

wastewater could provide alternative energy to half a billion people, supply over 10 times the water provided by current global desalination capacity and offset over 10 per cent of global fertilizer use. These findings appear in an analysis published today by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and GRID-Arendal with the Global Wastewater Initiative (GWWI). The report, *Wastewater. Turning problem to solution*, urges governments and businesses to treat wastewater as a circular economy

opportunity, rather than a problem to be disposed of. There are multiple benefits for effectively collecting, treating, and reusing wastewater – including new jobs and revenue streams. Additional advantages would result from reducing the volume of wastewater produced. <https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/down-drain-lies-promising-climate-and-nature-solution-un-report>

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Prayer guide for the care of creation



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“Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.” (*Isaiah 43: 19*)

“We gather in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all creatures! Amen.

Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all.”

(*Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century, taken from the SOC ecumenical prayer service in the Celebration Guide*)

 **Green Christian**
Ordinary Christians, extraordinary times

Friday 1st September

Today is the start of the annual Season of Creation (SOC) – running until 4th October. This year's theme is "Let justice and peace flow" and the symbol for this year, in keeping with the theme, is a mighty river. Prophet Amos cries out "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. The Sunday prayers for this month are all taken from the 2023 Celebration Guide, downloadable from this page: <https://greenchristian.org.uk/prayer-for-cop28/>

Saturday 2nd September

As we [marked] 100 days until the COP28 U.N. climate summit [in late August], the urgency of addressing the climate crisis has never been more palpable, write Debbie Hillier and Barbara Rosen Jacobsen. Global failures to mitigate emissions and adapt to the impacts continue to wreak havoc on the planet, and we're seeing this in a range of

ways... Concerns grow that the summit, hosted by a fossil fuel nation, may fall short for the communities worst-hit by climate devastation... The COP Presidency has a key role in guiding the summit, setting expectations and driving progress. As such, the appointment of Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, the Managing Director of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), as President of COP28 has been highly controversial. Many states have officially offered their support (highlighting his other role as chair of Masdar, a major renewable energy company), but there are obvious concerns about potential conflicts of interest... In July, the Presidency sent a letter to U.N. member states outlining his vision. While it was stronger than many analysts had expected, it still left many questions unanswered – including, 'is this enough?'

<https://www.context.news/net-zero/opinion/100-days-to-cop28-can-it-deliver-climate-action>

Sunday 3rd September

Opening Prayer:
Blessed are you, Creator of all
to you be praise and glory forever

rain down over the world from potentially as high up as the jet stream, that they are present in the deepest ocean trenches, and some of the most remote mountain tops. Researchers looking for better ways to filter microscopic particles of plastic from water sources investigated the properties of wood and other plant material and found they work extremely well, with very little cost and potentially unlimited scaling potential. The water filter design, which the inventors called "bioCap" is made of sawdust, composed of cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignan but which itself isn't a very good filter; removing just 10% of micro and nanoparticles of plastic. However, with the addition of polyphenols like tannic acid, a defense chemical found in almost all plants that lack underground root systems, that effectiveness became almost perfect.

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/plant-based-filter-removes-up-to-99-9-of-microplastics-from-water/>

Friday 29th September

Representatives of 185 countries officially agreed [in late August] to launch a new fund to ramp up

investment to nations in meeting goals outlined in the Global Biodiversity Framework, writes Latoya Abulu. So far, Canada and the U.K. announced initial contributions to start the fund's capitalization, contributing \$146.8 million (CA\$200 million) and \$12.58 million (£10 million), respectively. Targets include about 20% of funds to support Indigenous and local action to protect and conserve biodiversity and at least 36% of the fund's resources to support the most vulnerable people, small island developing states, and least developed countries. Some human rights and environmental activists are calling for more contributions needed to operationalize the fund and firm commitment to allocate funds to Indigenous groups.

