



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

DIOCESE OF SALISBURY

ENVIRONMENT POLICY

We affirm this diocese's commitment to the fifth mark of mission "to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the earth" and we will seek to develop the theology and practical implications of this.

1. We will take our environmental footprint properly into account in our worship, mission, study and education, training, pastoral work, administration, programmes and projects. As individuals, parishes and central structures, we will review our environmental footprint on a regular basis.
2. We will encourage all who live and work within the diocese to consider their personal impact on the environment. We will encourage government, business and individuals to reduce carbon emissions. We will use stewardship of the environment as a focus of Christian mission.
3. We will seek to increase awareness of environmental issues in our local communities and throughout the diocese. Wherever appropriate we will work with local authorities and other organisations in developing appropriate action.
4. We will consider the environmental impact of our future plans. We will seek to promote more sustainable lifestyles.
5. We will co-operate with other churches, faith and community groups in environmental initiatives.
6. We will foster an awareness of environmental legislation and keep abreast of current thinking and proven good practice.
7. We will encourage and facilitate environmental monitoring of premises and property.
8. We will encourage the development of new technologies to reduce carbon emissions.
9. We will publicly and consistently challenge society and government to confront the obstacles to sustainability that are presented by the consumer lifestyle and by the growth economy.
10. We will set targets for action and review these at least annually (see attached policy objectives)

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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OBJECTIVES

Awareness and Commitment

- Ⓟ promote awareness within the diocese of this policy
- Ⓟ ensure that diocesan employees and office holders are familiar with and implement the policy in their work
- Ⓟ ensure that diocesan activities comply with all relevant environmental regulations
- Ⓟ support the Archbishops' Council "Shrinking the Footprint" campaign

Energy and Water

- Ⓟ ensure energy is used efficiently and, wherever possible, reduce its use
- Ⓟ encourage the increased use of renewable energy
- Ⓟ use water efficiently and with care
- Ⓟ avoid pollutants entering the drainage system

Waste

- Ⓟ reduce the production of material waste including unnecessary packaging
- Ⓟ encourage re-use, repair and recycling of materials, including organic waste
- Ⓟ dispose of waste in a safe and responsible way
- Ⓟ buy products which are made in accordance with the principle of using material in a sustainable way
- Ⓟ maximise the proportion of paper used from sustainable sources and recycled materials
- Ⓟ offer electronic communication as an alternative to paper for those who are suitably equipped
- Ⓟ take into account the whole life costs of materials when repairing, altering or rebuilding premises
- Ⓟ improve the energy efficiency ratings of existing buildings

Natural and Built Environment

- Ⓟ be aware of local planning developments
- Ⓟ be sensitive to the impact of church activities on the local environment
- Ⓟ show concern for the environmental quality of food production systems

Travel

- Ⓟ make every effort to reduce air pollution and energy consumption by avoiding unnecessary travel and by the use of energy efficient vehicles
- Ⓟ explore undertaking the work of the Church in ways which reduce the need for travel and explore and encourage access by public transport, cycle and on foot
- Ⓟ share car transport where possible
- Ⓟ support the expansion of good quality public transport, the provision of improved facilities for cyclists and pedestrians and local Green Travel Programmes
- Ⓟ support local production to avoid unnecessary food / product miles

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