

A Bible study - discussion series for Lent:

Christian Faith and Climate Change

Thursdays 7.30 pm
beginning 7th February
(no session on 21st Feb)

Castle Street Methodist Church, Cambridge
*(follow Magdalene Street out of the city centre, up Castle
Street in the direction of the Castle Inn, on your left)*

**Switch off your lights, heating, TV and
computer, put on a woolly jersey and come and
join us!**

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Themes and topics in the series:

1. Climate change is a **social justice issue** and calls us to commitment and sacrifice. Here we are challenged to ‘give up’ something for Lent –something that causes greenhouse gas emissions. One person might decide to get to work without their car; another to halve the duration of their morning shower. Token gestures really, but are they easy?

2. The earth as **God’s creation**. The Genesis stories can provoke us to think about our duty to care for the earth as stewards. We explore how this can lead us to protect the planet from global warming.

3. The **Sabbath** is a great biblical theme, that extends to giving the land a regular rest. We explore issues of farming, land-use, and how this can reduce or exacerbate greenhouse gas emissions. We also touch on Fair Trade, food miles, and Jesus’ criticisms of the misuse of the Sabbath.

4. Jesus told some stunning parables about **greed**. We reflect on these, and ask how much greed and generosity shape the world’s economy and industry. We also explore how to engage with our politicians to effect major change in the way the world is run.

5. Jesus preached that the way into the kingdom of God is via ‘**repentance**’ – a word that literally means ‘an about-turn.’ We look at his words in their 1st century context, and ask what repentance might mean today as human beings put the planet’s climate at risk.

6. Finally, we read about the **covenant** God made with people. What sort of covenant could we make with God and one another today, to help humanity shake free of the practices that endanger the earth’s climate.