



THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

TREASURE, SAFEGUARD & CARE FOR CREATION

A Rocha UK & Eco Church

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Eco Church Champion, St. Mark's Church

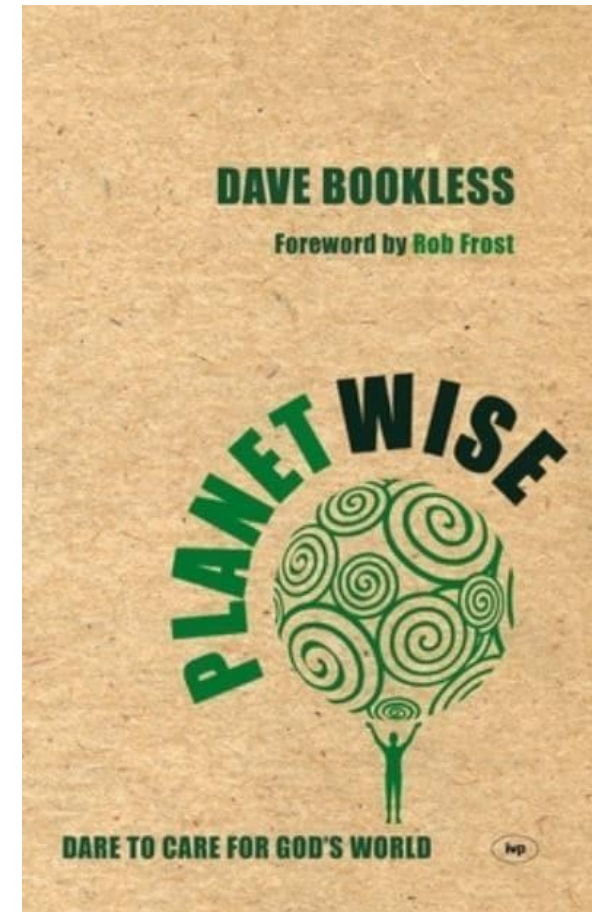


St Mark's Church, Holbrook
Knowing Christ and making Him known



A Rocha

- A Rocha in Portuguese means 'the rock'
- 1983 Anglican minister and his wife, Peter and Miranda Harris
- Christian wildlife study centre in Portugal
- 2001 A Rocha UK co-founded by Dave and Ann Bookless
- A local West London restoration project - Wolf Fields



A Rocha UK



Growing global environmental crisis, in 2016 mission changed:
To equip Christians and Churches to care for the environment –
for God, for nature and all people.

Wolf Fields & Foxearth Meadows



Partners In Action



Christian Environmental Leaders



Eco Church

- For all denominations
- Free online survey records what already doing
- Bronze, Silver and Gold Eco Church Awards
- Eco Diocese, Eco Circuit, Eco District and Eco Synod Awards

Free resources inform decisions on further steps in 5 key areas:

- Worship and teaching
- Management of church buildings
- Management of church land
- Community & global engagement
- Personal lifestyle

