

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK-UP



What better time than Spring to re-assess our situation and work out ways of moving forward?

Many of you have expressed an interest in the Eco-Congregation Award Scheme, as a way of motivating congregations to incorporate environmental concern into the life of the church and its surrounding community. <http://ew.ecocongregation.org/>

To encourage and support you in this, we'd like you to complete the ECO-CONGREGATION CHECK-UP, or audit.

It may sound daunting and/or boring but from my own experience, it can be completed in an evening (so is suitable for house groups, PCC's, Mothers' Union meetings, youth groups etc) and can be very enlightening!

My own church house group (St John's, Hurst Green) was amazed at the amount that we were already doing (and took for granted!) and the strong children's and youth work which emerged from that first audit was a result of suddenly realising our passions and our strengths!

David James, Bishop of Bradford says:

"I am delighted that many have expressed an interest in the Eco-Congregation Award Scheme and I would like to encourage you to take up Clare and Carole's offer of help and support to do an Eco-Congregation Check-up. It would be brilliant if we were all able to take steps in the coming year to demonstrate our concern for the environment".

If you'd like someone to help you through that process, we can offer 'distance' support by phone or email, or a visiting speaker/facilitator.

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