



## **We the Parochial Church Council of St. Mark's, Holbrook recognise the current Climate and Ecological Emergency**

We pledge to work with and support our congregations and government, at local and national levels, in tackling this Emergency, and we call on others to do the same.

- **We will tell the Truth** and support others to discover the truth and changes that are needed.
- **We will take Action** and pledge to work towards reducing our emissions to net zero by 2030.
- **We are committed to Justice** both within our nation and towards other nations, particularly those who are poorer.

### **We recognise a Climate and Ecological Emergency on the basis that:**

1. The world is facing a severe crisis of environmental degradation and climate change that affects our ability to sustain human civilisation in its present form
2. The main cause of the crisis is human activity
3. The crisis is inextricably linked to global injustices and inequality
4. The crisis indicates a failure of human beings to follow God's mandate to care for the world and to seek justice among its peoples

As Christians we are called to show love to our neighbours around the world already suffering the effects of climate change, and to act now to reduce catastrophic harm in the future. The speed of change in the climate is overtaking our present efforts to mitigate the effects. We have less than 10 years to take the necessary urgent action.

### **Therefore, we commit ourselves to:**

1. Examining our lives individually and corporately in relation to this crisis, and seeking to live faithfully to God
2. Following an evolving action plan to minimise our negative corporate impact on the environment and climate and to help restoration where possible
3. Encouraging each other to make relevant lifestyle changes appropriate to our circumstances
4. Encouraging action on this emergency in our neighbourhoods, workplaces and other spheres of activity
5. Using whatever influence we may have to bring about positive actions by local and national government and by corporations

### **Our targets:**

1. Encourage households to care for God's creation by launching Creation Care in October 2021 [creationcare.org.uk](https://creationcare.org.uk)
2. Create Holbrook Community Orchard, manage our land to increase biodiversity and record wildlife via iRecord Caring for God's Acre [caringforgodsacre.org.uk](https://caringforgodsacre.org.uk)
3. Calculate St Mark's carbon footprint, a reduction plan and targets by 30 November 2021
4. Support Tearfund's Reboot Campaign, in prayer and action to tackle injustice and see a breakthrough in the climate crisis [tearfund.org/campaigns/reboot-campaign](https://tearfund.org/campaigns/reboot-campaign)
5. Gain a Gold Eco Church Award by September 2022 [ecochurch.arocha.org.uk](https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk)
6. Review our progress every 6 months in March and September