

## How can you help?

- Walk/ Cycle/ Car share to church.
- Turn lights off when leaving the room.
- Recycle and compost as much as possible.
- Buy local produce.
- Try meat free Mondays.
- Plan meals before shopping to avoid food waste.
- Share ideas with others through the newsletter.
- Join the team (Dawn, Griff, Richard, Marion, Chris, Carolyn, Rosemary M., Mike) to plan for next steps at the meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm in church.

## Current projects

- We are applying for the Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust Churchyard Conservation bronze award.
- Join us for a grounds day (not just gardening) on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 10am – lunch provided.

Eco Church Bronze

Award Winners



St Benedict's  
Eco News

*'Striving to safeguard the integrity  
of creation and sustain and  
renew the life of the earth'*

*The Church of England, fifth mark of mission*



## Why Eco Church?

1

General Synod voted in February 2020 for the whole of the Church of England to achieve net zero carbon by 2030. The vote recognised that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God's creation and a fundamental injustice.

2

We at St Benedicts recognise we have a duty to respond to the Climate Crisis and are working towards making our church and its people as eco-friendly as possible.

3

In our newsletters we will update you with information of our progress and ideas for the changes you can make at home.

We have achieved the Bronze Eco Award and are now working towards the Silver Award. We need to, for example, buy Fair Trade products for all church group meetings, stop purchasing disposable paper/plastic cups, plates and cutlery.

## How are we already responding?

We are now using paper towels and toilet rolls made from recycled paper. We are refilling our eco-friendly washing up liquid from larger containers to cut down the use of plastic.

**Dawn and Marion**

We use low energy light bulbs and, where necessary, replace fittings to enable them to use the low energy bulbs.

**Richard**

The recycling bin is emptied regularly so the contents can be recycled with home collections.

**Rosemary**