

# Exciting times – New Year, fancy an award?

## *Responsibly growing our churches*

We seek growth in faith, numbers and community engagement in order to be transformed into the communities God wants us to be. The research into the 10 pledges tells us people act when a trusted messenger invites them to do so. Please do join us and be guided to be able to be that trusted messenger and in a better position to support and encourage others who would like to be a part of this.

In December, ExxonMobil shareholders were informed by the Board of the company's commitment to implement the recent shareholder resolution on climate change disclosure passed earlier in 2017. *The same day the Today programme described the Church as one of the key movers pushing this change.* Edward Mason, Head of Responsible Investment for the Church Commissioners for England, said: "We welcome ExxonMobil's commitment to implement the resolution passed earlier this year and disclose the impact of measures to combat climate change on its portfolio. Climate change is one of the most significant long-term risks investors face, and it is essential that companies confront the challenge that it poses. We look forward to continuing to work with Exxon and others on this issue."

Pledge 3 helps you engage with the risks of climate change **personally**. When you have completed the pledges we are ready to move on together to look at the Green Church Kernow Scheme and consider that risk, impact and very strong moral imperative behind these positive actions.

We will feature 4 jobs a month, to enable people to consider 'one a week' to complete the recommendations in a year. Of course, 'one a week' might not be suitable for you, but we do hope you can join in with ones you are able to and enjoy planned LOVE IN ACTION across the whole diocesan community.

Just by achieving three recommendations from each of the three [categories; CHRISTIAN LIVING, COMMUNITY and RESOURCES](#) you receive a Bronze award certificate and sticker to display in your church. By the end of March, you might be ready!

### [CHRISTIAN LIVING](#)

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'.

### [COMMUNITY](#)

3. Organise / participate in a community clear-up project e.g. litter pick.

## RESOURCES

4. Replace all light bulbs with LED or energy efficient bulbs, where possible.

The last one might seem a tall order, but most churches start off doing a little at a time, the Vergers in the Cathedral have done this – why not have a chat next time you are in Truro? The picture is a photo I took from one of the bulb boxes – see the savings! Yesterday I attended a church coffee morning while we considered solar for the roof. The coffee morning raised over £100, imagine if you held one specifically to fund bulbs and advertised how much money you would save from the investment.

<http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Environment-Award-Scheme-2017.pdf>

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Also, photo Rev Andrew Hill, from Riverside United Church