<https://news.mongabay.com/2023/08/new-global-biodiversity-fund-to-restore-nature-worldwide-by-2030-officially-launches/>

Saturday 30th September

Wastewater is a growing health and environmental threat, accounting for almost as much planet warming emissions as the aviation industry. Yet with the right policies,

Tuesday 26th September

The Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit (ECIU) has cautioned that the UK is at risk of losing more than £65m in annual boiler exports by 2030, if the industry fails to adopt cleaner heating solutions, writes Sidhi Mittal. This is based on ECIU's new analysis highlighting that three-quarters of UK's central heating boiler exports are directed towards countries that have established target dates to phase out fossil fuel boilers by 2030. If the industry does not accelerate its shift towards cleaner heating alternatives, ECIU claims that the potential financial impact could amount to a cumulative loss of £1.3bn in exports between 2030 and 2050. The ECIU's energy analyst Jess Ralston said: "*The switch to clean heat is continuing at pace outside of the UK as the US and Europe learn their lesson from the gas crisis. It's starting to look like we haven't.*"

<https://www.edie.net/report-slow-heat-pump-roll-out-to-cost-uk-65m-in-export-opportunities-annually/>

Wednesday 27th September

Join us tonight, from 7.30, to hear from Dr Lorna Gold as she talks

about environmental, climate and economic justice and shares her experiences in taking part in *The Letter*. Lorna is the CEO of FaithInvest, a network of values-driven, faith-consistent investors. She has more than two decades' experience of engaging faiths on environmental, climate and economic justice. She worked at a senior level in Trocaire, the official overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. She is a leading voice on faith-consistent investing in the Catholic Church and supported the Irish Bishops' Conference to divest from fossil fuels in 2018. She is Chair of the Laudato Si' Movement (formerly the Global Catholic Climate Movement). Lorna plays a key role in *The Letter*, as she accompanied the guests of Pope Francis in their physical and emotional journeys. <https://greenchristian.org.uk/gc-campaigns/green-christian-workshops/>

Thursday 28th September

The health effects of ingesting microplastics are, predictably, not good, though the science is in its early stages, writes Andy Corbley. We already know that microplastics

as your dawn renews the face of the Earth
bringing light and life to all creation
bring hope to your people.
May we rejoice in this day you have made
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to work for justice for all of creation,
that the world may rejoice together and give you praise.

(Adapted from Lancelot Andrewes, 1626)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/145WzDi32U8YdlyY9Peo1bn-aLqyi4cl6/view>

Monday 4th September

450 young leaders from the world's most climate-affected regions [gathered] 28 August to 2 September at a Climate Justice Camp in Lebanon. Participants from almost 100 countries across the Global South ... co-create[d] strategies and demands calling on decision makers at COP28 and beyond to implement an equitable climate action framework. Following the stark warning from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on the urgent need

for action on what he termed 'global boiling' ahead of COP in the UAE, the Climate Justice Camp [gave] young people living the day-to-day realities of the climate crisis a space to exchange knowledge, develop demands, and lead conversations with decision makers in both local and global contexts.

<https://www.greenpeace.org/international/press-release/61472/youth-100-climate-impacted-countries-lebanon-cop28/>

Tuesday 5th September

A group of former heads of state and diplomats, including Former President of Ireland Mary Robinson and Former UNFCCC secretary Christiana Figueres has penned an open letter to environment ministers calling on them to prioritise efforts to increase biodiversity finance, writes Matt Mace. ... The Open Letter calls on environment ministers to confront the ongoing loss of nature by funneling at least \$20bn annually into biodiversity solutions by 2025. The letter warns that existing targets to halt and reverse nature loss "*will only work when complemented by sufficient financing*" ... "*We urge you to prioritise efforts to increase*

biodiversity financing and to ensure that an increased percentage of biodiversity financing goes to Indigenous Peoples and local communities, who help conserve 80% of the world's biodiversity but receive less than one percent of the funding. This is not the time to withdraw from global environmental leadership, this is the time to keep the promise – honor financial commitments, be bold with policy choices, and stand in partnership with the developing world to protect and restore nature at home and abroad.”