ecochurch.arocha.org.uk



Eco Church - Survey

Find an Eco Church Champion, watch sign up video and register

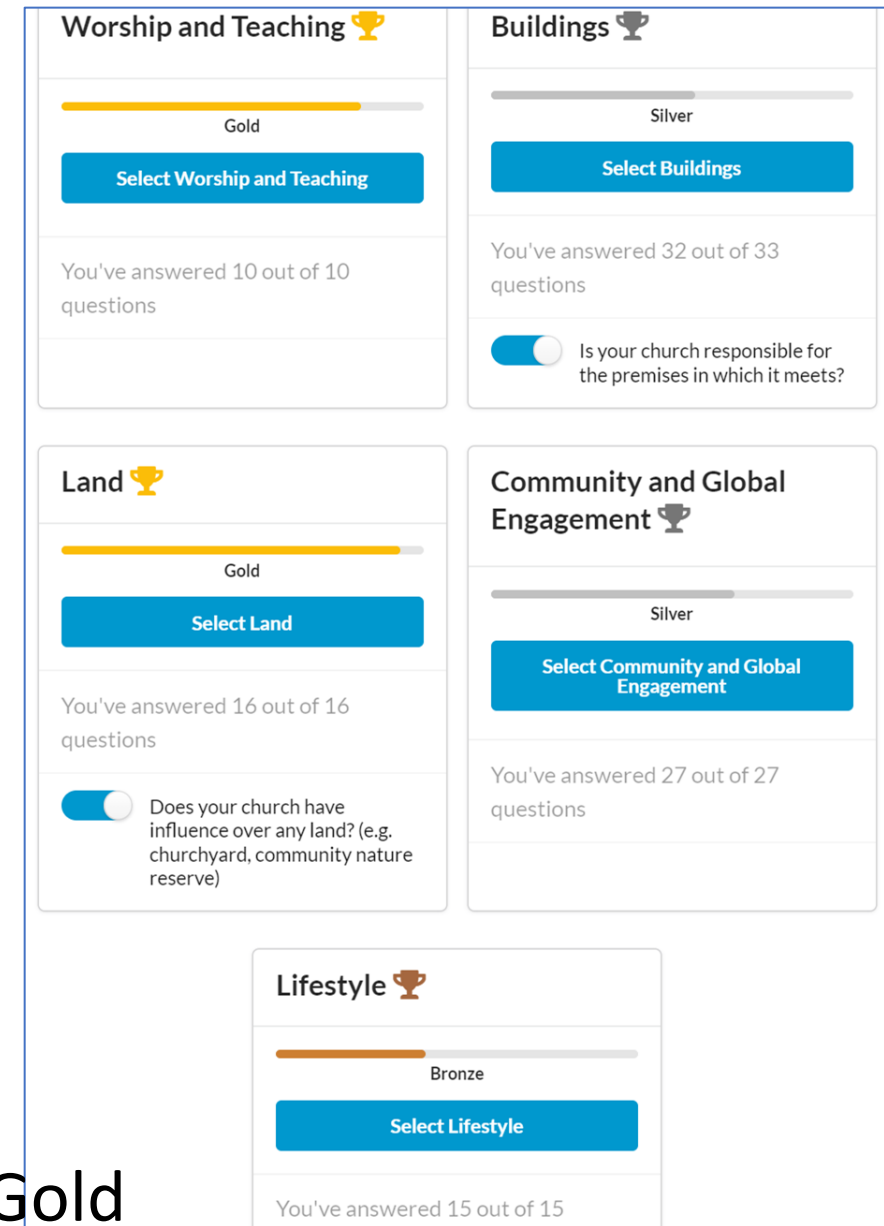
- Church name, address and denomination
- Number of worshippers, date church built and if listed building
- Contact name, email and password

Start a survey, update and complete any time

- Additional information via the 'More' buttons
- Automatically saved with every entry
- Help FAQs and contact form
- Inform your congregation, recruit an Eco Team
- Link with other churches and organisations
- Your church might already qualify for an award!

Eco Church - Award Points

- Lines change as points accumulate, reflecting award level achieved
- Must reach the required standard in each area
- Start new test surveys 'Going for Bronze'
- Fill in current responses, alter to see impacts
- Set goals, share meaningful information
- Keep an eco diary and photos, an Assessor visits for Gold Awards to see and hear all you've done
- Award thresholds: 25% Bronze, 50% Silver, 75% Gold



ECO CHURCH RESOURCES

AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT



- Correspond to Eco Church survey questions
- Quickly explore why and how to undertake recommended actions
- Longer reads and case studies

Eco Church - Awards

- Apply for awards online
- Free certificate
- Optional purchase a wooden plaque



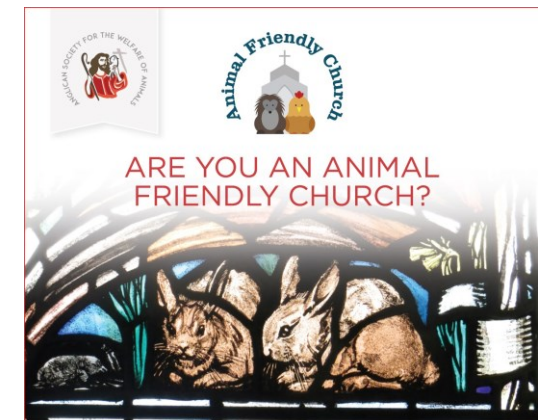
Eco Church - Step by Step



- Eco Church Champion
- Register with Eco Church
- Fairtrade Church
- Eco Church Team
- Standard agenda item
- Use Climate Emergency Toolkit
- Net Zero Carbon webinars
- Animal Friendly Church



