



When you have finished and ticked all 10, you are ready to open this poster up. Why not pop one up at Church and invite people to help you achieve the **Green Church Kernow Awards**?

Talk to your Church Council about how best to go about this.

Let us know how you got on

Do tell us how you got on! If you have done them already, give yourself a pat on the back, tick the box and move onto the next one. If the pledge you are on seems a little hard, remember many have worked their way through them, however suits them, but they have made a difference – and so will you! **THANK YOU**

10 things I can do now!

When the **10 Pledges** are completed you are ready to embark on The Green Church Kernow Awards, together with your Church and its congregation. Open up this document to see where you are heading – it's going to be a great journey, please enjoy it!

YOU CAN HELP BY COMMITTING TO THE PLEDGES OPPOSITE AND HELPING US TO SPREAD THE WORD

It might be tempting to confine our environmental action simply to that fifth Mark, to **treasure** creation and address the huge issues raised by climate change.

However, all mission is Gospel-connected: To **tell** of God's coming kingdom and grow the Church, we must **teach** new believers; **tend** to human need in loving service; and **transform** unjust structures of society, challenge violence and pursue peace and reconciliation. Mission's context is a changing climate with all its global consequences. To be fit to join this work requires us to change our behaviour.

Those already taking part in the **Pledges** come from a variety of backgrounds – demonstrating their simplicity and ease.



PLEDGES:

1 I pledge to ring my electricity supplier over the next 24 hours and see if I can switch to green energy

2 I pledge to buy local seasonal produce as much as possible, starting with at least 2 meals a week

3 I pledge to educate myself about the science and impacts of climate change

4 I pledge to contact my MP and my friends and make these pledges too

5 I pledge to walk, cycle, use public transport or register with www.carsharecornwall.com 08700 11199 to travel to work or regular journey at least once a week.

6 I pledge to work out my own carbon footprint using one of the many easy to use carbon calculators e.g., <http://footprint.wvf.org.uk>

7 I pledge to do a 'home energy check' to find out how I can save energy in my home. <http://hecat.org.uk/start.aspx> (if you don't have internet, ask the Energy Saving Trust on 0800 512 012)

8 I pledge to turn my thermostat down or use a thermometer to reach the lowest comfortable temperature, typically between 18-21°C & think about putting on a jumper instead.

9 I pledge to reduce my holiday air miles by 50%

10 I pledge to research 'Driving in a greener way' by google/research or by ringing up a driving instructor and booking a lesson to learn eco-drive ideas.



Tick when achieved

CONNECTING ME WITH CLIMATE CHANGE



We are all invited to share in God's mission in the world. Anglicans list five 'Marks of Mission', calling every one of us to a radical and whole-life response. The Fifth Mark is:

"To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth".

To help us, *Climate Vision* have created the list of ten easy-to-implement Pledges to achieve global carbon reduction. Since 2009, individuals have used these to make impressive savings through small changes in habits.

We would like **YOU** to join us



When you have almost achieved 3 recommendations from each of the 3 categories; please get in touch regarding your Bronze award certificate and sticker to display in your church



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The Environmental Policy is available to view online <http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/mission/community/environmental-issues/>

To hear about Hot Topics regarding the Environment, please join our emailing list. We only send a short bulletin when we have something lovely and useful to tell you. You can unsubscribe at any time. Please send your email address to luci@climatevision.co.uk to join.

The 10 Pledges can be found online here <http://www.trurocathedral.org.uk/hot-topics/top-ten.php>

The Green Church Kernow Awards can be found online here <http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Environment-Award-Scheme-2017.pdf>

To order more of these, please get in touch with Andrew or Luci as above, thank you.



GREEN CHURCH KERNOW

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD SCHEME

Responsibly growing our churches

Having hopefully enjoyed most of the 10 Pledges, you will now be ready to think about your church. The Cornwall Churches Environment Group (CCEG) invites churches of all denominations to work towards achieving status as a Green Church Kernow, through the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards



CCEG recognises that not all of the recommendations listed will be achievable for every church and some will be harder to achieve than others. For instance, some churches may not have mains water which would have implications for serving refreshments in disposable cups as well as installing a water meter. However, many of the recommendations would cost little or nothing to implement. It is important to recognise that we do many things as churches not because they will make or save money, but because they are worth doing. Reducing the environmental impact of our activities and buildings is an important aspect of our mission and should be considered as such at local, regional and national level.

