

Environmental Policy for the Parish of Bardsey with East Keswick

AIM

As a local church, we aim to have a ministry and mission of environmental stewardship, both for our own property, through our congregation and in our community, which glorifies God and brings Christ's kingdom in our parish.

OBJECTIVE

As a church community, we will take environmental concerns into all we do together.

ACTIONS

1. We will appoint a person in each church to coordinate and lead on our Environmental concerns and bring issues forward to the PCC on a regular basis.
2. We will include our concern for sustainability in our worship and teaching.
3. We will seek to minimise our church's carbon footprint by reducing the greenhouse gas emissions from the electricity and gas used in church, in line with the IPCC targets (45% reductions in carbon emissions by 2030 and to net zero emissions by 2050, from 2010 levels), through the use of, renewably generated energy, improved insulation and energy saving products and processes.
4. We will encourage the use of those forms of travel which minimise or reduce environmental impact (e.g. walking, cycling, public transport, car sharing, alternative fuel vehicles).
5. We will ensure that our church's money is being used ethically and our investments and bank account are divested from fossil fuels.
6. We will use locally sourced produce, products and services where possible, as well as seeking ways to reduce material consumption and the impact of our activities on the environment.
7. We will avoid using water unnecessarily, install water meters where appropriate, check for leakages, fit water minimising systems to taps and cisterns wherever practicable.
8. We will assess our land and property for wildlife and manage them to conserve biodiversity.
9. We will encourage individual members of our congregations to take actions in their personal lives to complement and supplement these actions of the church community.
10. We will participate in the Eco Church programme, organised by A Rocha.

This policy and programme will be reviewed every three years in light of developments.

Signed: Angela Hannatin

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