

Sustainability Policy statement



Introduction

Sustainability is one of our core values at Redland Parish Church. In all our ministry, and the operations that support it, we want to encourage each other to practice creation care by being wise in our use of resources and minimising our negative impacts on the environment. This is part of what it means to love our neighbours as ourselves. We want to do this with gratitude, hope and joy, and worship the God who made, sustains and has redeemed his creation.

Responsibility

The PCC is ultimately responsible for all activities carried out in the name of the Church, and has responsibility for forming and implementing strategy on sustainability. The PCC is committed to ensuring that, wherever practicable, it promotes sustainability in all the Church's activities.

Eco Church

To this end, the PCC is registered with Eco Church (ecochurch.arocha.org.uk).

Eco Church encourages churches to promote sustainability in the following five areas:

- Worship and teaching – including creation care themes, particularly at Creationtide
- Building management – monitoring energy usage, using eco-friendly consumables, reducing waste, practicing recycling, training and maintenance
- Land management – healthy ecology and amenity of our land
- Community and global engagement – partnering with local and global agencies
- Lifestyle – encouraging and educating each other to live more sustainably

The PCC is committed to formally reviewing its performance in these five areas at least every two years, identifying areas for improvement, and planning for their remediation. From time to time, the PCC may also commission working groups to focus on specific issues or actions.

Policies

The worship and teaching, community and global engagement and lifestyle themes of Eco Church are embedded in the Church's programmes of activity. The PCC is also working towards having specific policies, from 2020, on:

- the use of consumables
- energy management
- land management

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