

# Item 3 – Motion:

## Revision of Diocesan Environment Policy

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The Revd. Graham Southgate:

In affirming its commitment to the 5<sup>th</sup> mark of mission to ‘strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the earth’, this Synod agrees the new Diocesan Environmental Policy and notes that this includes our registering to become an ‘Eco Diocese’. We approve of the ambition of the Diocesan Environment Group in helping us to address the care of God’s creation as key to our Christian discipleship and proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

# Who are the DEG?

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- David Morgan – Chair
- Miriam Longfoot - Secretary
- Colin Brady
- Sarah Condry
- Mike Perry
- Jackie Perryman
- Graham Southgate
- Robert Titley

# DEG

- Report on activities
  - ‘Tools for Transformation’ tour
- We have imagined where we would like to be by 2021 - hence the policy appendix
- Today we want to focus on 3 of top 4 areas in appendix

# Outline

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# Everything You Need To Know...





http://ecochurch.rocha.org.uk/my-surveys/



My Surveys - Eco Church



## Welcome Gordon!

You are now logged into the Eco Church website.

- You can start a new Eco Survey or edit an existing one below.
- To save your edited version, use the Save button on the last page of the survey.
- The most recently completed surveys will appear at the top of the list.

There are no saved surveys to show. Please [contact us](#) if you are experiencing any problems.

 Start a new Eco Survey





- About
- My Surveys
- Award Application
- Donate
- News
- Contact

Log Out

## Welcome to the Eco Survey! Answer the following questions as they relate to your church to find out if you already qualify for an Eco Church Award.

You can see your Eco Church Award points accumulate, section by section, on the gauges on the right. When all the gauges that apply to your church turn bronze, silver or gold, you qualify for that level of Eco Church Award. The survey should take you less than 20 minutes, and you can save your answers at any time by clicking the 'Save' button at the bottom of section 5 (Lifestyle) of the survey. You will then have the option of editing your saved survey next time you login.

- 1 Worship and Teaching
- 2 Buildings
- 3 Land
- 4 Community and Global
- 5 Lifestyle

1. Special Sundays relating to caring for God's earth (e.g. Creation Time, Environment Sunday, Rogation Sunday etc.) are celebrated in our church:

- At least annually
- Less often
- Never
- Need to find out

2. The hymns and songs (and liturgies if used) in our church services enable us to celebrate God's creation:

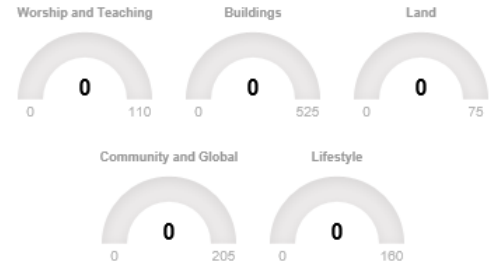
- Regularly
- Sometimes
- Never
- Need to find out

3. Our church prays for environmental issues

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Occasionally
- Never

4. Caring for God's earth is preached in our church

## Eco Church Award Points



On saving your Eco Survey you will receive a copy of your responses via email.

Download the Eco Survey questions in PDF format

## Resources

Help?

- + Introduction
- + Worship and Teaching
- + Buildings
- + Land
- + Community and Global



# Eco Survey

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- **Worship and teaching**
- **Management of church buildings**
- **Management of church land**
- **Community and global engagement**
- **Lifestyle**



## When all the relevant points gauges on your Eco Survey turn bronze, silver or gold then it's time to apply for your Eco Church Award!

Remember, in order to qualify for an Award you must attain the required standard in each of the areas covered by the Eco Survey that apply to your church (we recognise that some churches do not have buildings or land).

[Download Award Application Form](#)

### Bronze and Silver Awards

If you wish to apply for either a Bronze or a Silver Eco Church Award, please download the Award Application Form and complete the necessary details. You will need to give your church leader sight of the Eco Survey responses entered on behalf of your church and then ask them to sign the form by way of declaring those responses

#### Eco Church Award Points



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**Silver Eco Church Award Certificate**

This is to certify that

\_\_\_\_\_ has won a Silver Eco Church Award in recognition of their efforts to care for God's earth in each of the following areas (as applicable):

- Worship and Teaching
- Management of Buildings and Land
- Community and Global Engagement
- Lifestyle

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

CEO, A Rocha UK



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**Lighting Guide**  
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**The Different Types Of Cups Available (Recycled/Disposable/Compostable)**  
[www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk](http://www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk)

