

# KNIVETON'S ECO CHURCH JOURNEY



**Eco Church is a learning community of churches that supports us to take practical action on caring for God's earth, covering five key areas of church life:**

**Worship & teaching | Buildings | Land | Lifestyle  
Community & global engagement**

In late 2021 we started our Eco Church journey and in summer 2024 we achieved our Silver Award. To get there here are just some of the steps we have taken:

- Caring for Gods Earth features regularly as a theme in our services and communications
- We have replaced our lighting with LED bulbs and we are using a Green energy tariff, and we are regularly reviewing what we can do to reduce our energy use.
- We are taking steps to manage the churchyard in a way that benefits wildlife, including introducing a Bug Hotel and a Hedgehog House
- We pray for environmental projects such as the Jacobs Well project in Burcina Faso and we have twinned our toilet with a latrine in Uganda to help families build their own basic toilet, access clean water, and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives.
- We use Fairtrade and environmentally friendly products wherever we can, and join with initiatives such as Fairtrade fortnight, Carbon Fast for Lent, and we shared communal Christmas cards.

**LITTLE CHANGES CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE IDEAS ON CARING FOR GODS EARTH**

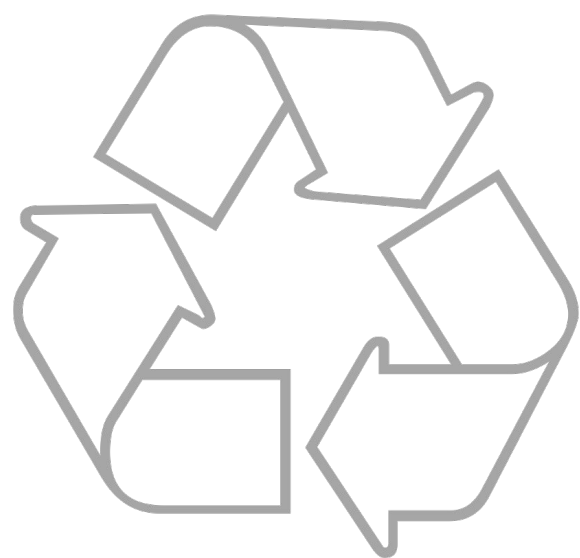
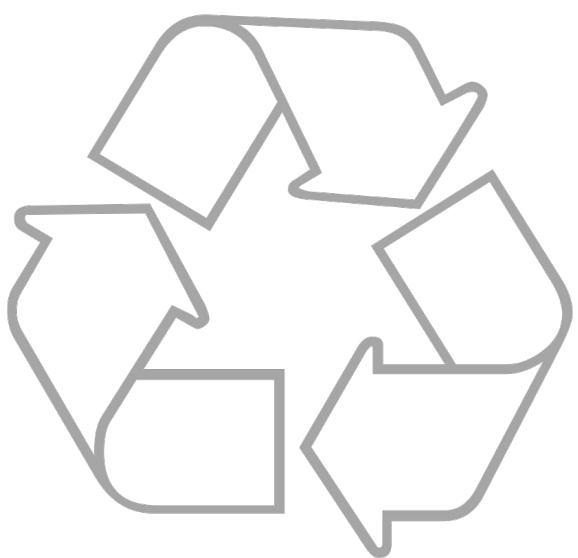
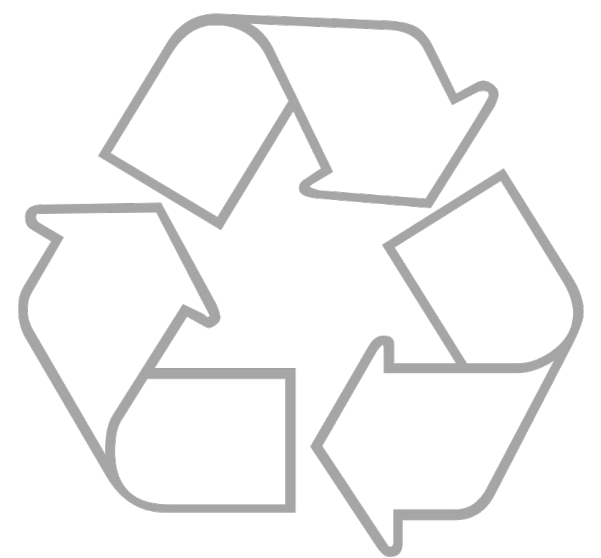
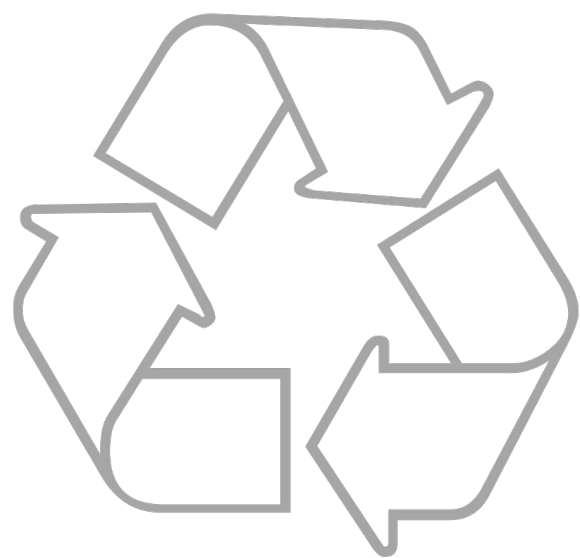
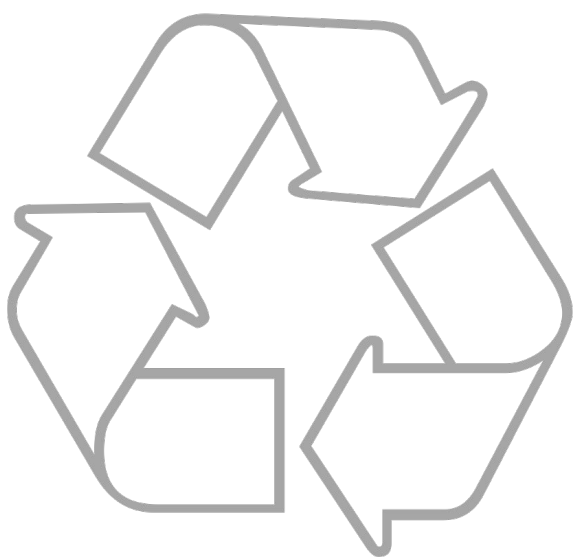


