

We are living in a Climate and Ecological Emergency - 5 ways you could help

1. Help at St Mark's

- Join our Eco Church Team or Gardening Team
- Help with our wildlife surveys and pond management
- Big Butterfly Count 15 July – 7 August bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org

2. Support our recycling schemes

- Collection baskets at the back of church for candles, ink cartridges, pens, stamps, postcards, bras, greeting cards and plastic milk bottle tops.
- Soon launching single use plastic recycling as part of Sussex Green Living's TerraCycle scheme, for plastics which cannot be recycled in our household blue bins. More volunteers are needed to help Horsham Wombles sort the recycling. sussexgreenliving.co.uk/recycling-zone/single-use
- We are composting all food waste from St Mark's Church, Hall and Vicarage, Holbrook Community Pre School and New View Nursery, as part of Horsham District Council's Hotbin Trial. We will use the compost when we plant Holbrook Community Orchard.

3. Become a Hedgehog Champion

Hedgehogs can walk up to 2km per night, that's 20 football pitches long!

- Put out water (not milk) and leave a wild corner
- Talk to your neighbours, link gardens with 13cm square hole (too small for most pets)
- Join Hedgehog Street hedgehogstreet.org

4. Creation Care Scheme

- Our household and personal actions do make a difference
- Register with a name and email for the free survey and resources
- Link with St Mark's to receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate. We will next present certificates at our Harvest Service on 9 October creationcare.org.uk



5. Rest and Pray

- Pray for our current government and the new Prime Minister to come, we hold the COP26 presidency until November and need to set a good example to the rest of the world
- Pray for Local and County Councils, Chichester Diocese and St Mark's, as we tackle the climate and ecological emergency
- Rest and spend time in nature, St Mark's garden is open anytime, explore local parks, Horsham Riverside Walk and Warnham Nature Reserve
- Take up God's invitation to enter into His rest, to slow down and appreciate the beauty around us, which is so vital to sustaining us.
for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, (Hebrews 4:10-11)

Contact Karen Park, St Mark's Eco Church Champion, for more information.
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St Mark's Eco Church Webpage stmarksholbrook.org.uk/Groups/354101/Eco_Church.aspx

Horsham Eco Churches horshamct.org.uk/eco-churches

Eco Church Website ecochurch.arocha.org.uk