<https://www.aswa.org.uk/our-work/animal-friendly/>



St Mark's Church, Holbrook

- Built in 1990
- Registered with Eco Church in June 2018
- Silver Eco Church Award in October 2018
- 2020 take St. Mark's to net zero carbon by 2030
- 2021 recognised the current Climate and Ecological Emergency
- 2022 registered as a Warm Welcome Space



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Warm Welcome Campaign

- Community response to the cost-of-living crisis
- Register as a Warm Welcome Space
- Each warm welcome space will be open at least once a week



Free



Warm



Welcoming



Safe

<https://www.warmwelcome.uk>



Burning Down the House - How the Church Could Lose Young People Over Climate Inaction

Tearfund & the Youthscape Centre for Research.

- 9 out of 10 Christian teenagers surveyed are concerned about climate change
- 1 in 10 surveyed believe their church is doing enough to respond to the climate crisis
- Young people are calling on their church leaders to listen, learn alongside them and act with integrity on the issue of climate change
- Tearfund launched the Climate Emergency Toolkit to help

wearetearfund.org/burning-down-the-house



Prepare by starting the conversation about the climate emergency and beginning to plan your response

Declare or recognise an emergency in a way that engages your community and amplifies the need for leaders everywhere to act

Impact widely by partnering with your local community and speak up for change together

**A helpful route map for your church or organisation
to respond to the climate emergency**

climateemergencytoolkit.com

Journey to Net Zero Carbon Church

7% of churches are
already net zero carbon

Sample very-high
energy using buildings
indicates all can achieve
net zero carbon

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church>



1. Well-maintained



2. Buy renewable



3. Waste less



4. Electric not gas/oil



5. Generate more



6. Offset the rest



FAIRTRADE
FOUNDATION

Fairtrade and Climate Justice



‘What does the Lord require of us: to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God’ Micah 6:8

- Fairtrade certification - workers’ rights, safer working conditions and fairer pay, high quality, ethically produced products.
- Over 6,000 Fairtrade products including: bananas, biscuits, chocolate, coffee, clothes, flowers, gold, oil, sugar, tea, wine, beauty and wellness.
- Churches commit or re-commit to Fairtrade status online.

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/In-your-community/Faith-Groups/Fairtrade-Churches/>

**STAND WITH FARMERS
TAKING ON THE
CLIMATE CRISIS.**

CHOOSE FAIRTRADE.

Climate change is destroying the livelihoods of farmers and workers already pushed to the brink by unfair trade. Choose Fairtrade so they can earn enough to take on the climate crisis, farm sustainably and meet their everyday needs.

fairtrade.org.uk

**CHOOSE THE WORLD
YOU WANT**



- Climate change hits those in low-income countries the hardest.
- Increasingly extreme, unpredictable weather destroying bananas, coffee & cocoa crops.
- Even less for essentials such as education, medical treatment and even food.
- Demand climate justice choose Fairtrade.
- Press for a fair deal on climate.

Global Engagement - Petitioning

To bring about climate justice, we need change at all levels

- Fairtrade - Sow Your Solidarity
- Tearfund - Time to Deliver Petition
- Christian Aid - Loss and Damage Petition



Community Engagement

- Recycle in church - candles, ink cartridges, bras, pens, stamps, postcards, greeting cards & milk bottle tops
- Recycle single use plastics - by church car park
- Recycle food waste - Hotbin Trial
- Foodbank donations
- Horsham Community Fridge



Community Engagement

Churches Count on Nature

Joint venture by Caring for God's Acre, A Rocha UK, the Church of England and the Church of Wales



