



This issue of the KPC Eco News is devoted to the forthcoming Lent Course – a study course on the theme of Creation Care

This Lent, do join us for a fascinating series of Christianity based environmental talks given by specialist Christian speakers. KPC is delighted to host this exciting opportunity to hear from leading experts in their fields as part of our Lenten reflection. The five talks will be held at KPC each Tuesday evening at 7.45pm from 24th Feb until 24th March. They are open to everyone and no prior knowledge is needed! Many thanks to the Scientists in Congregations scheme at the University of Durham who have kindly funded the talks.



Topics and speakers will include:

- *God Cares about Biodiversity loss* and will be given by Prof. Darren Evans, Professor of Ecology and Conservation at the University of Newcastle,
- *God loves the Oceans* – Cara Parrett, Marine Biologist from the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, Cambridge,
- *God loves Planet earth* – Rev. Dr Dave Bookless who is Head of Theology for A Rocha International,
- *Climate Change is Complicated – how should Christians respond?* - Prof. Mike Hulme, Professor of Human Geography at the University of Cambridge.
- *Climate Change and Social Justice* - Professor Robert Beckford of The Queens Foundation, Birmingham.

Prof Darren Evans



Darren is Professor of Ecology and Conservation at Newcastle University, UK, where he is Head of the Ecology Group and leader of the Network Ecology Group. Previously he worked at the Universities of Hull and Bristol. He is currently working on research projects in South America, Indonesia, Tanzania and across the EU. He holds two UK Government appointments and sits of DEFRA's Biodiversity Expert Committee and Forest Research's Expert Committee on Forest Science.

Cara Parrett



Cara studied marine biology and oceanography at the University of Cape Town. After contributing to research and conservation projects across several different countries, she came to the UK in 2018 to work at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge, where she works as a science communicator with young people. Cara has also held roles at Cambridge in the Zoology and Engineering departments.

Rev Dr Dave Bookless



Dave is the director of theology for A Rocha International, which mobilises the church to care for creation practically across six continents. Dave teaches and writes globally on creation care. Dave has a PhD in the Bible and wildlife conservation from Cambridge University. Born and raised in India, Dave is married to Anne and they live in multicultural Southall, London, where they jointly pastor an Anglican church.

Prof Mike Hulme



Prof. Mike Hulme is Professor of Human Geography at the University of Cambridge. He is interested in the way in which climate change is discussed in politics and the media. Whilst accepting the reality of climate change his most recent book 'Climate Change Isn't Everything' (Polity, 2023) challenges the way in which government policy is so narrowly framed around global temperature and net-zero targets.

Prof Robert Beckford



Robert is a scholar-activist interested in the relationship between faith and racial justice. He is currently Professorial Research Fellow at the Queens Foundation Birmingham and was formerly Professor of Climate and Social Justice at the University of Winchester. He is an author and a BAFTA award winning documentary filmmaker. His films include political critiques of the British Empire, biblical history and popular culture. His current research is called 'The Jamaican Bible Remix Project'.

