

ECO PARISH GROUP INITIAL ACTION PLANS - SEPTEMBER 2021

We hope to obtain Bronze Eco Church Awards for each church as a way of helping us all to be more environmentally conscious as church family and individuals. This, and the following actions, were agreed by the PCC on Monday 18th October.

Action	Lead?	Target date	Completed	Notes
Have a preaching focus on the environment and 'Treasuring Creation' (as part of our '5 Marks of Mission' series)	Alastair	July 2021	Yes	Used to enthuse the church family & do a 'call out' for members of the ECO parish group
Hold first ECO PARISH meeting & decide on initial baseline & actions together	Alex & ALL	September 2021	Yes	
Record initial assessment (carried out as a group in the first meeting) officially on the A'Rocha website	Alex, with Michelle	November 2021		We have done the paper version of this, just need to input it
Create ECO Parish action plan from groups ideas	Alex	October 2021	Yes	
Take actions to PCC for agreement	Alex	October 2021	Yes	
Present plans to church family & enthuse them on this topic	Jim	November 2021	Yes	28th November
If Jim is happy, record the above and post on website and facebook as part of raising this issue on our social media	Michael	November 2021	Yes	
Pray more on this topic - have the environment as a prayer meeting focus	Alex	Ongoing		
Following Jim's initial presentation, regular 'Eco Parish' updates to be included in the regular service sharing slots e.g. 'life-style tips'	Alex - overview in rota Alastair to do first one after Jim's presentation	2022 first quarter		
With permission from those involved, 'life-style tips' to be recorded for sharing on the Parish Facebook page / website	Michael			
Host a speaker to come and visit e.g. from A'Rocha or other	Alex	2022 first quarter		Alastair has passed the name of a potential speaker to Alex

Have the upcoming Community Alive & Messy Church Services on the topic of Harvest and have an ECO focus	Sue & David Wharton, Alex	October 2021	Yes	
Produce an Eco Parish Policy	Michelle	December 2021	Yes	Agreed by PCC, November 2021
Investigate possibilities for more eco-friendly energy use	Michelle	January 2022		
Move over to eco-friendly cleaning products for both churches and the hall, once the current cleaning products have been used up (to save wasting these)	Michelle (with Mei cleaner)	2022 first quarter		
Investigate water meters for the 2 churches	Michelle	2022 first quarter		
Have separated, labelled, recycling bins in each church and the hall	Michael	December 2021	Yes	
Have battery and computer ink recycling boxes at the back of each church	Jim - ink Michelle - battery	October 2021 November 2021	Yes	
Possible setting up of bug hotels and feeding stations in the church gardens (more information to be communicated to PCC first)	Alex & Michael (building), with Doug & gardening teams at both churches	2022 first quarter		
Use Eco Parish to continue to build the links with the Nursery, schools, uniformed organisations	Alex	2022 first quarter		Christmas focus for the rest of this term
Carry out litter picking exercises with local community members / the 2 local residents associations	Alex	2022 first quarter		
Grow yourself lunch initiative in the Spring (for growing) / Summer (for eating at a parish picnic)	Deirdre	2022 first quarter for growing items		
Think about Fair Trade and whether we can use more Fair Trade goods in the churches	Michelle, Hilary Latham	2022 first quarter		

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