The Great Big Green Week

Run by the Climate Coalition



Horsham Eco Churches

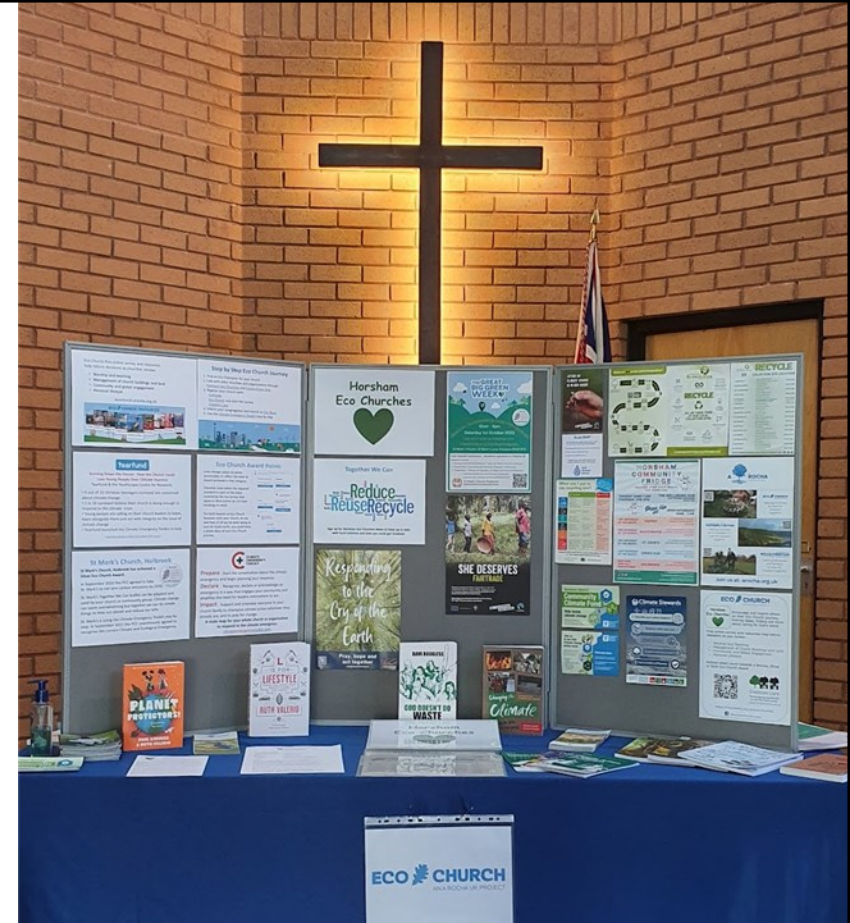


Monthly eNews
Facebook

horshamct.org.uk/eco-churches

Set up by Horsham Churches Together to encourage and inspire others caring for God's world.

Monthly stand last Saturday month 10am – 4pm at [Sussex Green Hub](#) in the United Reformed Church, Horsham, with children's eco craft activities.



Target 25

T25

- Join Partners in Action working to help 25 target places and species struggling with the effects of climate change, habitat loss and pollution.
- Eg: bees, butterflies, common swifts, hedgehogs, native wildflowers and threatened habitats.
- Information packs - monitoring, recording and practical actions
- <https://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25/>

HABITATS

AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT
PARTNERS  **IN ACTION**

Habitats from left to right: T1 Grassland (Hay meadows) David Chandler, T2 Hedgerows - Annie Spratt, T3 Freshwater (Lakes) Ben Clayton, T4 Woodland (Deciduous woodland) David Chandler, T5 Coastal (Hard cliffs) Dimitry Anikin

