

Living Water Actions for UK churches



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026



IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

This Operation Noah resource gives some ways your church could take action to protect and restore waterways during this season.

You could start by finding out more about your local river, marsh or coastline and what other organisations are doing to protect it, and how you could get involved. What is the source of your local river and where does it reach the sea?

Check out the Rivers Trust and Rights of Rivers organisations.

Operation Noah is a Christian charity working with the Church to inspire action on the climate crisis. We know that the climate crisis is increasing impacts of flooding, drought and ocean warming and acidification. Find out more about our climate action at operationnoah.org.



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Pilgrimage

Lead a pilgrimage to your local river/ waterway during Season of Creation

Use some of the prayers and readings from the Season of Creation resources

Include some act of commitment that people can make

Include an opportunity for further action, locally and/or nationally



Join in citizen
science

Observe wildlife and pollution at your local river/waterway as part of Big River Watch in September or April. You'll need someone to download the app at [The Big River Watch | The Rivers Trust](#)

Complete citizen science water testing of your local river/waterway as part of [Great UK WaterBlitz - Earthwatch Europe](#) , 18-21 September. You'll need to contact them in advance to register and get your testing kit.



Reduce water
impacts

High temperatures and increased demand on freshwater mean we all need to contribute to water-saving measures.

Consider installing a water-butt to harvest rainwater from the roofs of buildings to use for watering plants etc.

Use water saving settings on washing machines and dishwashers.

Approach high water users in your area and ask what steps they are taking to reduce their impact.

**Ask for
Clean Water Now**



The UK Government will be preparing a Water Bill to pass in 2026/2027. Clean Water Now is a shared campaign to ensure the bill will:

- Stop the polluters – crack down on sewage and intensive agricultural and chemical pollution.
- Fix the broken system – stop water companies putting profit before people and nature, with proper oversight and community involvement.
- Restore nature – bring rivers, lakes and seas back to life with cleaner water, healthier habitats and safe access.

Clean Water Now - ask your MP to take action



Support Rights of Rivers

Consider signing up to the Rights of Rivers Declaration, either as individuals or endorse it as an organisation.

The declaration states that all rivers are:

- Living entities.
- Entitled to fundamental rights.
- Entitled to legal guardians.

And that:

- These rights shall extend to the health of watersheds and river basins.
- Indigenous communities will be represented in river guardianship.
- All states will implement these rights and provide the resources necessary to ensure they are realized.



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