

## **Eco Church Commitments for Church PCC or Committee to Discuss**

A Rocha UK's Eco Church Survey has been updated to have the most impact, the first question of every category asks our church to acknowledge the climate and nature crises and demonstrate a commitment. See the Overview document in the resources for each category for more information.

### **1. Worship and Teaching**

Our church recognises and teaches that creation care and action to address the climate and nature crises are integral to Christian faith, life and worship and has made a visible commitment to A Rocha UK's Eco Church award scheme.

**Environmental Policy** – to bring together church policies and procedures in one document, outline your church's commitment to care for the environment, and provide a framework for setting objectives and targets to improve your environmental performance. Tailored to your individual church building, activity and setting.

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Environmental-Policy-and-Net-Zero-Carbon-plan.pdf>

### **2. Buildings and Energy**

Our church has recognised the climate and nature crises and the fundamental injustice these represent. We have committed to reducing our carbon footprint year-on-year, in line with our denomination's commitment to net zero (if appropriate).

**Buildings and Energy Resources**

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/resources/buildings/>

### **3. Land and Nature**

Our church recognises the significant contribution churches can make to the UK's target of 30% of land protected for nature by 2030. We have established a plan to manage our land for nature to help us do this in the most impactful way.

**Plan for Nature** – an essential requirement for a Gold Eco Church award.

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Plan-for-nature-Land-Management-Plan-Guidelines.pdf>

### **4. Community and Global Engagement**

Our church recognises the impact of the climate and nature crises and has a plan or strategy to take action LOCALLY and/or NATIONALLY and/or GLOBALLY.

**Community and Global resources** - can help you produce a simple action plan.

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/resources/community-and-global/>

### **5. Lifestyle**

Our church recognises that we can have an impact on the world through the choices available to us and our use of money and resources. We will strive to support our church family and wider community in bringing about positive change and care for God's Earth. We will seek to encourage our church community and beyond to live gently on the Earth and be prepared to challenge systemic injustice.

**Lifestyle Resources**

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/resources/lifestyle/>