## ECO CHURCH ACTION PLAN 2023: GOING FOR SILVER

ACTION		KEY CONTACT(S)	START DATE	DUE	DESIRED OUTCOME
For grounds:					For actions 1 – 5:
1.	Explore the possibility of an area specifically to encourage pollinators, with log pile and water. <sup>1</sup>	Contact names removed for online	Ongoing from Jan	July	<ul> <li>Visible increase in biodiversity (see * below)</li> <li>Enhanced educational and recreational value of</li> </ul>
2.	Follow a planting scheme to increase insect friendly plants.	version. Please			courtyard for Avenue Centre (family support)
3.	Explore getting bird feeders.	contact church office			For action 6:
4.	Sow wildflowers in one of the planters.	if needed.			<ul> <li>Base-line for annual wildlife survey*</li> </ul>
5.	Extend the range of fruit and vegetables in the border.				For action 7:
6.	Do a wildlife survey.		In the Spring		<ul> <li>Collaborative plan for next 3 years</li> </ul>
7.	Get stakeholders together to share visions for outside spaces.		Meet twice;		For action 8:
	In consultation with Church Meeting agree a 3 year plan on		Mar & May		<ul> <li>Resumption of church use of courtyard.</li> </ul>
8.	ecological, educational and sustainably manageable principles. Hold a service in the courtyard this summer.		June 18 <sup>th 2</sup>		All of which would mean: Achievement of Eco Church Silver status for 'Land'.
For bui	dings:				For action 1:
1.	Calculate the carbon footprint of our church premises. <sup>3</sup>		Jan	Dec	<ul> <li>Carbon footprint base-line for annual comparison</li> </ul>
2.	Improve energy efficiency - 50% reduction in year Sept 2022 -				For actions 2 – 3:
	Sept 2023.		Ongoing	Sept	<ul> <li>Carbon and cost savings (church/halls/manse)</li> </ul>
3.	Complete the process of replacing all accessible bulbs in halls				All of which would mean: Achievement of
	and manse with LEDs.		Ongoing	July	Eco Church Silver for 'Buildings'
For our own information, understanding and action:					For action 1a:
1.	Go deeper with recycling and refilling opportunities:				<ul> <li>Accurate information giving confidence that this</li> </ul>
	a. Research – find out where recycled blister packs and		Jan	July	makes a positive difference.
	tetrapaks go, and what is produced from them.				For action 1b:
	b. Expand – list alphabetically all items for recycling and		Jan	July	<ul> <li>A book to support more recycling and refilling.</li> </ul>
	refilling, where and how. Engage church members in			(ongoing)	For action 2: Update on Christian Aid's work.
	contributing information. (Hard copy and later online.)				For action 3: Helpful opportunity for reflection.
2.	Invite a speaker from Christian Aid on environmental issues.		Jan	CAW <sup>5</sup>	For action 4 and 5:
3.	Encourage participation in the annual Earth Hour (organised by WWF <a href="https://www.earthhour.org">https://www.earthhour.org</a> )		March	March25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul> <li>Better understanding of global realities, and from a Christian perspective.</li> </ul>
4.	Run 'The Plenty! Course' through Lent (see footnote for		Lent	Lent	' '
	session topics, and sample on tables) <sup>4</sup> . Option 1: Bible Study				All of which would strengthen our Eco Church Silver status
	course. Option 2: More applied and specific in-depth studies.				for 'Worship and Teaching', 'Community and Global
5.	Subscribe as a church to Green Christian magazine for library.		Jan	ongoing	Engagement', and 'Lifestyle'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In consultation with the Management Group. Pam has a couple of possible locations in mind. Avenue Centre have been consulted about items 1 to 5, and 7, and are supportive.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> During national Big Green Week, 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June, weather permitting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Using '360° carbon' - a web-based tool for churches to measure their carbon footprint from: energy, travel, food, waste, water and other expenditure. <a href="https://360carbon.org/">https://360carbon.org/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 6 sessions: 1 The stage is set – plenty yet inequality; 2 Just can't get enough – consumerism and advertising; 3 Growing pains – growth and debt; 4 God is in business – economic justice; 5 Running out of planet – climate emergency; 6 Joy in Enough – sustainability and wellbeing <a href="https://joyinenough.org/resources/plenty/">https://joyinenough.org/resources/plenty/</a> from Green Christian.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Christian Aid Week 15 – 21 May.