<https://www.edie.net/keep-the-promise-former-heads-of-state-call-for-20bn-in-annual-nature-funding-by-2025/>

Wednesday 6th September

Tonight at 7pm is a Green Christian workshop, *Conservation volunteering for Justice and Peace* with Andy Jowitt. Andy has always enjoyed being out with binoculars and close to nature but has been on a steep learning curve over the last five years since taking up the voluntary role of Community Engagement Officer for Foxearth Meadows nature reserve. After teaching posts in this

country and in Uganda, he then spent most of his working life in parish ministry. A sabbatical volunteering for A Rocha UK (and visiting A Rocha Kenya) inspired Andy and his wife Jane to offer more volunteer time to A Rocha UK, who asked them to consider moving Sudbury way. *“It was a step of faith for us as it meant us both finding part-time work to support ourselves until pensions could be drawn, but God provided”*. Free, but register for the zoom link:

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/gc-campaigns/green-christian-workshops/>

Thursday 7th September

As part of a wider reintroduction effort of beavers throughout the UK, beavers are being reintroduced to the Neve Wetlands in Northamptonshire, the first time beavers will be seen in the area in 400 years, writes Fisher Brown... The Eurasian Beaver is [a] keystone species and is incredibly important for maintaining areas like the Neve Wetlands, providing habitats for other species of animals, and through their dams, preventing soil eroded from farms from going to the

Nourish us with the water of life that restores, turning deserts of despair into oases of hope.

May the waves of Your embrace Transform us back into guardians of Your creation.

May the currents of Your justice Carry us to Your lagoon of peace Where all creation may enjoy Life in abundance

We pray in the name of the one who came so that the whole cosmos may have everlasting life, Jesus the Christ, Amen.

(Rev. James Shri Bhagwan, General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/145WzDi32U8YdlyY9Peo1bn-aLqyi4cl6/view>

Monday 25th September

In March 2019, Cyclone Idai hit south-eastern Africa with winds of up to 120 mph. This disaster resulted in more than 1,500 deaths, 2,000 injuries. It affected millions across Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, write Asaf Tzachor and Catherine Richards. By contrast, Hurricane Ida swept across the eastern United States in August

2021. Despite being only slightly more intense, it resulted in the deaths of fewer than 100 Americans. So, why was there such a big difference in the loss of life between two similarly strong disasters? Part of the answer lies in the varying levels of readiness and ability to respond. Effective preparation for, and response to, extreme weather and climate events relies on something called a “hydromet system”. The system has multiple layers, consisting of different services that provide weather monitoring, forecasting and early warnings. Each layer cannot function without the previous one. Wealthier countries take hydromet systems for granted. But many of the necessary layers are absent, outdated or not functioning properly across Africa – leaving African populations vulnerable to extreme weather... Europe and the US have 636 weather radar stations... Africa, on the other hand, has only 37 radar stations [for similar population sizes]. <https://theconversation.com/a-billion-people-in-africa-are-at-a-climate-risk-blind-spot-211583>

Change (IPCC) and World Bank both stress that further loss and damage is expected across China's farming sector as global temperatures continue to rise... In 2022, China suffered from its worst heatwave and drought in six decades. The ministry of agriculture and rural affairs stated at a press conference last August that the agricultural sector was facing "growing risks" as a result of extreme weather and shifting planting conditions brought about by climate change. This summer, severe drought continued to affect China in June and July, while a torrent of floods brought on by typhoons followed in August. The heavy rains have destroyed corn and rice crops in north China, while in central China's Henan province more than 20m tonnes of wheat were lost in June alone.

<https://www.carbonbrief.org/qa-how-is-climate-change-affecting-chinas-cropland/>

Saturday 23rd September

Fossil fuel companies are increasingly using carbon offsets to claim they are going carbon neutral, write Nathaniel Rugh and Marcel Llaveró-Pasquina. Oil and gas giants

like BP, Shell, Total Energies and Eni have all used carbon credits to deliver so-called "carbon neutral" fossil fuels. Additionally, Eni, Shell, TotalEnergies, Chevron, ExxonMobil long term net zero strategies include substantial amounts of carbon offsetting. According to a report released by Shell, by 2030 up to 1.5 million tonnes of CO₂ will be offset globally with a value of \$10-40 billion, up from \$2 billion in 2021. Now, four recent case studies registered in the Global Atlas of Environmental Justice (EJAtlas) reveal that indigenous peoples rights are being systematically violated through land dispossession, violence, militarization of their ancestral territories, loss of access to vital natural resources, and disenfranchisement.

