

AVENUE ST ANDREW'S UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON - www.asaurc.org.uk - CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

GOAL: To shape our life as a church to be part of the solution to the climate emergency, in ways which are SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time specific).

The actions listed are derived from the pledges and commitments in the church's [Climate Emergency Declaration](#) and are regularly revisited and revised.

Updated 13.2.22; * indicates a milestone achieved

| ACTION | START DATE | MILESTONES SET IN 2021 | PLANS FOR 2022 | DUE DATE | DESIRED OUTCOME |
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| Encourage regular and specific prayer | September 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email & sign up sheet to pray re our own green actions as church* Fortnightly prayer prompts, with links to wider prayer resources* Continue to promote (ongoing) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include prayer points specific to the City-Centre Parish (St Edmund's and St Joseph's) Invite others to pray - directly and via Hope Harbinger Put prayer diary on website | Easter 2022 | At least 20 people praying regularly |
| Greening of the courtyard | July 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft plan* Bring to Church Meeting Consult experts & stakeholders* Revise plan Recruit volunteers Proceed in bite size pieces | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek Church Meeting approval as appropriate. Role out plan further as per 2021 milestones. | July 2022 | A green, beautiful, low-maintenance, all-age friendly communal area. |
| Facilitate more recycling options | July 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up and empty bins in church for multiple specific items* Recycling options information on notice board & table* Put viable options on website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to build on strong success of recycling opportunities. Continue to share information with other churches. | Easter 2022 | Clarity on what recycling options are viable and valuable. Use of recycling bins at church will have become habitual. Website information up to date |
| Share information from Green Living Guide | September 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edit material from Guide* Produce leaflets* Make available online Publicise | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put leaflets on website Green Living Group members to send leaflets to their contacts, as appropriate, or share link to website | Easter 2022 | Avenue St Andrews is able to give practical advice on sustainable living to members, friends & neighbours |
| Display ACT NOW message for passers-by | September 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost banner, produce, install* Put up declaration* Select and rotate issue or tip, link with prayer diary. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Act Now on Climate' banner – continue to maximise impact through location. | Easter 2022 | Avenue St Andrews will be known as a church concerned about climate, committed to action and raising awareness. |
| Build joint action with the City-Centre Parish | August 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pulpit swap for Climate Sunday* Joint litter pick* Consult and plan further actions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore together whether an energy audit is feasible for our churches, and at what level. | Easter 2022 | Confidence in demonstrating what we can do together for our planet. |
| Establish an email group for petitions | July 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite people to join (ongoing)* Set up email group* Send out petition links (ongoing)* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A reminder of this opportunity to go out with Hope Harbinger | Easter 2022 | At least 20 people will be regularly petitioning MPs and others. |
| Establish an email group for global climate justice information and action | July 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite people to join (ongoing)* Set up email group* Circulate information (ongoing)* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue these helpful briefings | Easter 2022 | At least 20 people will be keeping well informed and active for global climate justice. |