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**Ethical Investment**  
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**Youth Materials**  
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**How to Look After Your Church Land in Wildlife-Friendly Ways**  
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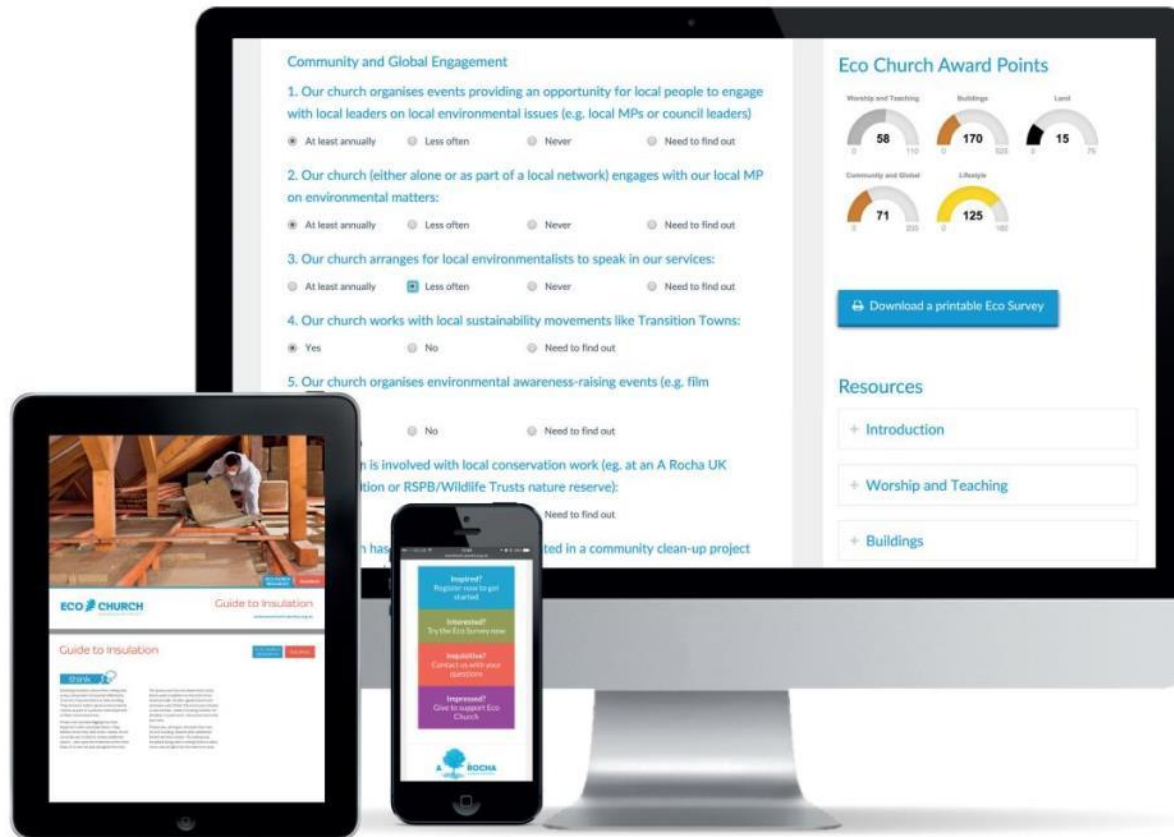
THINK

DO

DO MORE

# ECO CHURCH

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**Register at:**

**[www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk](http://www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk)**



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# What is Eco Diocese?

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- A scheme operated by A Rocha UK
- 5 Dioceses have signed up in first months
- It requires the Diocese to achieve EC status for buildings and land, ministerial training, invest ethically, work ecumenically to promote EC
- Need 10% parishes EC registered, 5% having awards to get ED Bronze
- Please support us in going for this!

# Why Eco Diocese in Salisbury?

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- A statement of our diocesan intent to have the 5<sup>th</sup> Mark of Mission a part of normal Christian discipleship
- Some targets to work towards

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# What is Creationtide?

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- Period from Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>
- Special time identified by Pope, Orthodox Church and CofE
- Opportunity for special services and activities around caring for creation
- Resources and events
- Please support this nationwide initiative

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# What can the DEG do for you?

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- Support your deanery or parish by talking about Eco Church
- Provide resources to support you – leaflets, PowerPoints, videos
- Provide stories of success and progress from other churches
  - See [www.ecochurchsouthwest.org](http://www.ecochurchsouthwest.org)

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# What can Synod do for the DEG?

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1. Pass the motion
2. Engage personally with Eco Church
3. Encourage your deanery synods and parishes to engage with Eco Church

# Videos

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# Table Discussions

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- Individually: review & mark up the list of EC sample questions for your parish
- Discuss: if you engaged with Eco Church...
  1. What have you already done, or what would be easy wins?
  2. What would be the challenges?
  3. What might help you?

# Comments & Questions

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