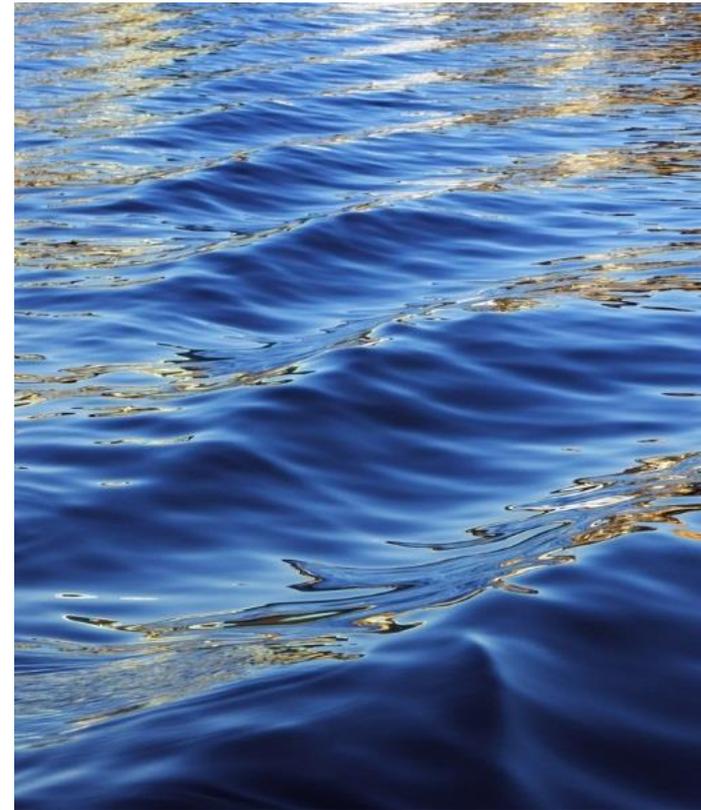


# Days of Prayer May 2021 Live/Pray/Serve

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills  
it, the compass of the world and all  
who dwell therein.  
Psalm 24:1



*Psalm 24 Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.*

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,  
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For he has founded it upon the seas  
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. [R]

3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,  
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;

5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,  
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

6 Such is the company of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. [R]

*Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.*

*O Lord of hosts, purify our hearts that the King of glory may come in,  
your Son, Jesus our redeemer. Amen.*



## LIVE

*Lord our God, You make all things new.  
Inspire our lives with your spirit.  
Renew our prayer with your grace.  
Transform our service with your love.  
In the renewal of our life may your kingdom  
flourish and your church thrive,  
so that all may come to know and love you  
in your Son Jesus Christ.*



## PRAY



## SERVE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Lp2mMpSa1E>

We seek your Kingdom...

### **Chorus**

Transform, revive and heal society...

A Rocha UK was founded twenty years ago as a local Christian conservation project in a deprived and multi-ethnic area of Southall, west London. Bishop Christopher had A Rocha UK as his Lent Appeal for two years running, which indicates how important he thought it was. So, what does A Rocha believe God requires of its work in the critical decade ahead?

Firstly, **to equip Christians to protect and restore the environment – for God, nature and all people.** Secondly **to invite all Christians and churches to join them in helping bring about a bold vision of change:**

- **Land for nature:** We want to see land owned by denominations and networks, Christian organisations and Christian individuals being managed for nature.
- **Christians for nature:** We want to see local churches and Christians engaged in deliberate and on-going action to protect nature and address climate change practically and by using their voice to speak up for change.
- **Nature for All:** We want to see the general public actively benefiting from access to nature on land owned or managed by UK churches, Christian organisations and individuals.

To achieve this vision A Rocha will need people to offer their time, prayer and support...

How is this already happening in BCD Benefice?

What more could we do?

Land for Nature/LIVE – Christians for Nature/PRAY – Nature for All/SERVE

Durley – Trevor has, over 5 years, completely transformed the Churchyard from wild chaos into ordered beauty. War graves can be visited; they look cared so visitors can easily find who they came looking for...and then go inside the beautiful church.

How can we encourage more people to spend time there?

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What signs could we add for the journey?

Botley – Kept neat and tidy by 'angels' and community workers. Yew tree used to fly God's word out into the village. Flower boxes kept trimmed and flourishing.

What messages could we add on the walkway through the graveyard?

Transforming Ministry front page for a creative idea....

Richard Rohr 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 - A Time of Unveiling

*Loving God, you fill all things with a fullness and hope that we can never comprehend. Thank you for leading us into a time where more of reality is being unveiled for us all to see. We pray that you will take away our natural temptation for cynicism, denial, fear and despair. Help us have the courage to awaken to greater truth, greater humility, and greater care for one another. May we place our hope in what matters and what lasts, trusting in your eternal presence and love. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our suffering world.*

*A time of silence for your own hearts' longings. . .*

*Knowing, good God, you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. Amen.*

# John Rutter's 'For the beauty of the Earth'

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVQFEgT7E6c>

Teach us, dear Lord, to number our days;  
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.  
Oh, satisfy us early with Thy mercy,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us;  
and establish Thou the work of our hands.  
And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us;  
and establish Thou the work of our hands, dear Lord.

Go in Peace, to love, to pray and to serve the Lord.  
Amen.