



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD SCHEME

Responsibly growing our churches

The Anglican and Methodist Environment Group (AMEG) invites churches of all denominations to embrace the recommendations of the Environment Group and work towards achieving status as a Green Church Kernow through the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD SCHEME

AMEG recognises that not all of the recommendations listed in this document will be achievable for every church and some will be harder to achieve than others. For instance some churches may not have mains water which would have implications for serving refreshments in disposable cups as well as installing a water meter. However, many of the recommendations here would cost little or nothing to implement.

It is important to recognise that we do many things as churches not because they will make or save money, but because they are worth doing. Reducing the environmental impact of our activities and buildings is an important aspect of our mission and should be considered as such at local, regional and national level.



Achieve three recommendations from each of the three areas below and receive a Bronze award certificate and sticker to display in your church.



Achieve six recommendations from each of the three areas below to receive a Silver award certificate and sticker to display in your church.



Achieve ten of the recommendations listed under 'Christian Living'.

Achieve eight of the recommendations listed under 'Community'.

Achieve 14 of the recommendations listed under 'Resources' and receive the Gold award certificate and sticker to display in your church and an invitation to a celebratory event hosted by the Bishop and Methodist Chair.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD SCHEME

| | CHRISTIAN LIVING | TICK ☞☐WHEN ACHIEVED |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Appoint a church 'Environmental Champion' - someone with a passion for environmental matters who will 'make things happen' and drive the local church towards achieving this 'Green Church Award' scheme. | |
| 2 | Run a house-group or bible study series on the environment eg Scripture Union 'Thinking Biblically about Climate Change'. | |
| 3 | Register as a Fair Trade Church with the Fair Trade Foundation. | |
| 4 | Switch church bank account to an ethical bank view http://moveyourmoney.org.uk/institution-types/ethical-banks/ | |
| 5 | Have a church communal Christmas/Easter card and donate money saved to Cool Earth or similarly focused charity. | |
| 6 | Run a TraidCraft Stall. | |
| 7 | Implement a scheme for offsetting the church's carbon footprint - eg, view https://www.coolearth.org/cool-earth-carbon/ | |
| 8 | Set aside a Sunday to celebrate the Environment: eg, A Rocha recommend the first Sunday in June as 'Environment Sunday'. | |
| 9 | Invite your Diocesan Environment Officer or a representative from one of the national charities to speak on the environment - eg Christian Aid, A Rocha | |
| 10 | Invite local environmental activists/specialists to speak about community green events. | |
| 11 | Have a 'Car-Awareness Sunday' at least once a year with the focus being to minimise car usage. This might mean, for example, walking to your local church or inviting donations to Cool Earth for every car used that Sunday. Encourage walking and cycling to church as often as possible. | |
| 12 | Use a 'living simply' Lent course. | |
| 13 | Organise a clothes swap event, with money raised going to charity. | |
| | COMMUNITY | TICK ☞☐WHEN ACHIEVED |
| 1 | Organise / participate in a community clear-up project eg litter pick. | |
| 2 | Participate in a climate change rally. | |
| 3 | Lobby your MP for parliamentary action on climate change. www.goo.gl/S0vKFR | |
| 4 | Provide in church facilities a recycling point, available to the public (eg mobiles phones, glasses, printer cartridges, tools). | |
| 5 | Participate in a landshare scheme which brings together local landowners and others willing to cultivate these plots for the growing of either vegetables or flowers - eg see http://landshare.channel4.com . | |
| 7 | Allow fruit/vegetable planting on church land | |
| 8 | Run an eco-column in the church magazine/pew sheet/website. | |
| 9 | Install bird/insect boxes. | |
| 10 | Set aside an area of the church grounds as a 'meadow' to encourage wildlife | |
| 11 | Provide an eco-section on the church noticeboard. | |
| 12 | Include eco-charities in outward giving. | |

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD SCHEME

| | RESOURCES | TICK <input type="checkbox"/> WHEN ACHIEVED |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Replace all light bulbs with LED or energy efficient bulbs, where possible. | |
| 2 | Install Renewable Energy System e.g. Solar PV panels, Microwind etc. | |
| 3 | Arrange for the composting of all organic materials - (eg flowers and kitchen waste). | |
| 4 | Use only environment-friendly cleaning products. | |
| 5 | Switch to a green energy provider | |
| 6 | Install rain water collection. | |
| 7 | Install water meters. | |
| 8 | Write and implement a flood-lighting policy - to reduce it to a minimum. | |
| 9 | Commit to using at least 30% LOAF ingredients (Local, Organic, Animal friendly, Fairly traded) at church functions. | |
| 10 | Produce a carpool for Sunday services. | |
| 11 | Install bike racks outside the church. | |
| 12 | Display a map with safe walking/cycling routes within the local area. | |
| 13 | Use recycled paper. | |
| 14 | Print double-sided wherever possible. | |
| 15 | Make it policy not to use disposable cups, plates etc or bottled water. | |
| 16 | Install hippos in cisterns or dual-flush cisterns. | |
| 17 | Commit to a policy of emailing rather than using post, where possible. | |
| 18 | Install insulation where appropriate, eg cavity wall, loft insulation. | |
| 19 | Adopt an environmental policy for the church | |

Send your completed forms to

Andrew Yates Social Responsibility Officer
 Church House
 Woodlands Court
 Truro Business Park
 Threemilestone
 TR4 9NH
 E andrew.yates@truro.anglican.org



DIOCESE OF TRURO

DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM
 GROWING THE CHURCH