

St. Columba's Church Jersey



Environmental Policy

As Christians we have a special responsibility to care for the Earth so that human life and all God's creatures may be sustained in harmony.

"The Church of Scotland is concerned that climate change poses a serious and immediate threat to people everywhere, particularly to the poor of the earth, and that climate change represents a failure in our stewardship of God's creation." (www.churchofscotland.org)

Aim:

We aim to take the practical steps necessary to realise the Fifth Mark of Mission *"To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth"*.

As a church community we will take environmental concerns into account in all areas.

- Worship and teaching
- Buildings and management of resources
- Land and nature
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

Objective:

To journey towards net zero carbon in line with the Church of Scotland's policy and to lead more sustainable lifestyles.

Action Plan:

- We will appoint an Eco co-ordinator and work towards attaining an Eco Church award
- We will include the importance of creation care in our worship and our work with young people and children
- We will undertake an environmental audit of our church premises and outside areas and look for practical and achievable solutions to issues identified
- We will create an action plan for community engagement and work with others to identify environmental issues and develop actions to tackle them
- We will consider directing some of our charitable giving to charities which care for the environment or to support those affected by climate change
- We will encourage our members to live a more sustainable lifestyle

This policy to be reviewed annually by session.