

St Peter's and ECO CHURCH

Areas of Focus

Eco Church awards are assessed on how churches perform and contribute in five main areas:

- Worship and Teaching

We concentrate our teaching and sermons each autumn in Creationtide to celebrate our Creator and God's creation. We are encouraged and seek ways to increase our prayer and focus throughout the year in different areas of worship and teaching.

- Buildings.

We seek to monitor our carbon footprint and improve this over time and consider offsetting what we cannot reduce. We are studying our energy usage and how we can reduce this by: improving our insulation, increasing our use of double glazing in church buildings; improving our boiler efficiencies, increasing our LED lamp usage and more.

- Land

We are fortunate in having both Vauxmead and a large churchyard, and we are studying how we can improve our use for the benefit of native wildlife, and promoting conservation. Our largest project so far is restoring the churchyard from years of neglect, so that is a suitable and respected resting place, and this will lead to enhancement by wild flower planting and improved ecology.

- Community and Global engagement

We are encouraged to join and be involved in the wider issues that challenge not only our community but the whole world. We are encouraging the use of Fairtrade produce, and well as local and organic products.

- Lifestyle

There is much that we can do personally to promote the environment; minimising our car usage, cycle more, facilitate recycling, using church buying groups to buy ethically sourced products, encourage ethical investment.