

# A Green Christian timeline with comments from supporters, old and new



Judith Pritchard  
Green Christian pioneer

1981

1982

Christian Ecology Group is officially formed

1989

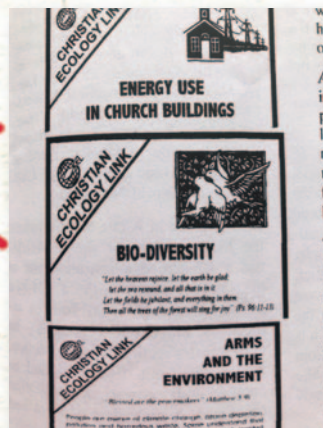
Name change to  
Christian Ecology  
Link

In 1981, assembled in the Winter Gardens at Malvern were members of the Ecology Party, one of Britain's most idealistic but least rated political groups. It was from a meeting of Christians at the conference that the Christian Ecology Group formed, aiming to provide a Christian presence within the Ecology (now the Green) Party, and to advocate the Party's policies and ideals with Christian people generally.\* The main "doer" in our early days was a local Malvern member, Judith Pritchard. Without her grit and determination, the new group might well have foundered. Judith died in 2010, and my thanks go to her and to all those whose efforts have, over these four decades, filled our lives with hope.

I was involved with the then Christian Ecology Group from its birth and served on the committee for a while. A key event for me was when I was asked to write a chapter for a forthcoming booklet. I got the chapter on animals – my first attempt at writing. I still have an original copy! As time went on I wanted to concentrate more on Christianity and animal rights, but I remain an interested member of Green Christian to this day. I am grateful to Green Christian, which first gave me the opportunity to write. It would please me to see the green movement generally embrace animal issues more than it sometimes does.



Martin Davis  
founder member



1990s

cutting from the  
magazine showing  
early CEL  
publications



Barry Miles  
a member from  
the earliest days

I have really enjoyed working and engaging with Green Christian's lovely, passionate members and Trustees who have helped me to orient my faith in all matters green. Thank you!

I sincerely believe that the core role of Green Christian is to bring challenge with hope, confident in the Creation-healing work of God, to Christians and Churches in the UK.

We value our fruitful relationship with Green Christian that cross-fertilises and nourishes our movement. We very much appreciate the fact that Green Christian amplifies our calls for public witness through our vigils, and collaboration on talks and events. Congratulations to Green Christian on 40 years of prayerful concern and service!

Staffan Engström

online workshop coordinator



1998 Old style magazine printed in black and white with occasional green!



Melanie Nazareth

Christian Climate Action



(\*NB: Green Christian has no formal links with the Green Party - Editor)

# 40 Years: Looking Back, Looking Forwards

Widen your horizons!  
Being a member of the Green Christian community helps give me ideas. For example, through contact with the Barnet local group, I have an intention of introducing a Green Christian group in Uganda which would, I guess, be the first of its kind in Africa. This is how I would like to see Green Christian change in the next 40 years – increasing its international outreach and support.

**Rosemary Nakasiita**  
new member,  
based in Uganda



**2021**  
Regular online workshops continue

**2023**  
Cloud and Fire

As a little boy I was taken for long walks in the Sussex countryside where my eyes were opened to wild flowers and birds. I discovered a deep personal attunement with the natural world. Later as a student I would take myself off to the countryside and spend a restorative weekend sleeping in a Kentish wood and then wandering the lanes. I know now that much of the flora and fauna among which I found my existential place, those forty, fifty years ago, is no more. I feel I simply have to live my life in response to that reality – and that's why what we do in Green Christian matters so much to me.



**Andrew Norman**  
Green Christian  
Co-chaplain

**2020**  
Green Christian's first online festival attracts over 300 participants

**2019**  
Borrowed Time, grappling with climate grief, is set up

**2018**  
Green Christian On The Road events begin

**2015**  
The Green Christian Way of Life community is formed

Some words to celebrate GC's 40th anniversary: loving, kind, forward-thinking, intelligent, thought-provoking, supportive, pioneering, engaging.

When I first joined Green Christian, we were often the only "greens in the village". Our task was to get climate and related issues on church agendas, and on wider societal agendas. Now nearly everybody is aware of climate change, biodiversity loss and the enormous challenges they pose. But we need to get the churches to advocate effective action, modelling this action ourselves – we have to discuss and debate more about what is effective – not just to applaud every "green initiative".

**2014**  
CEL becomes Green Christian

**Jules Robinson**  
new Trustee



**2013**  
Green Christian sets up Joy in Enough

**Tony Emerson**  
co-founder of Green Christian's Joy in Enough project

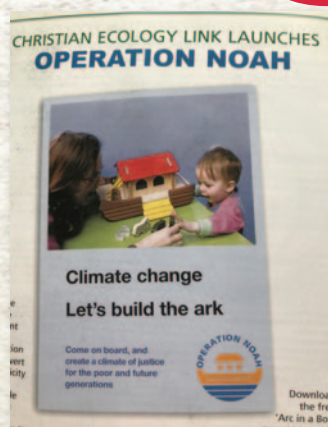


**2008**  
Green Christian's Rainforest initiative is started

**2002**  
LOAF campaign gets underway



**2004**  
Operation Noah is launched



In **2008**  
Operation Noah becomes an independent charity