

HOW DO WE GET STARTED?

- ◆ Register your church at <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk>
- ◆ Build a team of people to help you answer the questions, including children, young people, and people beyond your regular congregation. Can you work together with local schools and community groups?
- ◆ See how many Eco Church points you achieve by completing the questionnaire.
- ◆ The survey will suggest ideas for further action, many of them easily achievable and affordable. Be sure to update the survey with any changes you implement and notice what happens to your points.
- ◆ Check out the suggested online resources and develop your ideas further. They include prayers, activities for young people, information on green energy, insulation and developing wildlife friendly church grounds.
- ◆ When you have enough points, complete the Award Application Form.

SHARE YOUR PROGRESS!

Share your progress on the Manchester Eco Diocese Facebook page! If your church receives an Eco Church award, or has a good news story to share, please let us know.

For help or advice and to share your good news stories, please contact the Diocesan Environmental Officer,
The Revd John Hughes, at

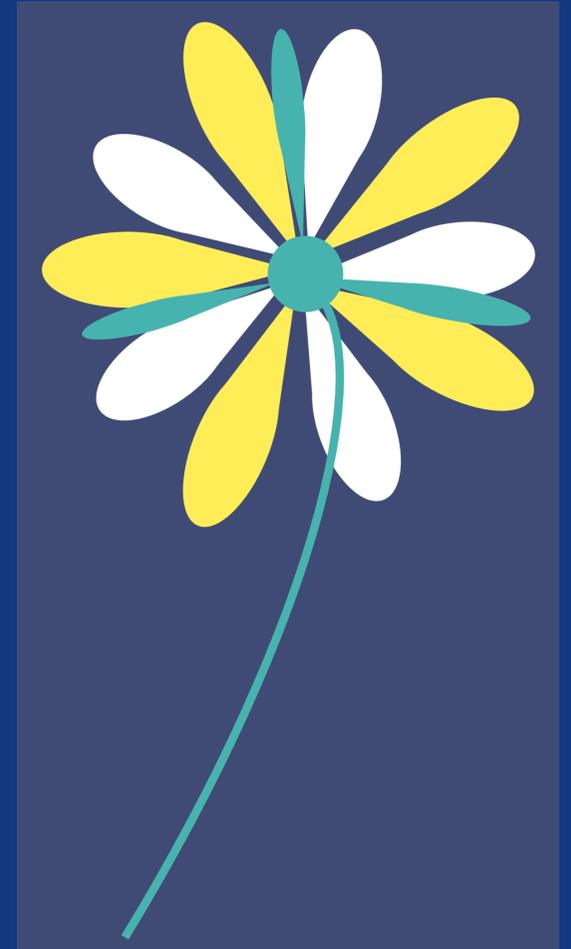
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WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US?



Many church communities across the Diocese of Manchester are living out the fifth Mark of Mission through care for God's creation.

Responding to a survey in 2017, more than 200 churches reported practical steps they are taking and 44 expressed interest in becoming an Eco Church. So there is already great enthusiasm and much to celebrate in both inner city and rural parishes.

To recognise and affirm this work, Diocesan Synod recommended that Manchester work towards becoming an Eco Diocese. We have already registered our intent, produced an environmental policy and held a commissioning service.

Can you help us on the journey by beginning your own Eco Church journey?

Becoming an Eco Church contributes to our accreditation as an Eco Diocese, and sets a challenge for the first year of working towards this goal.

OUR TARGET:
32 churches registered for Eco Church by Easter 2019

'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'
The fifth Mark of Mission of the Anglican Communion



HOW DO WE BECOME AN ECO CHURCH?

Eco Church supports churches in their care for God's creation across five areas of church life:

- * worship and teaching
- * buildings
- * land
- * community & personal engagement
- * lifestyle

Eco Church Awards operate through an online survey and you can collect points towards a bronze, silver or gold Eco Church Award.

TAKE FIVE!

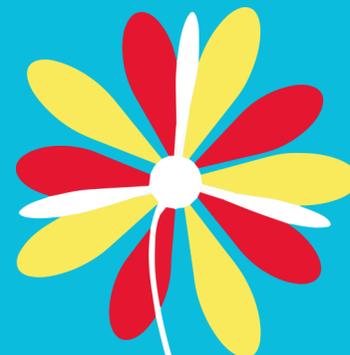
Why not start by taking one simple action from each area of church life to collect your first Eco Church points? Here are some examples:

Worship and Teaching ✓

Introduce regular prayers on environmental issues into your services.

Buildings ✓

Fit toilet cisterns on church premises with dual flush buttons or other water-saving devices.



Land ✓

Encourage native wildlife on church land by introducing bird boxes, bat boxes, hedgehog boxes or bug hotels.

Community and Global Engagement ✓

Provide or support a local car-share scheme (including sharing lifts to church).

Lifestyle ✓

Encourage church members to limit their waste through Reduce, Re-use, Recycle.

OUR TARGET:
16 churches with a bronze award by Easter 2019