

# TREES FOR Sacred SPACES

By planting trees, your church is helping to green the capital, improve air quality and demonstrate your commitment to the Fifth Mark of Mission. However, the planting is also a good opportunity to bring people together from across your community, to celebrate the wider role of your church and focus minds on supporting the environment. You could invite people to help with the planting, organise a sermon, or tie your planting in with an existing community meeting or anniversary.

Your local **Charter Branch** or **Tree Warden** network may be able to help you organise the event or provide a tree expert who could give a talk or workshop on the importance of the trees, or how to manage them in the future. Schools, especially **forest schools** and **eco-schools**, will be interested in learning more about the trees you are planting. If there are other trees on the site, activities that help children understand more about the trees could even form part of their curriculum. Other groups might be interested too, including other faiths, park Friends groups, Rotary groups, and local networks of The Conservation Volunteers.

You can also help spread word of your planting by inviting the **local paper** to the event, or sending them photos with a press release afterwards. Photographs from the planting can also be added to a local newsletter and **social media** accounts.

If you are holding an event, The Conservation Foundation is keen to hear what you are doing on 020 7591 3111 or [info@conservationfoundation.co.uk](mailto:info@conservationfoundation.co.uk)

To help you plan your event, please see the resources listed overleaf.



Primary school pupils help to plant a yew tree at St. Mary the Virgin Church

### **Find local community groups and schools**

Tree Charter: Charter Branches near you

[www.treecharter.uk/charter-branches](http://www.treecharter.uk/charter-branches)

Tree Council: Finding a community group near you

[www.treecouncil.org.uk/Take-Part/Near-You](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/Take-Part/Near-You)

Forest Schools Association

[www.forestschoolassociation.org/fsa-members-map-and-database-public-profile](http://www.forestschoolassociation.org/fsa-members-map-and-database-public-profile)

The Conservation Volunteers

[www.tcv.org.uk/london](http://www.tcv.org.uk/london)

### **Help planning an event**

Caring for God's Acre: Involving people

[www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/index.php/resources-and-publications/action-pack-for-download/involving-people.html](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/index.php/resources-and-publications/action-pack-for-download/involving-people.html)

We Love Yew guide (*pages 5-8*)

[www.weloveyew.org/weloveyew\\_guide.pdf](http://www.weloveyew.org/weloveyew_guide.pdf)

We Love Yew songs & sermons

[www.weloveyew.org/weloveyew\\_songs\\_and\\_sermons.pdf](http://www.weloveyew.org/weloveyew_songs_and_sermons.pdf)

LiberTeas: Help to run an event (*Magna Carta themed but relevant for general activities*)

[www.liberteas.co.uk/supporters/help](http://www.liberteas.co.uk/supporters/help)

### **Educational activities for your event**

Nature Detectives

[www.naturedetectives.org.uk](http://www.naturedetectives.org.uk)

Wildtime Learning

[www.wildtimelearning.com](http://www.wildtimelearning.com)

Woodland Trust: Curriculum linked resources

[www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/schools/curriculum-linked-resources](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/schools/curriculum-linked-resources)

Royal Forestry Society: Teaching trees

[www.rfs.org.uk/learning/teaching-trees](http://www.rfs.org.uk/learning/teaching-trees)

### **Related events**

Tree Charter launch / 800th Anniversary of Charter of the Forest (6 November 2017)

[www.treecharter.uk/about-us/](http://www.treecharter.uk/about-us/)

InterFaith Week (12 - 19 November 2017)

[www.interfaithweek.org](http://www.interfaithweek.org)

National Tree Week (25 November - 3 December 2017)

[www.treecouncil.org.uk/Take-Part/National-Tree-Week](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/Take-Part/National-Tree-Week)

London Tree Week (TBC - May/June 2018)

[www.london.gov.uk/londontreeweek](http://www.london.gov.uk/londontreeweek)

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