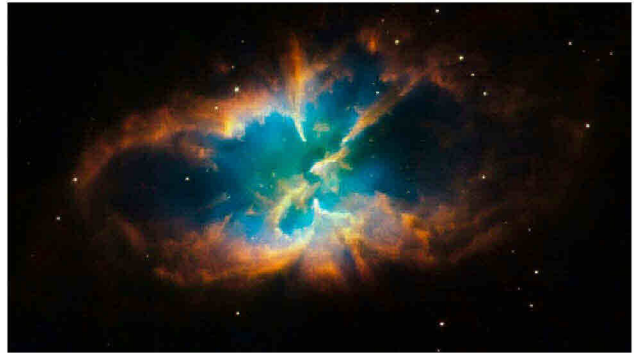


## Green Group

In this session we took **Stewards of God's Creation** as a topic. The session started with a prayer from Catholic Earthcare Australia (see below).



The group looked at a variety of questions around Stewardship which included, 'What do we mean by Steward/Stewardship?' and 'What does the Bible say about good stewardship?'

The group looked at the Evangelical Declaration on Care of Creation, Christian lifestyles (see below) and the Green Code.

This group now encompasses the Big Green Believers Agreement and EcoCongregation which the United Church is a part of.

A report was received about the recent Eco-supper where Rabbi Neil Amswych was the speaker.

### **Prayer**

God of the sun and the moon, Of the mountains and deserts and plains,  
God of the mighty oceans, of rivers, lakes and streams,  
God of all creatures that live in seas and fly in the air,  
Of every living thing that grows and moves on this sacred Earth.  
We are formed by Christ into Your People,  
Called to bring the world into Your marvellous light,  
As the Body of Christ, we are messengers of ecological vocation,  
We are entrusted with caring for this Earth which You have created.  
Help us to love and respect it, To repair what we have damaged,  
To care for what You have made good and holy,  
Give us wisdom and the passion to change our minds, hearts and our ways.  
Let us be mustard seeds in our world,

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Bringing about ecological conversion which grows and  
Spreads to every corner of the Earth,  
For our sake now and for every generation which is to come,  
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

The **next meeting of the Green group is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 10.30am**  
which will be our annual **'Walk in the Woods'** meeting at **Thorncombe Woods**  
**Car Park.**

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