

Pledge 9 Holiday planning time!

Rebecca Evans, Parish Support and Schools Advisor, shares her experience of Pledge 9 with Luci Isaacson, Diocese Environment Officer:

“In March, we opted for a 'stay-cation' and decided to find somewhere unique to stay. On board a railway carriage in Hayle was perfect and we got to explore a part of Cornwall we had not visited much before. For any rail enthusiasts; I would highly recommend our holiday destination: <http://www.railholiday.co.uk/> As we journey through the 10 pledges I'd like to encourage everyone to think about a different sort of sustainable holiday this year.”



This is a great example of **love in action** as we consider the very easy actions we can make to celebrate and care for creation. The Clear About Carbon report (2012) states that the average CO₂e that a UK resident uses on flights per year is 1.24 tonnes. For each tonne of carbon, 3 square metres arctic summer sea ice disappear (Notz & Stroeve, 2016).

Climate change is affecting everyone and senior policy advisers will be asking everyone to play their part in the government's 25 Year Environment Plan shortly (due November), as [advised this September by the Natural Capital Committee](#). It is worthwhile getting ahead now and ensuring the whole diocesan community are active and ready while they can. Not only this, but to relish and rapidly consider the opportunity to grow the church through the many operations involved with climate change and resilience to come.

Please pray for the three cyclists who set off from Truro Cathedral October 28th, on a journey to deliver the [Carbon Logic report](#) to the COP23 UN climate change conference in Bonn, Germany. The next round of climate change talks will take place in Bonn from November 6-17 this year. Euan McPhee from Falmouth said: “Having cycled to Paris two years ago to express support for the climate change agreement, we need to maintain the pressure to match, if not exceed, the targets that have been agreed. We owe it to our children and to all the other species.” Along their route, the trio will publicise the 10 Climate Change Pledges and invite others to join them by committing to helping the environment.

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I pledge to reduce my holiday air miles by 50%.

You can record your activity so please ‘check the box’ on the Cathedral Website under Hot Topics or the postcard available in your Church.