**Caring for Creation: From Passion to Action- CRES Day 24th May 2025**

Our next CRES in-person day (open to all) is on Saturday 24th May 2025 at Ripon College Cuddesdon (RCC) near Oxford. Our speakers are Rev. Dr. Mike Perry and Dr. Elizabeth Perry (biographies below). So book early with Lynda to ensure your place (details below).

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

10.00-10.30 Arrive and Coffee.

10.30-10.45 Welcome and Introductions (Martin Hodson)

10.45-12.15 Rev. Dr. Mike Perry will speak on "Reason to Care: towards a multifaceted practical theology of creation care."

*Many Christians have a firm faith and care passionately about the natural world but too often can only make limited connections between the two. Mike is passionate about giving churches a broad basis for caring for the natural world, helping all Christians to explore their fundamental calling to care for God's earth.*

12.15-12.30 Break

12.30-12.45 CRES News (Martin Hodson)

12.45-13.00 Free Time

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Dr. Elizabeth Perry will speak on "Practical Care: Stories of environmental hope from across the world"

*The Communion Forest is a global initiative made up of local activities of tree growing and eco-system conservation, protection and restoration undertaken by provinces, dioceses and individual churches across the Anglican Communion to safeguard creation. Elizabeth will share stories of how local communities are being agents of change in the world planting seeds of hope in the lives of their communities.*

15.30-15.45 Short Service

15.45-16.00 Tea and depart.

**Booking** For CRES students, tutors, and steering group, the day is included in student fees. The fee for those not associated with the CRES course will be £30. But EVERYONE wanting to come MUST book with the CRES Administrator, Lynda McKeown, by 16th May at the latest. Email cres@jri.org.uk Further details will be sent out to those who have booked in May.

**Rev. Dr. Mike Perry** has been passionate about the natural world from an early age. He studied biology at the University of Bristol before earning a PhD from its Zoology Department. After conducting postdoctoral research in the 1990s, he trained for ordained ministry at Trinity College, Bristol.

For the past 25 years, Mike has served as an Anglican parish priest while also leading diocesan environmental initiatives in both Bath & Wells and Salisbury dioceses. A committed advocate for creation care, he is the Bishop of Salisbury's Adviser on Climate Justice.

Mike is a trustee of A Rocha UK, having previously served as Chair until March this year. He continues to combine his parish ministry near Stonehenge with his passion for environmental care, helping Christians come alive to the beauty and wonder of the natural world that is cherished by God.

**Dr. Elizabeth Perry** is a passionate advocate for social and environmental justice, serving as Programmes Director for the Anglican Alliance, which helps Anglicans across the world to respond to disasters, overcome poverty, tackle injustice and protect the earth. Elizabeth leads on the Communion Forest initiative and the Agents of Change community development programme. She has a background in biological sciences, earning a PhD in Immunology from the University of Bristol before focusing her career on the intersection of faith, justice, and global development.

Elizabeth has worked extensively in policy, advocacy and faith-based engagement, connecting, equipping and inspiring churches and their communities worldwide to respond to climate change and biodiversity loss. Committed to practical action and theological reflection, Elizabeth works to bridge the gap between science and faith, helping churches integrate creation care into their mission and ministry.