

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS

Worship and Prayer

St Gabriel's commits to:

Pray regularly for a serious response to the climate crisis, for the process of switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy, for the protection of biodiversity and for a future for children on a healthy planet.

Preaching regular sermons (at least 3 annually) and considering outside speakers to preach on environmental theme.

Ensure children and youth work engages with the theme of environment and ecology.

Use Creation season to intensify Environmental focus.

Buildings

St Gabriel's will in the next 2 years consider the following:

Church and Hall energy use and carbon footprint

Take further measures to reduce this year on year looking at:

1. Insulation, draught-proofing
2. Energy production from renewables e.g solar panels
3. Lighting
4. Boilers
5. Carbon offsetting

Land

St Gabriel's will seek to continue and strive to improve:

Wildlife friendly planting

Wildlife feeding stations: e.g bird feeders

Habitat creation measures: bird boxes, bat boxes, bug hotels

Community and Global

St Gabriel's will commit to:

Relating closely with local environmental groups, supporting campaigns: e.g Wren Group, Cleaner greener Wanstead, Wanstead Climate action, Organiclea

Supporting an international environmental charity financially.

lobby our local council on issues such as Recycling, Carbon reduction targets etc.

Continuing to support international campaigns to support those most affected by climate change e.g Christian Aid, tearfund.

Lifestyle

We commit to

Reducing plastic use wherever possible and encourage church members to do so for purchases made for church as well as home use.

Using reusable cups, plates, cutlery for our social events and functions. When disposable cups are needed we will use compostable cups.

Always providing vegan or vegetarian options at communal meals.

Recycle paper, plastic cartons, tins, etc. and encourage hall users to do so also.

Eco Church St Gabriel's commits to registering for the A Rocha Eco Church programme and to taking bold steps towards gaining bronze, silver and gold awards.

Carbon Zero St Gabriel's commits to understanding the challenge of having net zero carbon emissions, and to the goal of achieving this by 2030