

St Mark's Eco Church News October 2021

Following St. Mark's Church's Silver Eco Church Award in 2018, we are working towards a Gold Award and encourage everyone to join our Eco Church journey, our seemingly small steps can make a real difference to Climate Change.

Turning the Tide on the Climate Crisis

The climate crisis is putting millions of lives at risk and the poorest are hit the hardest. <https://vimeo.com/462660499>

How do we respond to the big picture? By petitioning and responding locally.

Petitioning - The Time is Now

To bring about climate justice, we need change at all levels: as individuals, churches and societies. The Time is Now for a healthy, green and fair world. A group of over 140 organisations have drawn up a declaration addressed to the Prime Minister to send a strong and unified message. Could you sign "The Time is Now" letter? theclimatcoalition.org/declaration

Creation Care Award Scheme

Encourages households, wherever you are on your creation care journey, our household and personal actions can make a difference.

The online questionnaire covers 7 areas of household Life, recognises progress and free resources offer ideas for your next steps, towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold award. A video shows you how to get started.

Register with St Mark's, we won't see your survey but will be notified when you achieve an award, so that we can present your certificate to you. creationcare.org.uk



St Mark's Eco Garden

We were delighted to receive a £1,000 Community Climate Fund Grant from Horsham District Council, for Holbrook Community Orchard within the church garden. Could you help us plant relatively mature fruit trees, Spring bulbs and wildflower meadows, care for our lawns and gardens, manage composting of garden and food waste and create a Psalm 23 nature trail? Contact Karen Park for more information.

Sussex Green Hub

A welcoming community café, friendly solutions and advice from local volunteers including Horsham Eco Churches, to help you Repair, Refill, Renew Energy, Recycle, Regrow, Read and Respond, to save money and the planet. Monthly 10-4 on Saturday: 30 October, 27 November and 18 December at United Reformed Church, 45 Springfield Rd, Horsham RH12 1PT. sussexgreenliving.co.uk/sussex-green-hub

Fairtrade Christmas Market

Saturday 27 November 10 – 4 in West Street Horsham, open air, near Wilko.

RECYCLING

St. Mark's - collection points at the back of Church or contact Karen Park

- Ballpoint pens, felt tips, biro, correction fluid, markers & highlighters
- Candle stubs & tea light remnants for new candles & metal recycled
- Clean plastic milk bottle tops for Chestnut Tree House children's hospice
- Inkjet and ink tank cartridges for Horsham Community Responders
- Home used laser cartridges, toner bottles, imaging drum, fuser units & transfer belts
- Postage stamps for MS Society
- Postcards for Mission Aviation Fellowship

West Sussex Waste and Recycling

westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/

Sussex Green Living

sussexgreenliving.co.uk/recycling-zone/single-use/

Trafalgar, Greenway and Holy Trinity Recycling

facebook.com/Keep.On.Recycling.Horsham

Together We Can – stmarksholbrook.org.uk/Groups/354101/Eco_Church.aspx

JOIN ST. MARK'S ECO TEAM

Could you help Revd. Richard Coldicott and Karen Park on St. Mark's Eco Team, to Motivate, Measure and Make things happen as we care for God's wonderful world?

Join our Garden and Holbrook Community Orchard Teams. We are also looking for people to Champion these Eco Church areas: Composting, Conservation, Creation Care, Energy, Food, Recycling and Wildlife. What interests you most?

Chat with St. Mark's Eco Church Champion Karen Park, share your ideas and questions. ecochurch@stmarksholbrook.org.uk 07780 905243

MORE INFORMATION

- 360 Carbon Calculator
- Christian Aid - Climate Change Campaign
- Climate Stewards – Carbon Offset
- Fairtrade Horsham
- Operation Noah
- South East Climate Alliance
- Tearfund Reboot – climate crisis action
- Twin Your Bin / Twin Your Tap
- Twin Your Toilet
- Wild Christian - faith, nature & climate
- WWF Environmental Footprint Calculator

Horsham Eco Churches Eco Tip



Switch to clean energy from renewable sources, with very little climate change and air pollution impact. Get a quote in minutes, see if you can save money too!



<https://bigcleanswitch.org/sussexgreen>



St Mark's Church, Holbrook
Knowing Christ and making Him known