

Mission Partner prayer and update 11 January 2026

From A Rocha

A Rocha looked back on 2025 and would like us to give thanks in our prayers for the following: In June, the 100th church achieved the Eco Church gold award. Eco Church is a learning community of churches of all shapes and sizes. It provides a framework to support churches like ours to take practical action on caring for God's earth. It includes a toolkit of resources, an online award survey, a quarterly email update, online events, prayer forums and occasional conferences.

In November, they celebrated their 60th Partner in action. Across the UK, A Rocha's Partners are caring for the biodiversity of their land, supporting the recovery of declining species and threatened habitats and engaging visitors with a message of hope for creation through practical action and demonstration of good conservation practice.

Looking forward, A Rocha would love us to support the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch (Friday 23-Sunday 25 January) which is the world's largest garden wildlife survey! Last year, nearly 600,000 people took part and over nine million birds were counted. We've lost a staggering 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. To take part, spend one hour counting the birds you see in one location – your garden, balcony or a local park. Submit your findings to the RSPB. You can download a free guide and ID chart to help you identify the birds you spot on the RSPB website. [Find out more here.](#)

You might also like to attend the Southern Diocese Net Zero Conference on 17 January which will be held at St John's Stoke Church in Guildford. "*Hope for a cherished and thriving earth*" is an inspirational, interactive and practical day conference to help you on your net zero carbon journey. Contributors include Polly Eaton, Eco Diocese Officer, from A Rocha UK's Eco Church Team. Polly will be facilitating a session on our call to be advocates for creation and how this is integrated within the Eco Church survey. [You can register to attend here.](#)

Prayer

God of creation,
who loves all he has made and all that has evolved,
open the eyes of your people, that your love might be reflected in our care for the planet.
Through Jesus Christ, who walked this earth and calls us by name.
Amen.