

Worship and teaching

We consider environmental issues in our worship and teaching in a number of ways. We pray regularly for our world both in our Sunday services and during other prayer spaces. We've made a commitment to mark Climate Sunday each year. As part of our annual Lent talks we have arranged for an external speaker to share with us regarding eco issues. Our children have also learnt about how to care for our world through their Sunday groups. They've considered the importance of recycling and how this links to the creation story and learnt how to make seedling pots from newspaper.

Buildings

We've continued to make sure we use environmentally friendly resources for church events and office supplies. When we need to replace a light bulb it is swapped for a low energy LED bulb. Our site team are all aware of the need to consider the environment and make sure it is a key part of all decision making. We've also started to have milk delivered in reusable glass bottles.

Land

Our gardening team has worked hard to create an inviting and environmentally friendly outside space for us to share with our community. They've dug flower beds and filled them with flowers that look beautiful and provide food for bees and other insects. They've made a bug house to encourage more insects and then held workshops with families to show them how to create them for their own garden's. They've installed water butts to collect rain water and have ordered benches to encourage everyone to sit and spend time in the space they have created.

Community and Global Engagement

Every year we mark Fairtrade fortnight. We also ran a Fairtrade quiz with prizes to encourage people to get involved and find out more. We've started Munch every Wednesday in the school holidays, where we provide recipe kits to allow families in our community to enjoy cooking a meal together. We used food sourced from local suppliers and have used reusable or recyclable packaging where possible.

Lifestyle

We've started sending out eco tips to our church community in our weekly email and have made a commitment to do this regularly. We've also encouraged our members to complete an environmental impact questionnaire to help them consider the impact their choices have on our world. As part of our annual Commitment Sunday we sent wildflower seeds to our community and encouraged them to plant them in their gardens as a reminder of our commitment to God and each other in the year ahead. We also hold an annual walk to church Sunday.