

Eco Church Annual Summary for Holy Trinity APCM 2025

- **Activity since 2024 APCM report**

1) Worship and teaching –

- a. **Toddlers in the Woods** in Jordans Woods is sponsored by Holy Trinity and led by Ali Cork and her team, providing fun and faith in nature for families with young children. The children sing Christian or Christian based songs during their gatherings.
- b. **Diocesan Care for Creation newsletter** - a regular link appears to this in our new Holly Trinity newsletter.
- c. **Community magazine articles relating to environment and nature** – the magazine provides monthly articles from the Allotment Association and Seer Green Gardeners with valuable advice and information about environmentally sound garden management; and regular updates on Toddlers in the Woods. Nora Bennett has also written some articles for the magazine on nature and wildlife.

2) Buildings -

- a. **Heating** – the church's heating is only switched on when needed.
- b. **Replacement of energy inefficient lighting** - The fluorescent lights in the church vestry have been replaced with LED versions.
- c. **Electricity and gas tariff** – The church now has a 'green tariff' for both gas and electricity.
- d. **Parish returns carbon footprint data** - Data on hours of use of the church in the past year, and figures from the past 12 months' utility bills, was gathered and submitted to the CofE by Janine, as part of our online parish return for 2024.

3) Land –

- a. Mowing is being carried out by commercial contractor Fernando Mirando and his team.
- b. Sustainable maintenance is the aim for the churchyard, with a view towards tidiness and easy upkeep, but also allowing some aesthetically pleasing areas of long grass and wildflowers to preserve our wild plant heritage and the insects, birds, small mammals, amphibians etc whose home it is.
- c. For No Mow May, three areas were cordoned off until September to allow them to grow long and to drop their seeds, before they were mowed for autumn. Signboards explained to the community why some areas were left long for environmental reasons.

4) Community and Global Engagement –

- a. **Fair Trade** – Holy Trinity has stated as part of our Bronze Award that we use fair trade cleaning products and items such as tea, coffee and biscuits. We continue to use Fair trade tea and coffee and are also now using Ecover washing up liquid and recycled toilet paper.

Janine Dunnell

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