Hedgehogs



Prickly problems

people's
trust for
endangered
species

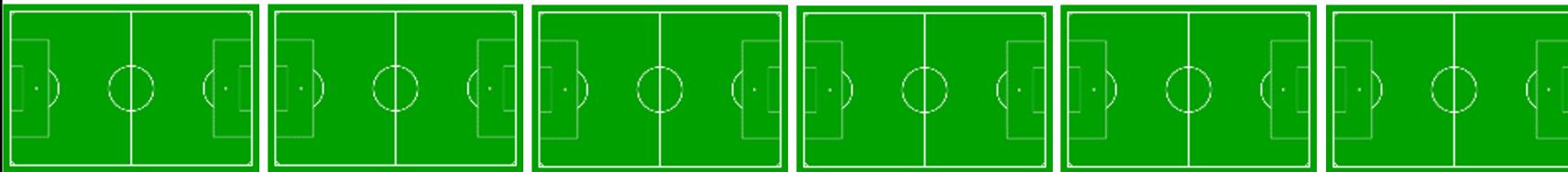
British Hedgehog
Preservation Society



How far do they roam?

Hedgehogs can walk up to 2 km per night.

That's 20 football pitches long!



- In one night roam up to 2km, 1.25 miles!
- Make Hedgehog Holes under garden fences
- 13cm by 13cm, too small for most pets
- Shallow bowls of water
- Create wild areas

www.hedgehogstreet.org

Work in Partnership To Make a Difference

Churches, groups, schools, councils, businesses and individuals.



RECONNECT • REPAIR • REFILL • RECYCLE • REUSE • REGROW • REFRESHMENTS

SUSSEX GreenLiving

Horsham Repair Cafe

community together

SUSSEX Green Hub

Spring into SPRING

Saturday 26th March 2022, 10-4pm
United Reformed Church, 45 Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 1PT

ALSO here:

- ♥ Horsham Repair Cafe
- ♥ Carbon Clinic
- ♥ Community Energy
- ♥ Horsham Community Fridge
- ♥ Recycling drop and donate
- ♥ Horsham Eco Churches
- ♥ Transition Horsham
- ♥ Community cafe

A chance to bring along the family to come and make a sustainable, free Mothers Day or Easter present

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www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/sussex-green-hub



HORSHAM COMMUNITY FRIDGE

HELPING STOP FOOD WASTE FOR EVERYONE

TUESDAY 10AM-11AM LONDON ROAD METHODIST CHURCH LONDON ROAD - HORSHAM - RH12 1AN
THURSDAY 1PM-2PM

Pops Up @ OPEN SATURDAYS 10AM - 11AM

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH	ROFFEY	ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CRAWLEY ROAD-ROFFEY RH12 4DX
2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH	SOUTHWATER	HOLY INNOCENTS CHURCH CHURCH LANE-SOUTHWATER RH13 9BT
3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH	ST JOHN'S	ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL SPRINGFIELD RD-HORSHAM RH12 2PJ
LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH	GREEN HUB	UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SPRINGFIELD RD-HORSHAM RH12 2RG
23RD APRIL 23RD JULY 22ND OCTOBER	HOLBROOK	ST MARK'S CHURCH ST MARK'S LANE-HORSHAM RH12 5PU

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#HORSHAMCOMMUNITYFRIDGE

PROUD TO BE A PART OF THE FARE DIVIDE COMMUNITY FRIDGE NETWORK

Together We Can



Climate change can seem overwhelming but together we can do simple things to help our planet & reduce our bills.

Use [Together We Can](#) leaflet.

Lifestyle: It's a Challenge!

Household and personal actions do make a difference.

Wild Christian

Monthly emails, something to think about and practical actions



Creation Care

Free online questionnaire and resources.

Register your church and award Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates. creationcare.org.uk



Reduce, Reuse, Repair & Recycle

- Refuse packaging - take bags & boxes
- Charity Shops
- Clothes, tools etc, swap / loan
- Community Freebay and Freecycle pages
- Community Fridge
- Recycle - council and charity schemes
- Repair Café
- Men's Shed
- Insulation

St Mary's, Ticehurst, East Sussex

- 16th Century Church, grade 2 listed building
- 2022 first Gold Award Eco Church in Chichester Diocese
- Animal Friendly Church of the Year Award in 2020
- PCC agreed Environmental Policy
- Launched an outdoor Forest Church
- Using Tearfund's Climate Emergency Toolkit
- Produced a Churchyard Management Plan
- Host a small flock of sheep



<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/st-marys-ticehurst-achieves-an-eco-church-gold-award/>

Any Questions?



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