for spiritual development and support.

Groups will begin promptly at 2.15pm each Tuesday. Each one will last for about an hour and a half, with refreshments to follow. All readings and other study materials will be supplied.