



St. Andrew's Environmental Policy

St Andrew's is committed to protecting the environment and minimising all harmful impacts. We take environmental concerns fully into account in our mission, worship, study, education, training, pastoral, administrative and other programmes and projects and in doing so will ensure the Fifth Mark of Mission is a central part of our life, work and mission.

We therefore commit to the following goals in 2016/17:

- We will identify environmental issues in Enfield and recommend appropriate action.
- We will undertake an 'environmental audit' of our premises and property
- We will make a list of the most significant aspects of the natural world for which we are responsible, and devise appropriate plans to care for them.
- To respond in any other appropriate ways to environmental matters as part of our ongoing mission.

These goals will be underpinned by the following ten Environmental Principles:

1. The PCC will work with the Mark 5 Reference Group to deliver this Environmental Policy and make it available to St Andrew's stakeholders.
2. We will regularly ask our members to consider their personal impact on the environment in their daily lives.
3. We will support the work of local and national environmental organisations, and keep abreast of current environmental affairs, legislation and best practice.
4. We will seek ways to assess the value of our land and property for wildlife, and to manage them to conserve biodiversity, wherever possible.
5. We will encourage all suppliers and contractors to take environmental concerns into account in their work.
6. We will encourage environmentally-friendly forms of transport, walk, cycle, use public transport, share cars, keep journeys to meeting venues short, and keep fossil fuel emissions as low as we can.
7. We will maintain and, where possible, improve our buildings to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels and our contribution to climate change.
8. We will seek ways to reduce consumption, and use, re-use, repair and recycle materials.
9. We will seek to purchase food and drink that meets the LOAF principles (Locally-sourced, Organically-grown, Animal-friendly, Fairly-traded), avoid over-catering, use seasonal foods, and avoid using genetically-modified foodstuffs.
10. We will avoid using water unnecessarily and check for leakages regularly.

We will continue to ensure that our approach actively supports the prevention of pollution and we will conduct our activities in full knowledge of, and compliance with, applicable environmental and energy regulations.

The Mark 5 Reference Group will meet at least four times a year. The Group's purpose is to ensure continual improvement and progress against the goals and maintaining our core principles. The Group will work with the other Reference Groups and Advisory Groups at St Andrew's to implement and monitor our initiatives. St Andrew's PCC understands and is committed to successful implementation of this policy and will continue to provide leadership, support and, to the best of our ability, financial assistance.

Rev Dr Steve Griffiths, Chair of St. Andrew's PCC, March 2016.