# Horsham Eco Churches Review for Horsham Churches Together AGM 11.7.23

14 of the 32 Horsham Churches Together Churches have now registered with Eco Church. Congratulations to St. Margaret's Church, Warnham, and Life Community Baptist Church on achieving their Bronze Eco Church Awards and London Road Methodist Church now eligible and about to apply for their Bronze Eco Church Award! Brighton Road Baptist Church and St Mark's Church, Holbrook, continue working from Silver towards Gold Awards.

Horsham Eco Churches has had another busy year with our monthly stall at <u>Sussex Green Hub</u> in the United Reformed Church in Horsham, displays and talks for Kinder Living Home Show, Horsham Rotary Club, Amberley Museum Environment Day, SECA Annual Gathering and St Michael's Amberley Eco Fair. Many thanks to Richard Jackson, HCT Development Coordinator, and to the Eco Church champions from several churches, who help us cover stalls, share information and ideas and support each other.

### Treasure, Safeguard & Care for Creation Conference

St Mark's Church organised this conference in October, recordings of the talks are available. <a href="https://doi.org.uk/eco-churches">horshamct.org.uk/eco-churches</a>

# **South East Climate Alliance (SECA)**

Horsham Eco Churches is represented on the <u>SECA</u> Steering Group. It was so good to gather with more than 100 others at the annual gathering and chat about Eco Church, local elections and other climate issues. We helped to promote the ABCD Climate and Nature Pledge for the local elections.

# No Faith in Fossil Fuels Service & Pilgrimage

Representatives of Horsham Eco Churches and A Rocha UK attended the No Faith in Fossil Fuels Service & Pilgrimage, part of the Big One Protest in London. We were among thousands singing Amazing Grace, worshipping God and peacefully protesting. This blog includes the letter to Shell delivered by retired Archbishop John Sentamu. greenchristian.org.uk/green-christian-the-big-one

#### **Horsham Eco Churches News**

Monthly news email includes Community Engagement, Resources, Grants, Webinars, Conferences, Petitions and Campaigns. <a href="https://mailchi.mp/8855d002168a/horsham-eco-churches-2023-july">https://mailchi.mp/8855d002168a/horsham-eco-churches-2023-july</a>

### **Working Together**

Horsham Eco Churches continue working together with many community groups, charities and organisations, including: Horsham Community Fridge, Sussex Green Living, Transition Horsham, Community Energy Horsham, North Horsham Community Land Trust and Horsham District Council.

# **OnePlanet**

Horsham Eco Churches is using the OnePlanet online platform, which enables citizens, companies and governments to collaborate to tackle climate change, build resilient communities and regenerate the earth's living systems. <a href="mailto:oneplanet.com">oneplanet.com</a>

# **Climate Resilient Church**

The Church of England <u>information</u> and webinars, How to prepare your buildings for more extreme weather and How to use your church to protect your community, really bring home the enormity and urgency of the climate crisis. I urge all churches to embark on an Eco Church journey. The Eco Church platform has been refreshed and the resources updated, it is free and easy to use.

Please contact us for more information.

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