<https://theecologist.org/2023/aug/18/discrediting-carbon-credits>

Sunday 24th September

God of hope and healing
May your Rivers of Righteousness
Wash away our apathy, our greed
and selfishness and
reveal the deep relationships You
created for us with all
creation.

ocean... While bans on hunting have halted the destruction of beaver populations in the UK, the population numbers are still quite low. This is why the Wildlife Trust has acquired a license to reintroduce beavers in the Neve Wetlands. The plan is, as of right now, to reintroduce an unspecified number of beavers to the Neve Wetlands through the winter of 2024-2025. They will be fenced into their habitat to prevent nuisance to neighboring areas.

<https://happyeconews.com/beavers-being-reintroduced-to-neve-wetlands-first-time-in-four-centuries/>

Friday 8th September

Britain is set to make a loss of more than £755 million if the proposed new Rosebank oil field is approved, according to new analysis by climate group Uplift. The analysis comes as Rosebank's developer, Equinor, posted global profits of over £15 billion in the first six months of this year, writes Brendan Montague. Campaigners have accused the government of selling Britain short over the huge subsidies to new North Sea developments that will do nothing to lower fuel bills or boost UK energy security. The majority of

Rosebank's reserves are likely to be exported, as is 80 per cent of all North Sea oil currently... Tessa Khan, executive director of Uplift, said: "...Approving Rosebank will actually make Norway's citizens richer as Equinor – which made £62 billion last year – is majority owned by the Norwegian government."

<https://theecologist.org/2023/aug/14/sunaks-ps755mn-oil-tax-giveaway>

Saturday 9th September

As Bangladesh faces fiercer floods stoked by heavy rains and melting glaciers, driven by climate change, efforts are being launched to reduce the risk, writes Md Tahmid Zami... A report released [in August] highlighted the growing threat of flooding to the vulnerable South Asian nation. The study, from the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and Environment at the London School of Economics and the UK-based Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy, called for stronger flood preparedness and community protection, combined with a transition to a low-carbon energy pathway. Flooding is part of the physical make-up of low-lying Bangladesh,

with flood-plains comprising about 80% its land, which is traversed by almost 700 rivers. Nearly two-thirds of the country is less than 5 metres (16.4 ft) above sea-level... Recent government policies have instead adopted a "living with floods" approach using tactics such as discouraging settlements in high-risk areas and promoting types of housing and agriculture that can better withstand floods.

<https://www.context.news/climate-risks/bangladesh-confronts-growing-threat-of-warming-driven-floods>

Sunday 10th September **Greeting - A Four Direction Prayer:**

Let us turn our hearts to the West
From there the Thunders bring us
cleansing rain, Creator God, heal us
and our relatives.

Let us turn our hearts to the North
Winter comes to us from there and
calls us to rest, Creator God, restore
our strength

Let us turn our hearts to the East
The morning Sun begins each day
there, Creator God awaken us and
help us to walk with a renewed life

Let us turn our hearts to the South
Where the warm winds come from to
give us comfort and joy Creator God
soothe our aching souls

Let us turn our hearts to the Sky
From there our Creator sees all
around us, Creator God help us to
trust you to lead us

Let us turn our hearts to the Earth
From there quiet wisdom comes to
teach us, Creator God hear us as we
pray

(Adapted from Diocese of Western
North Carolina - Anglican Indigenous
Ministries)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/145WzDi32U8YdlyY9Peo1bn-aLqyi4cl6/view>

Monday 11th September

On Sunday, August 20th, 2023, in a historic referendum held during the first round of the presidential elections, Ecuadorian citizens massively voted in favor of keeping over 726 million barrels of oil underground in the Yasuní National Park deep in the northern Amazon Rainforest, one of most biodiverse regions on the planet and home to

years ago, the nation's geography leaves it especially vulnerable to floods and extreme landslides... In the wake of the 2020 landslide, Nepal's Ministry of Forests and Environment began transforming hillsides into agricultural terraces, an ancient practice that, by breaking the natural slope of the land, slows down water runoff during heavy rains and prevents the soil from being washed away.