Just by achieving three recommendations from each of the three categories; **CHRISTIAN LIVING**, **COMMUNITY** and **RESOURCES** you receive a Bronze award certificate and sticker to display in your church.

If you wish to have a look online and find out what you can work towards (great things on Gold), please look here: <http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Environment-Award-Scheme-2017.pdf>

Do them at a speed that is comfortable, or you might consider 'one a week' to complete the recommendations in a year and base your event planning on them, used as a resource for celebrating the gift of creation every week.

Of course, as above, 'one a week' might not be suitable for you, but we do hope you can fully embrace this

LOVE IN ACTION.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

Tick when achieved

- 1 Appoint a church 'Environmental Champion' – someone with a passion for environmental matters who will 'make things happen' and drive the local church towards achieving this 'Green Church Award' scheme.
- 2 Run a house-group or bible study series on the environment eg Scripture Union 'Thinking Biblically about Climate Change'.
- 3 Register as a Fair Trade Church with the Fair Trade Foundation.
- 4 Switch church bank account to an ethical bank view <http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/buyersguides/money/bankingcurrentaccounts.aspx>
- 5 Have a church communal Christmas/Easter card and donate money saved to Cool Earth or similarly focused charity.
- 6 Run a TraidCraft Stall.
- 7 Implement a scheme for offsetting the church's carbon footprint – eg, view <https://www.coolearth.org/cool-earth-carbon/> or A Rocha's Climate Stewards: <https://www.climatestewards.org/>
- 8 Set aside a Sunday to celebrate the Environment: eg, A Rocha recommend the first Sunday in June as 'Environment Sunday'.
- 9 Invite your Diocesan Environment Officer or a representative from one of the national charities to speak on the environment – eg Christian Aid, A Rocha
- 10 Invite local environmental activists/specialists to speak about community green events.
- 11 Have a 'Car-Awareness Sunday' at least once a year with the focus being to minimise car usage. This might mean, for example, walking to your local church or inviting donations to Cool Earth for every car used that Sunday. Encourage walking and cycling to church as often as possible.
- 12 Use a 'living simply' Lent course.
- 13 Organise a clothes swap event, with money raised going to charity.

COMMUNITY

Tick when achieved

- 1 Organise / participate in a community clear-up project eg litter pick.
- 2 Participate in a climate change rally.
- 3 Lobby your MP for parliamentary action on climate change. www.goo.gl/SOvKFR
- 4 Provide in church facilities a recycling point, available to the public (eg mobiles phones, glasses, printer cartridges, tools).
- 5 Participate in a landshare scheme which brings together local landowners and others willing to cultivate these plots for the growing of either vegetables or flowers – eg see <http://www.landshare.org/>
- 6 Allow fruit/vegetable planting on church land
- 7 Run an eco-column in the church magazine/pew sheet/website.
- 8 Install bird/insect boxes.
- 9 Set aside an area of the church grounds as a 'meadow' to encourage wildlife.
- 10 Provide an eco-section on the church noticeboard.
- 11 Include eco-charities in outward giving.

RESOURCES

Tick when achieved

- 1 Replace all light bulbs with LED or energy efficient bulbs, where possible.
- 2 Install Renewable Energy System e.g. Solar PV panels, Microwind etc.
- 3 Arrange for the composting of all organic materials – (eg flowers and kitchen waste).
- 4 Use only environment-friendly cleaning products.
- 5 Switch to a green energy provider.
- 6 Install rain water collection.
- 7 Install water meters.
- 8 Write and implement a flood-lighting policy – to reduce it to a minimum.
- 9 Commit to using at least 30% LOAF ingredients (Local, Organic, Animal friendly, Fairly traded) at church functions. See <http://www.greenchristian.org.uk/resources/loaf/>
- 10 Produce a carpool for Sunday services.
- 11 Install bike racks outside the church.
- 12 Display a map with safe walking/cycling routes within the local area.
- 13 Use recycled paper.
- 14 Print double-sided wherever possible.
- 15 Make it policy not to use disposable cups, plates etc or bottled water.
- 16 Install hippos in cisterns or dual-flush cisterns.
- 17 Commit to a policy of emailing rather than using post, where possible.
- 18 Install insulation where appropriate, eg cavity wall, loft insulation.
- 19 Adopt an environmental policy for the church.

