

WE ARE PROUD TO SAY WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE ECO CHURCH SILVER AWARD.

Below are the main initiatives undertaken in five areas of church life that helped us to attain it:-



1. WORSHIP

- Worship leaders followed the Green Lectionary during Creationtide in Sept & Oct.
- We prayed regularly for environmental matters in church services.
- Messy Church had an outdoors nature scavenger hunt and an indoors session on reflecting on creation.
- In Great Big Green Week, Rev. we presented 'What is Eco Church?' to the Mothers' Union, followed by an eco- quiz.
- A Bible Study meeting had a theme of Food & Farming.
- We had a Fairtrade-themed Sunday service

2. THE CHURCH BUILDING

- We calculated the carbon footprint of our church in 2022 and agreed to attempt yearly improvements in energy efficiency.
- We have a recycling collection point for medication blister packs in the porch. They are taken by a church member on the bus to the Super Drug Pharmacy in Derby for recycling.

3. THE CHURCHYARD

- We had a 'Churches Count on Nature' event in June. Interested members of the church & community surveyed the churchyard on 2 occasions. We identified 110 species of plants and animals. Our records were sent to the National Biodiversity database.
- We installed a 3rd bird box and 2 bird feeders.
- We continued to manage the Conservation Area for nature as well as people.

4. LIFESTYLE

- Our church email, Pews News and Hulland Herald regularly include items relating to caring for God's earth and eco-tips towards a sustainable lifestyle
- We had a Jigsaw Swap Sunday to facilitate re-use of puzzles.

5. COMMUNITY & GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

- Letters, endorsed by the PCC, were written to MP Sarah Dines and County Councillor Dermott Murphy asking them to address nature loss and climate change as a priority in their recommendations and decision making.
- We held a Fairtrade Coffee Morning in Fairtrade Fortnight, which included community groups and 'green' activities. The profit was donated to Tear Fund, an environmental charity. We continued to be a Fairtrade church,
- We twinned our toilet with one in Malawi through the Tear Fund scheme.
- Penny met with Hognaston Churchwardens to help them get started with Eco Church.

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