Mission Partner prayer and update 19 October 2025
From A Rocha

We are still a month away from Christmas so now is a good time to think about how we might make Christmas greener, less wasteful, less stressful, more enjoyable, and with more space to focus on what it's really all about?

Written for families to work through, Olivia Warburton's *Dreaming of a Green Christmas* is an essential companion as you prepare for the festive season. With 111 practical eco-tips to select from, you'll find inspiration and encouragement too, with pauses in the busyness for moments of biblical reflection that speak of God's love for his creation – people and planet.

If anyone is interested in learning more there is a copy in church for you to read – you can find it on the bookshelves in the vestibule.

'I wanted to give families a tool kit for approaching Christmas differently,' she says, '*and to show that Christmas doesn't have to be expensive and wasteful, as well as, hopefully, removing some of the stress. My aim was to enable people to make choices they are happier with and give the context for why it's a biblical principle to try to look after the world God has given us*.'

Prayers

Water Night took place yesterday. Water is crucial for life, but we often waste or pollute it. Pray for better provision of clean drinking water in the global south. Pray that the UK Government and water companies make wise decisions regarding new reservoir construction and cleaning up our rivers and seas. You can read more here.

A Rocha also ask that we pray for the many, many people who have previously and who still volunteer with A Rocha UK. Thank God for the wonderful and talented volunteers who give so generously of their time and energy and make it possible for so many of the A Rocha programmes that seek to care for God's planet to run smoothly