

# SUSTAINABLE SEPTEMBER 21

Caring for creation is a key Christian task. Our focus on Sustainable September brings us back year after year to pray and work for a world for all to share, both now and in the future.

Our 2021 resource 'Earth, Sea and Sky' focuses on the following:

## **5 SEPTEMBER**

The Earth and it's Soil

## **12 SEPTEMBER**

The Waters of the Earth

## **19 SEPTEMBER**

The Skies of the Earth

## **26 SEPTEMBER**

Humanity and the Earth

Sustainable September 2021 worship resources are available to download at:

[ecochurcheswa.net](http://ecochurcheswa.net)

or contact the Social Justice Unit - 9260 9800



Uniting Church in Australia  
Western Australia



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## EARTH SEA & SKY

"We seek the flourishing of the whole of  
God's Creation and all its creatures.

We act to renew the earth from the damage done  
and stand in solidarity with people most  
impacted by human-induced climate change.

Government, churches, businesses and  
the wider community work together for a  
sustainable future."

Our Vision for a Just Australia, Uniting Church.

## About Sustainable September

### What is "Sustainability" all about?

Sustainability is about meeting the needs of the present generation, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. It focuses our minds and actions on the way we maintain, use up or spoil the Earth's resources.

### Why does the Church care about sustainability?

Care for Creation is Care for the Poor. It is the most vulnerable people around the world who will suffer the most from the impacts of climate change, even though they have contributed the least to its occurrence. We are all familiar with the strong biblical injunctions to care for the poor and aside from any debates about the nature of climate change, the development agencies on the ground in climate vulnerable communities are telling us that the effects are being felt now. Since climate change is a thoroughly global problem of our shared atmosphere how do we enact Jesus call to compassion for the suffering in a just and generous manner?

The Uniting Church has always had a deep concern for the environment and takes seriously the call to care for creation.

### What is the aim of focusing on Sustainable September in our worship?

The celebration of Sustainable September brings us back year after year to pray and work for a world for all to share, both now and in the future.

### How to use this resource.

On behalf of the Social Justice Commission, Rev Gordon Scantlebury has provided weekly resources for congregations and faith communities to use during Sustainable September 2021, focusing on the theme "Earth, Sea and Sky". The resources include a full liturgy, sermon reflection and a powerpoint presentation, which you are welcome to use and adapt to your particular church setting.

Download the set of resources at [www.ecochurcheswa.net](http://www.ecochurcheswa.net) or contact Geoff or Wendy at the Social Justice Unit on 9260 9800 or [justice@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:justice@wa.uca.org.au) for them to be sent directly to you.



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