

# **DARWIN DAY (SUN 27 SEP) SIGNALS END OF CHURCH 'DEMONISATION'**

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A RANGE of free online resources are published this week encouraging churches to discuss issues raised in Creation - a powerful new film on Charles Darwin released later this month.

"Darwin's burial at Westminster Abbey highlights how many in the church recognised the value of the man and his work," said Nick Pollard of the Damaris Trust. "It is unfortunate that others demonised Darwin by interpreting one part of his work in a certain way.

"The release of Creation (Fri 25 Sep) provides an ideal opportunity to celebrate the breadth and depth of Darwin's work, as well as appreciate the many personal struggles he faced. The film offers helpful insights as we all wrestle with the big questions of a complex and beautiful world, created by God."

Sunday 27 September has been dubbed Darwin Day. Churches are invited to use the resources created by Damaris - including film clips, video discussions, house group material and ideas for special outreach events and themed church services.

"It is also Back to Church Sunday, when thousands of people will be invited to special services," said Nick Pollard. "Here's an opportunity to give them a reason to return to church - by showing how the gospel is still relevant to the big issues of the day."

Websites:

<http://www.damaris.org/creationmovie>

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