<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/nepals-slopes-villages-brace-worsening-monsoon>

Wednesday 20th September

Tonight Green Christian will put on an online screening of a new film *The Letter* at 7pm (in preparation for a talk next Wednesday with one of the participants in the film, Lorna Gold). The Letter tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* with Pope Francis. If you can't watch it at this time, you can watch it on the website at any time. Pray for the people in the film, for the filmmakers and for all who see it, that they will be impacted by it, and makes changes for the better.

<https://www.theletterfilm.org/watch/>

Thursday 21st September

An Austrian ornithologist has pioneered an incredible way of wildlife rehabilitation by fostering chicks of an endangered species before re-instituting their migratory practice by leading them along their natural migration route with an ultralight aircraft, writes Andy Corbley. The method was developed to help reconnect the northern bald ibis, a bird that was extirpated in Europe 400 years ago, with its summer-winter migration pattern from northern Europe to its sunny southern climes.

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/to-halt-ibis-extinction-austrian-man-shows-beloved-birds-a-new-migration-route-with-his-ultralight-and-its-working/>

Friday 22nd September

Chinese agriculture has not had an easy year, writes Wanyaun Song. Official data shows that at least 4m hectares (40,000km²) of arable land have been affected by a sustained spate of extreme heat, typhoons and flooding – with “agricultural disasters” set to continue throughout the rest of the year. The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate

God of light, life and love,
God of land, and sea, and sky,
Who called creation into existence
and wove it into a rich
tapestry, a fine mat, a web of life
Your Spirit hovered over the face of
the primordial waters,
And was breathed into humankind
after You made us
equally in Your image.
Your Word was made flesh and
embodied Your divine
love as it took root and bore fruit in
us, restoring our
relationship with You.

(Rev. James Shri Bhagwan, General
Secretary of the Pacific Conference
of Churches)

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Monday 18th September

The 2023 SDG Summit will take
place [today and tomorrow] in New
York. It will mark the beginning of a
new phase of accelerated progress
towards the Sustainable
Development Goals with high-level
political guidance on transformative
and accelerated actions leading up
to 2030. Convened by the President
of the General Assembly, the

Summit will mark the half-way point
to the deadline set for achieving the
2030 Agenda and the Sustainable
Development Goals. It will be the
centerpiece of the High-level Week
of the General Assembly. It will
respond to the impact of multiple and
interlocking crises facing the world
and is expected to reignite a sense
of hope, optimism, and enthusiasm
for the 2030 Agenda.

<https://www.un.org/en/conferences/DGSummit2023>

Tuesday 19th September

The monsoon season, which runs
from June through September, has
become a nervous time for the
people of Nepal. The climate crisis
has supercharged the fallout from
the annual rains, which are triggering
an increasing number of floods and
landslides, disasters that are
especially devastating in a nation
defined by its vertigo-inducing
slopes... Despite contributing just
0.02 per cent of global greenhouse
gas emissions, Nepal is one of the
most vulnerable countries in the
world when it comes to impacts from
the climate crisis. With its heart in the
Himalayas, where glaciers are now
melting twice as fast as they were 25

two of the world's last Indigenous
communities living in voluntary
isolation. At a time when the climate
crisis intensifies around the world
and the Amazon rainforest fast
approaches an irreversible tipping
point, the referendum sets a global
precedent for the democratization of
climate politics. Nearly 60% of the
population voted to halt oil drilling,
making Ecuador become the first
country in the world to determine the
limits of resource extraction through
a referendum, putting the decision
over the fate of the Yasuni rainforest
to citizens instead of politicians and
corporations.

<https://amazonfrontlines.org/chronicles/ecuador-becomes-the-first-country-in-the-world-to-halt-oil-drilling-through-direct-climate-democracy/>

Tuesday 12th September

The right to protest is a distinctive
feature of democratic, liberal
societies, writes Daniel Garcia-
Jaramillo. Yet the way in which many
leading British politicians are
currently talking about Just Stop Oil
might make you think otherwise. Far
from engaging with the issues at
stake in these protests, politicians

appear to be encouraging the wider
public to ignore them or even oppose
them... Referring to people
defending the environment as a
“minority” that acts against other
citizens polarises society and
marginalises protesters' claims. It
depicts people's demands as
somehow niche rather than
amounting to a highly pressing threat
to the majority. One of the features of
language is that when we talk, we
only focus on one or, at most, a few
aspects of a particular object or
event. A lot will inevitably remain
unsaid. Still, when what remains
unsaid is one of the most obvious
elements of any given topic, what is
missing becomes as informative as
what was said. In this case, the focus
on tactics instead of the substance of
the protest betrays an unwillingness
to engage with the climate crisis.

