



HORSHAM ECO CHURCHES

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Encourage and inspire churches and communities on their journey, to share ideas and find out more about caring for God's world.

In the Bible, Jesus tells us the most important commandments are to love God, and to love our neighbours. Tackling the climate crisis is vital to both honouring God, by protecting his creation and loving our global neighbours, who are hit first and worst by what is now a climate emergency.

THE TIME IS NOW

Tearfund, together with Climate Coalition, are calling on UK government to lead the world in delivering a post Covid recovery, that is healthier, greener and fairer and puts us on track to tackle climate change. A group over 140 organisations have drawn up a declaration addressed to the Prime Minister to send a strong and unified message. thetimeisnow.uk/declaration

Could you join them and sign "The Time is Now" letter?



WHY COP26 MATTERS by RUTH VALERIO

Leaders from across the globe gather for a meeting that will shape our future, here's why it matters and our role: <https://www.tearfund.org/stories/2021/09/why-cop26-matters>

COP26 : FAITH, HOPE & LOVE - DAWN PRAYER

Sunday 31st October 7.30am-8am Human Nature Garden, Horsham Park

As COP26 begins in Glasgow, Horsham Churches Together invites you to pray for global leaders as they seek to address climate change. Host: Bishop Ruth Bushyager, Bishop of Horsham. Bible readings, prayer and silence. All are welcome. Bring a friend. No dogs. Please note the clocks will have gone back overnight! <http://horshamct.org.uk/events/>

CLIMATE SUNDAY RECORDINGS

St Mark's Church 10th October <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2t5NMuizZjE&t=2769s>
Trafalgar Road Baptist Church 12th September www.trbc.info/online

HORSHAM COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Tuesday 10-11am, Thursday 1-2pm at Well Being Hub, The Forum, Horsham RH12 1PQ. Free good quality excess fresh food for anyone to take, to stop it being wasted. faredivide.org.uk/horsham-community-fridge-project A lot of free food is available for collection from local stores on Friday evenings for distribution on Saturdays, could your church or hall provide space and tables once a month on a Saturday for an hour, to enable members of your community to collect free food? You could link it with a community café or other event, or simply with a time when your church is open. More volunteers are welcome to join the team collecting food from local stores. Contact Karen Park for more information horshamecochurches@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST MICHAEL'S, AMBERLEY

Having recently completed the eco survey `really happy to discover that we are green enough to qualify for a Bronze Award at our first attempt!! Quite amazing!' St Michael's are hosting an Eco Fair in the Parish Hall 10-12 on Saturday 16th October to celebrate their award and showcase many green initiatives in Amberley, including their Wildflower churchyard and enhanced recycling programme.

TREE OF PROMISES

Help inspire our community to make a difference at Sussex Green Hub, Saturday 30th October 10-4 at United Reformed Church in Horsham RH12 1PT and then in Sussex Green Living's pop-up shop (in old C&H shop in West Street) during COP26.

- Write your #PromiseToThePlanet on one side of a leaf
- Write a promise you want world leaders to make on the other side
- Take photos for social media with #PromiseToThePlanet
- Add your leaf to the Tree of Promises

HORSHAM ECO CHURCHES AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION

Including Eco Church, Creation Care and Climate Sunday Information, download the slides and select slide show from beginning. <http://horshamct.org.uk/eco-churches/>

SUSSEX GREEN HUB

A community café, friendly solutions and advice including from Horsham Eco Churches, to help you Repair, Refill, Renew Energy, Recycle, Regrow, Read and Respond, to save money and the planet. At United Reformed Church, Horsham RH12 1PT on Saturday 30th October, 27th November and 18th December 10am – 4pm sussexgreenliving.co.uk/sussex-green-hub

CREATION CARE

Encourages households of all ages to make changes to care for God's world. The online questionnaire and resources provide ideas for their next steps towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold Creation Care Award, register your church and present certificates to award winners and encourage them to share tips with others. <https://creationcare.org.uk/>

COP26 BBC EXTENSIVE COVERAGE PLANS

<https://www.eco-business.com/press-releases/bbc-unveils-coverage-plans-for-cop26-climate-change-conference/> **Footage:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/search?q=cop26&page=1>

LINKS TO FURTHER INFORMATION

- [360 Carbon Calculator](#)
- [Christian Aid - Climate Change](#)
- [Climate Emergency Toolkit](#)
- [Climate Justice Prayer Guide](#)
- [Climate Stewards](#)
- [Climate Sunday](#)
- [Creation Care](#)
- [Eco Church](#)
- [Fairtrade Horsham](#)
- [Livesimply Award](#)
- [Operation Noah](#)
- [South East Climate Alliance](#)
- [Sussex Green Living](#)
- [Tearfund Reboot – climate crisis action](#)
- [Twin Your Bin / Twin Your Tap](#)
- [Twin Your Toilet](#)
- [Wild Christian - faith, nature & climate](#)
- [WWF Environmental Footprint Calculator](#)

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