

Eco Update

June 2025



Eco Church Rating

The Environment Group is following the A Rocha Eco Church programme to reduce carbon and improve sustainability for the church buildings and land, and to encourage our congregation – and ultimately the wider community – to consider how they too can live more sustainably.

It has 5 sections: Teaching & Worship, Buildings, Land, Global, and Lifestyle. We are yet to submit formally, but are currently meeting requirements somewhere between the **bronze** and **silver** awards.



Awareness Days

There are now days for a wide variety of environmental concerns. Perhaps you could pray for each issue on its day?

June


21 World Giraffe Day 

22 World Rainforest Day

July

11 World Population Day

28 World Nature Conservation Day

29 International Tiger Day 

If you have an interest in or fondness for a particular animal or issue, there is quite likely a day for it – [Wikipedia has a list](#).

Church Eco-Garden

We have the first stage of an All Saints eco-garden! You may have seen it by the link building.

It's part of a planting plan developed by the Land team, Graham and Anne Reay and Nick Bailey, to make our church grounds more environmentally friendly and sustainable.

Following discussions with RHS Wisley and Harlow Carr, it has been designed to encourage pollinators such as butterflies and bees, as well as adding visual interest to our grounds.

Many of the plants are native to this country and chosen to provide year-round structure.

We're now forming an All Saints Gardening Group to manage and care for the garden, perhaps on a rota.

Prayer

Father, we pray for your creation.
You gave us responsibility for all that you have made.
You entrusted every living creature to our care.
But we have betrayed that trust and neglected our responsibility.
We have allowed your good earth to become polluted by our greed,
damaged by our selfishness,
and sucked dry by our materialism.
Father, by your Holy Spirit
give us a renewed energy
to fulfil the task you laid upon us.
In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Amen



Recycling

Our recycling facilities will be updated to keep up with new schemes and changes, including the recent sad closure of Milestones Design. Some of the recycling boxes have moved to Alpkit, who also have their own schemes for recycling still-usable **outdoor gear**, and also old **feather duvets** and **pillows**.



We plan to look at the overall picture of what is available locally and assess what facilities we should provide at church.

If you know of a facility for recycling any hard-to-recycle items please send details to kathrynallen82@yahoo.co.uk.

BUT REMEMBER: Reduce and reuse where possible!