

8. Encourage the Church and Congregation in the use of these principles in their lives outside of the Church as well, and give them ideas and examples of measures that can be used in our own lives and homes.
9. Our Church aims to keep abreast of current best practice in all of the above by interaction with appropriate bodies, other Churches etc, and to assess its performance by adoption of appropriate external audit mechanisms.

Resources

Books:

Sharing God's Planet (Church House Publishing 2005)
Devon Churches Green Action Eco-Audit
World Without End...Devon Church Policy for Sustainability 2006

Websites:

www.christian-ecology.org.uk
www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk
www.christian-aid.org.uk
www.fairtrade.org.uk

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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ST EUSTACHIUS' ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Introduction/Rationale

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein." (Psalm 24, verse 1)

St Eustachius' Church and Congregation wish to incorporate environmentally friendly practice and principles in their worship, pastoral, social and associated activity. The purpose of this Policy is to give general guidance on the application of these principles and thus help the Church and Congregation to become better stewards of God's created Earth.

It is expected that, after initial adoption and promotion these principles will become second nature in the planning and conduct of Church activity.

Spiritual Expectations/Aims

1. Express the link between our Christian stewardship and ecological activities.
2. Periodically incorporate environmental themes into our worship to develop this spiritual connection.

Practical Expectations /Aims

It is intended that Green Principles should be applied to Church activities in the following way:

3. The Church should make it boldly evident that it is an 'Eco-Friendly' congregation by the way it conducts its business and by prominent placement of the following statement of intent:

St Eustachius' is committed to expressing Christian Stewardship in its worship and through the application of sustainable and eco-friendly practices in the activities of the Church and Congregation.

4. Purchases for the Church and associated activities should, where practically possible, be made from sustainable resources and from local products. This applies to cleaning materials, paper, food, drinks, cups, plates etc
5. Production of waste should be kept to a minimum in all activities and the use of recycling promoted as far as reasonably practical.
6. Sustainable usage and energy conservation should be borne in mind in the planning and implementation of Church activities eg use of lift sharing etc
7. Energy conservation and minimisation of carbon footprint should be fundamental to the use of utilities in the Church and in the planning and implementation of building alterations.