



Environmental Guidance

At St Mark's Church, Holbrook, we take environmental concerns into account in all aspects of our church life, including our worship, teaching, mission, pastoral, youth and children's work, training, administration, and charitable giving.

Taking practical steps to fulfil the Church of England's fifth mark of mission, which is "to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the earth".

- Include the importance of care for creation in our worship, teaching and mission, and our work with children and young people.
- Eco Church is a PCC Agenda item.
- Promote the Eco Church and Creation Care award schemes, training in Carbon Literacy and other relevant topics.
- Minimise use of energy and water.
- Set targets towards being net zero carbon by 2030 at the latest.
- Recognise that digital data has a carbon footprint and encourage regular digital cleanups.
- Introduce initiatives to reduce, reuse, recycle and repair.
- Use environmentally friendly, Fairtrade, animal friendly and ethically sourced products whenever possible.
- Encourage native wildlife, avoid the use of harmful chemicals and compost all food and garden waste.
- Actively encourage our community to use our church land for recreation and contemplation.
- Work with groups and individuals in our local community and beyond to tackle environmental issues, enhance community climate resilience and create a resilience plan for our church and buildings.
- Include charities which are working to care for the environment or supporting those who are adversely affected by climate change in our charitable giving.

More information

- St Mark's Eco Church webpage and Climate Emergency Toolkit Plan of Action www.stmarksholbrook.org.uk/EcoChurch
- Copies of St Mark's Environmental Policy and Net Zero Carbon by 2030 Milestones are available on request.
- Contact Eco Church Champion, Karen Park: ecochurch@marksholbrook.org.uk