

## **Ethical and Environmental Policy, All Saints Church, Chedgrave**

'The Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it', Psalm 24. Taking this verse as our guide, this is the policy we have adopted for our church:

1. We use Fairtrade/ethically sourced products wherever possible (tea, coffee and sugar are always Fairtrade) and will share this information with our congregation and with those groups which use the Church Centre.
2. We will celebrate **Fairtrade Fortnight** ( 24<sup>th</sup> Feb- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020) and integrate Fairtrade into the life of our place of worship through church activities, sermons and services.
3. We will endeavour to engage with other Fairtrade and environmental campaigns (Traidcraft, Rainforest Concern) and connect with community groups (particularly schools, together with Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs) where possible.
4. We will encourage the use of local/Fairtrade products in any meals provided by the church and ensure a vegetarian and/or vegan option is available.
5. We use recycled toilet tissue and other paper products for church use and will encourage an awareness of the need to reduce the use of paper and plastics, keeping laminating to a minimum.
6. Only environmentally friendly cleaning products are used in the kitchen and toilet areas and where possible we refill plastic containers to avoid buying new ones.
7. No plastic flowers or potentially hazardous materials should be used in the churchyard.
8. We have adopted a reduced mowing scheme and will continue to work on a rewilding programme in selected areas of the churchyard.
9. We work with local agencies (B-line, The Woodland Trust, Norfolk Wildlife Trust) to provide habitats and protect eco-systems.
10. We use green energy providers and will seek to reduce our use of resources such as electricity, gas and water.
11. We will encourage the use of shared transport and walking or cycling for all who attend church services and activities.
12. We will maintain our utilities/heating with regular inspections and servicing to ensure environmentally efficient running.

*This policy is to be reviewed November 2022.*