# PLEASE RECYCLE WHERE YOU CAN

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HELP US TO MAKE LITTLE CHANGES TO LOOK  
AFTER GOD'S GREEN EARTH



# THINK WHEN YOU PRINT

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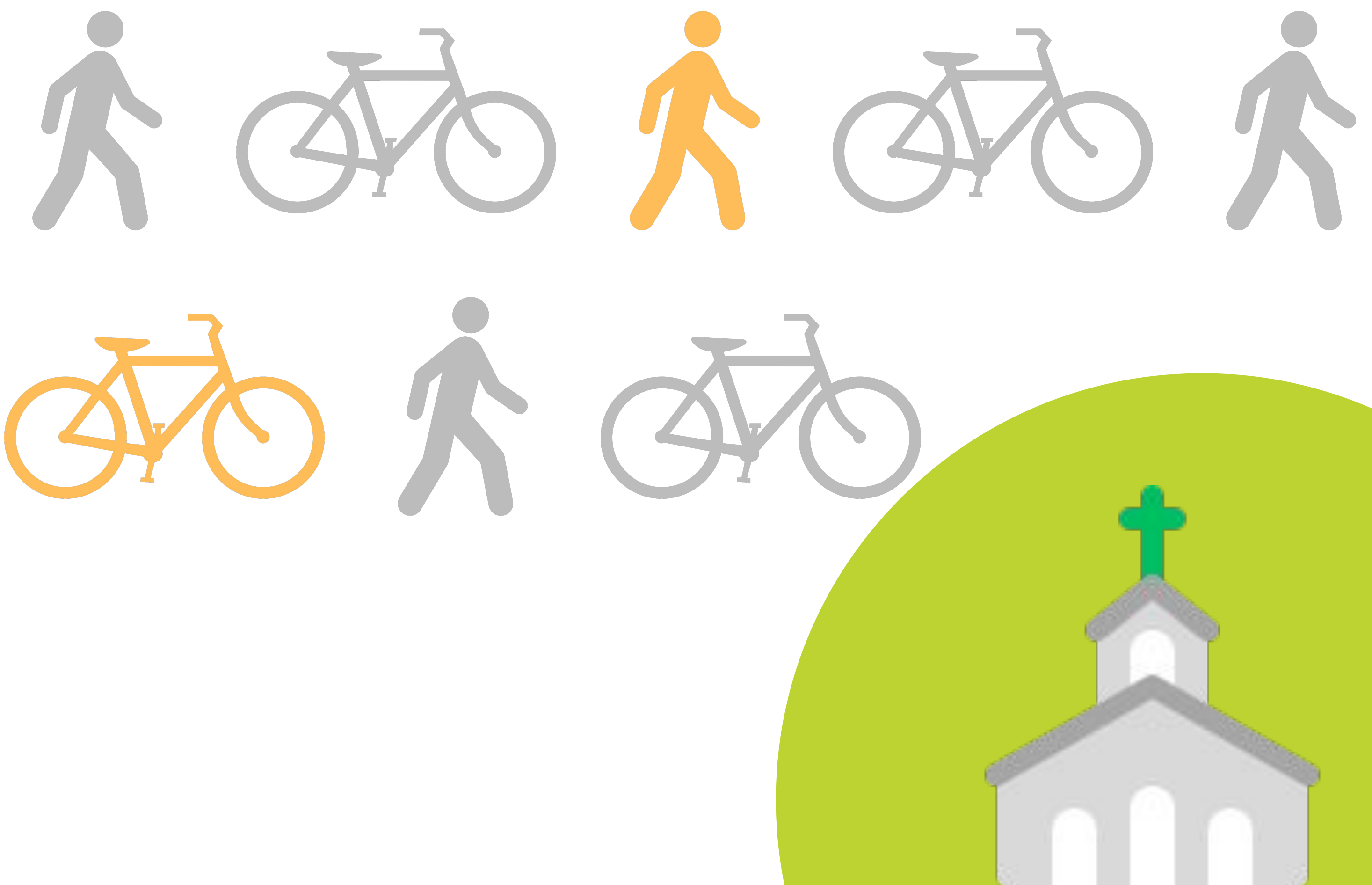


# CONSIDER WALKING OR CYCLING TO CHURCH IF YOU CAN

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# WE'VE GONE FAIRTRADE

## WHY NOT MAKE THE SAME SWITCH AT HOME WHERE YOU CAN?

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# TRY EATING

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# OUR COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARDS

**AS PART OF OUR DRIVE TO BE  
MORE SUSTAINABLE WE ARE  
SHARING OUR CHRISTMAS  
WISHES COMMUNALLY  
TO REDUCE WASTE AND COST**

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# ECO BUILDING PRINCIPLES

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**All building / refurbishment projects should be done with consideration for their social and environmental impact.**

BREEAM-licensed assessors offer third-party certification of the environmental impact of a building or project, both the end product and the process. BREEAM is mainly aimed at entities much larger than individual churches so may not be specifically appropriate in your context, but their principles of sustainability for social, environmental and economic impact are pertinent.

- Improved health and well-being for the occupants (air quality, lighting, heating/cooling)
- Lower running costs in the future
- Carbon emissions reduction
- Design durability and resilience against climate change (flooding, pollution, ambient temperature, natural disasters)
- Ecological value and biodiversity protection (on-site disturbance, impact off site, fragmentation)
- Sourcing of materials and supporting the circular economy (i.e. reusing materials rather than