

East Midlands Churches Forum

GREENING THE CHURCH BRIEFING PAPER

Resources:

Sharing God's Planet – a Christian vision for a sustainable future, Church House Publishing, a report from the Mission and Public Affairs Council. Pbk. Pages 58 £5.99 ISBN 0 7151 4068 X www.chpublishing.co.uk

This is the first book to be published by the C of E on environmental issues for about 20 years and marks a significant step. It is well written by Claire Foster, the Policy Adviser for Science, Technology, Medicine and Environment for the Archbishop's Council. It is divided into four parts: part one - human impact on the environment, part two - biblical and theological reflection, part three - a practical Christian Response, part four - environmental organizations, contacts and websites.

Eco –Congregations – www.ecocongregation.org

Based at the Arthur Rank Centre, Stoneleigh, Eco-Congregations has produced an extensive environmental resource, all of which can be downloaded from the website. It begins with a simple church audit, the 'Church Check-Up', but after that the church can pick and mix what suits best – work with children, churchyard conservation, Fair Trade, green theology, worship material and so on.

Contact Jo Rathbone, Eco-Congregation Coordinator Tel: 024 7685 3061
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Christian Ecology Link (CEL) – www.christian-ecology.org.uk

CEL is an ecumenical organisation committed to taking care of God's creation that invites membership. Its primary aim is to encourage Christians to integrate awareness of their environmental impact into their faith and lifestyle. CEL publishes a magazine – Green Christian – a news-sheet for display in churches (ChurchLink), and a comprehensive website including information of events. CEL is currently focussing on two campaigns, Operation Noah, which encourages individuals to switch to green energy and join the campaign for Contraction and Convergence to succeed the Kyoto Protocol on carbon emissions, and the other is a food campaign called LOAF – Locally produced, Organically grown, Animal friendly and Fairly traded. CEL holds an annual conference.

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Support for Alternative Energy Projects

The Carbon Trust – www.carbontrust.co.uk

The Carbon Trust is set up by government to support business and the public sector cut carbon emissions and capture the commercial potential of low carbon technologies.

The Energy Savings Trust – www.est.org.uk

EST was set up by the Government after the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 and gives advice and financial support for home, housing, and transport energy developments. Any project is worth passing in front of them for their view. There are local representatives in most Local Authorities.

Calculate Your Carbon Emissions – www.carboncalculator.org.uk

Carbon Calculator is set up by the charity Global Action Plan and challenges you to measure your share of the UK carbon emissions.

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Other addresses:

A Rocha UK – church based environmental charity www.arocha.org
Friends of the Earth – www.foe.co.uk
Trade justice Movement – www.tjm.org.uk
Global Commons Institute – focuses on Contraction & Convergence www.gci.org.uk
Envirowise Helpline – 0800 58 57 94 www.envirowise.gov.uk
Tearfund – www.tearfund.org
Christian Aid – www.christian-aid.org.uk
Greenpeace – www.greenpeace.org
Wateraid – www.wateraid.org.uk
Treeaid – www.treeaid.org.uk
My Footprint – calculates your ecological footprint – www.myfootprint.org
World Wide Fund for Nature - www.wwf.org
Information on recycling projects - www.recycle-more.com
Grants for using greener cars – www.transportenergy.org.uk
Women’s Environmental Network – www.wen.org.uk
Christian Ethical Investment Group CEIG – www.ceig.org
Operation Eden – www.operation-eden.org.uk
Landlife – bringing people and environment together www.landlife.org.uk
The Wildlife Trusts – UK’s leading charity dedicated to wildlife, supports County wildlife trusts www.wildlifetrust.org.uk

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