<https://theconversation.com/dont-look-there-how-politicians-divert-our-attention-from-climate-protesters-claims-211381>

Wednesday 13th September

The government has put forward the
home secretary Suella Braverman
rather than the environment
secretary to respond to the Just Stop

Oil protests (itself a signal that they are seen as a public order issue more than anything else), continues Daniel Garcia-Jaramillo. Braverman has referred to people protesting for environmental reasons as causing “havoc and misery”. Environment secretary Thérèse Coffey, meanwhile, doesn’t appear to have made any public statements regarding the matter. To say that people are protesting and not mentioning the reason for the protest leaves the story incomplete. That’s something that rarely happens when UK politicians talk about protests in other countries. Last year, Sunak referred to women protesting in Iran as displaying “*the most humbling and breathtaking courage*” in sending “*a very clear message that the Iranian people aren’t satisfied with the path that the government has taken*”. Here the focus of the conversation is placed on protesters’ claims. But when talking about protests held in the UK, the debate looms over the disruption caused, as if the core message were secondary or even dispensable. It is only when the core message is ignored that politicians can refer to those acting in defence

of human and nonhuman lives as “selfish”.

<https://theconversation.com/dont-look-there-how-politicians-divert-our-attention-from-climate-protesters-claims-211381>

Thursday 14th September

Mycelium concrete (Myocrete) could revolutionize low-carbon building construction and provide another tool for building green, writes Fisher Brown. A new paper published by the University of Newcastle has outlined a new method of creating a mycelium concrete construction material, with potentially far-reaching changes as a result... The environmental impact of concrete manufacture, use, and transportation is incredibly high. Concrete production is responsible for 8% of all greenhouse gases worldwide, making it the second largest source of greenhouse gas emissions ...Currently, the method used in creating mycelium-derived construction materials is by filling a rigid mold with a mixture of mycelium and a food source such as grain for the mycelium. This method can produce rigid shapes, such as bricks, which can be used in construction.

However, there are limitations to the usability of these materials. For one, the strength required to compete with concrete isn’t there, and the rigid mold limits the variety of shapes and structures.

<https://happyeconews.com/mycelium-concrete-building-construction/>

Friday 15th September

Most Brits would support the creation of a new ‘National Nature Service’ which would support young people to transition away from relying on benefits into good jobs in nature conservation and restoration...A National Nature Service was first proposed in the early stages of the pandemic. It would be a UK-wide scheme that would, in the first instance, support young people who are out of work and claiming benefits such as Universal Credits. They would be offered funded training and quality employment in the nature sector. Entry-level jobs could also be provided for other groups, including those facing employment challenges due to the pandemic and seeking a career change to re-enter the workforce...The Conservatives have promised to leave nature in a better state for the next generation but

NGOs, MPs, Lords and the Government’s own watchdog have warned that it is off track.

<https://www.edie.net/two-thirds-of-brits-back-national-nature-service-to-get-young-people-into-green-jobs/>

Saturday 16th September

Three satellite-tagged Hen Harriers have disappeared on private driven grouse moors in Northern England between August 9th and August 15th. All three birds were fitted with a satellite tag, which regularly transmit data, allowing their movements to be monitored. The RSPB is calling for the introduction of a licencing system for grouse shooting in England similar to measures now being taken forward in Scotland. Hen Harriers, are a rare, protected species, known for their acrobatic ‘skydancing’ courtship display over the uplands. The Hen Harrier is categorised as a red listed species in the UK, due to its low population levels.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/about-the-rspb/about-us/media-centre/press-releases/three-more-satellite-tagged-hen-harriers-vanish/>

Sunday 17th September Litany of repentance