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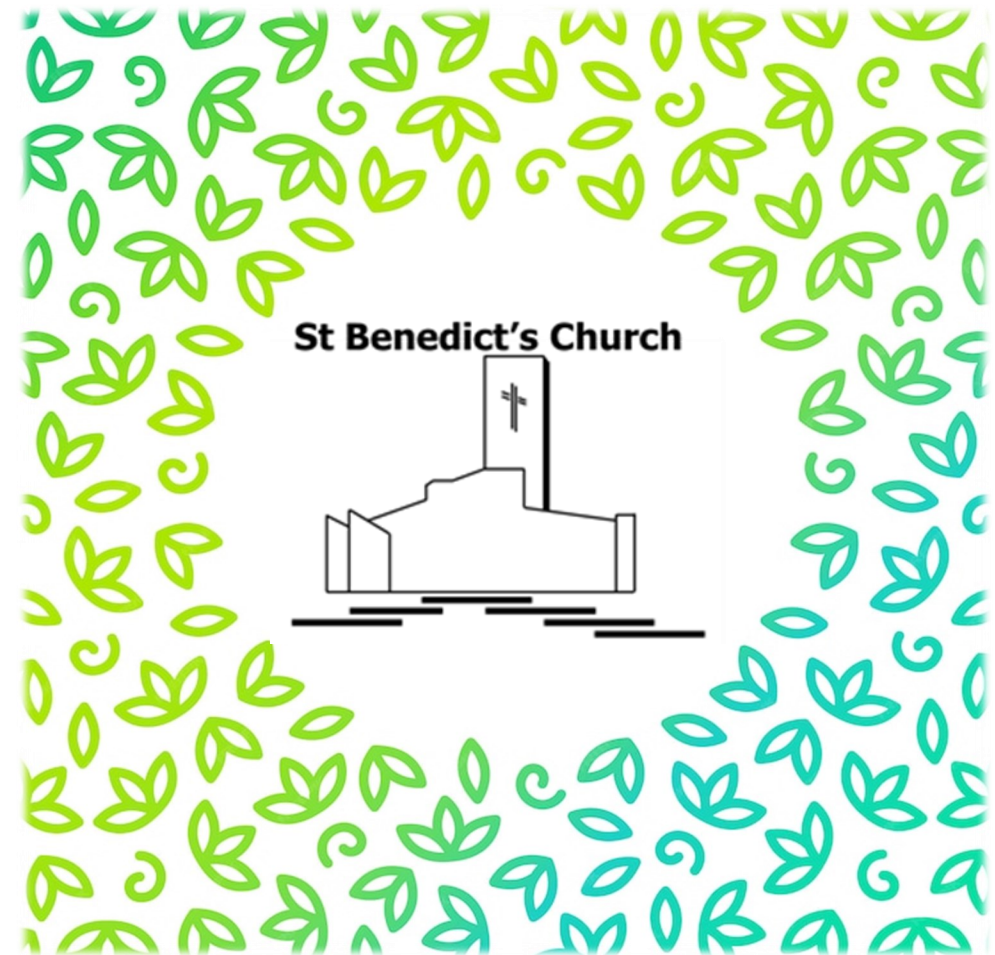
- * Walk/ Cycle/ Car share to church.
- * Use buses whenever possible.
- * Recycle and compost as much as possible.
- * Recycle washing up water or rainwater to water plants.
- * Opt for less packaging on goods whenever possible.
- * Plan meals before shopping to avoid food waste.
- * Share ideas with others through the newsletter.
- * Join the team (Dawn, Griff, Richard, Marion, Chris, Carolyn, Rosemary M., Mike) to plan for next steps. Details of these meetings will be found in the newsletter regarding dates and times.

Current projects

- * The Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust Churchyard Conservation inspectors visited, last month, and we have received their report. Though we eagerly await to see if we have done enough to gain our **BRONZE!**



St Benedict's Eco Newsletter Summer 2024



In partnership with:



"Striving to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth"

The Church of England, 5 Mark of Mission



**Wildlife Trust for
Beds, Cambs
& Northants**

How is the community helping us to achieve our aims for a more sustainable future?



Volunteers from Barclaycard have already helped with the work on the beds at the front of church and adjacent to the new pathway.

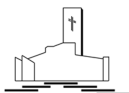


They were able to give a generous donation of £500 towards the cost of materials.

On Thursday 12th September, Barclaycard will again be sending volunteers to help with work on the grounds, in particular in the wooded area and meadow between the church and Hunslet Lane.

Cubs from our local Scouting Group are attending on 12th September in the evening to construct large bug boxes to attract insects needed for the wildlife food chain.

Our Guiding groups all help with our grounds projects on a regular basis.



Are we making progress towards offsetting our carbon emissions?



We have achieved the Bronze Eco Award and are now working towards the Silver Award.

For further information on which local churches have an award please visit the Eco Church map

<https://app.ecochurch.org/map>

We continue to encourage the purchase of Fair Trade products for all church group meetings, and discourage the purchase of disposable paper/plastic cups, plates and cutlery.

We are making improvements to our grounds to encourage wildlife. Why don't you wander outside and look at the wild flower area at the road side of the car park, or go through the path at the end of the grass area to look at the open space and woodland at the rear of the church.



We are grateful to everyone who works on our grounds but in particular to Richard Warr who gives a great deal of time to keeping the grounds in good order. Please speak to Richard if you can offer any help with this.