**Diocese of Derby**

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

**Living Lightly**

**The Diocese of Derby affirms that care for Creation, a just sharing of the world’s resources, and a concern for the environment are fundamental Gospel imperatives. God created and continues to create the whole universe, sustains and nurtures Creation, and wills for it to be redeemed (Romans 8.21).**

So the Diocese of Derby seeks to reach a deeper understanding of environmental issues and improve its environmental performance.

It acknowledges the need to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth and so fulfill the fifth mark of mission, and seeks to put this into practice for the justice of the poorest people by the sustainable protection of ecosystems and species by means, including but not limited to,

* + - avoiding the waste of resources,
    - and the reduction of pollution, including the emission of greenhouse gasses.

**Aims**

* We register our intention to become an Eco Diocese encourage parishes progress to become Eco churches and our Cathedral and offices to and support obtaining the next award.

**How**

* By parishes and churches working together and in generosity encouraging each other to become Eco churches.
* All groups and committees within the diocesan structures should work towards the objective of improving environmental performance by just and sustainable means.
* All paid staff and incumbents are encouraged to work towards this aim as part of their role.
* Environmental improvements including progress in reducing carbon emissions will be collated, recorded and reported to the public every twelve months.
* Environmental achievements should be celebrated.

**Ambition**

* Our ambition for the diocese is to be awarded bronze by 2020, silver by 2025 and gold by 2030.

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