WORSHIP & TEACHING

This is a printable version of the Eco Church survey for your reference.

Please note you cannot apply for an Eco Church award using this copy, you need to register your church and apply through the Eco Church online app. For more information on the Eco Church process look at our website and watch our sign-up tutorial at the top of the FAQ page for help registering.

1. Special Sundays relating to caring for God’s earth (e.g. Creation Time, Environment Sunday, Rogation Sunday etc.) are celebrated in our church:
   - O At least annually
   - O Less often
   - O Never
   - O Need to find out

2. The hymns and songs (and liturgies if used) in our church services enable us to celebrate God’s creation:
   - O At least quarterly
   - O Less often
   - O Never
   - O Need to find out
   - O Not applicable

3. Our church prays for environmental issues
   - O Weekly
   - O Monthly (8)
   - O Occasionally
   - O Never

4. Caring for God’s earth is preached in our church
   - O At least annually
   - O Less often
   - O Never
   - O Need to find out

5. Our church hosts guest speakers from A Rocha UK or other Christian environmental organisations (e.g. Christian Aid, Tearfund, Green Christian, The John Ray Initiative) to talk about environmental issues
   - O At least annually
   - O Less often
   - O Never
   - O Need to find out

6. Caring for God’s earth features as a teaching theme in our church’s youth work:
   - O At least annually
   - O Less often
   - O Never
   - O Need to find out
   - O Not applicable

7. Caring for God’s earth features as a teaching theme in our church’s children’s work:
   - O At least annually
   - O Less often
   - O Never
   - O Need to find out
   - O Not applicable

8. Caring for God’s earth features as a focus of small group study in our church:
   - O At least annually
   - O Less often
   - O Never
   - O Need to find out
   - O Not applicable

9. Our church’s communications (e.g. newsletters, service sheets, magazines, social media etc.) include items relating to the theme of caring for God’s earth
   - O At least annually
   - O Less often
   - O Never
   - O Need to find out

10. The leadership have made a formal commitment to improving the environmental credentials of our church by endorsing the undertaking of work towards an Eco Church Award:
    - O Yes
    - O No
    - O Need to find out
BUILDINGS

Is your church responsible for the premises in which it meets? On the Eco Church app, you can answer ‘no’ to this question, in which this section then is marked as ‘not applicable’ and doesn’t contribute to your award application.

- Yes
- No

1. We have measured our energy use and calculated the carbon footprint of our church premises:

- Yes
- No
- Need to find out

2. We have set sufficient targets for reducing the carbon footprint of our church premises and achieving year-on-year improvements in energy efficiency:

- Yes
- No
- Need to find out

3. We offset the carbon footprint of our church premises for those things we can’t reduce:

- Yes
- No
- Need to find out

4. The electricity supplied to our church premises is generated from renewable resources and/or charged according to our supplier’s ‘green tariff’:

- Yes
- Some
- No
- Need to find out
- Not applicable (no external supply)

5. The gas supplied to our church premises is generated from renewable sources and/or charged according to our supplier’s ‘green tariff’:

- Yes
- Some
- No
- Need to find out
- Not applicable (no external supply)

6. In terms of energy efficiency (an engineer should be able to determine this as part of the annual service) the main boiler on our church premises is rated:

- A (or above)
- B
- C
- D
- Need to find out
- Not applicable (no boiler)

(If you have more than one boiler, please use the ‘Buildings’ box under the ‘Additional Information’ survey tab to tell us about the energy efficiency of other boilers on your church premises)
7. Our church premises are insulated as follows:

MAIN CHURCH
- All walls and all lofts/ceilings
- Some walls only
- Not at all
- Some walls and some lofts/ceilings
- All lofts/ceilings only
- Some lofts/ceilings only
- Not applicable (listed status)

8. CHURCH HALL
- All walls and all lofts/ceilings
- Some walls only
- Not at all
- Some walls and some lofts/ceilings
- All lofts/ceilings only
- Some lofts/ceilings only
- Not applicable (we don’t have one)

9. CHURCH OFFICE
- All walls and all lofts/ceilings
- Some walls only
- Not at all
- Some walls and some lofts/ceilings
- All lofts/ceilings only
- Some lofts/ceilings only
- Not applicable (we don’t have one)

10. OTHER BUILDING (E.G. VICARAGE, MANSE ETC.)
- All walls and all lofts/ceilings
- Some walls only
- Not at all
- Some walls and some lofts/ceilings
- All lofts/ceilings only
- Some lofts/ceilings only
- Not applicable (we don’t have one)

11. Our church premises are double-glazed as follows:

MAIN CHURCH
- Full double-glazing
- Some double-glazing
- Not at all
- Not applicable (listed status)

12. CHURCH HALL
- Full double-glazing
- Some double-glazing
- Not at all
- Need to find out

13. CHURCH OFFICE
- Full double-glazing
- Some double-glazing
- Not at all
- Need to find out

14. OTHER BUILDING (E.G. VICARAGE, MANSE ETC.)
- Full double-glazing
- Some double-glazing
- Not at all
- Need to find out
15. The lighting in our main church premises uses energy-efficient light bulbs as follows:

**MAIN CHURCH**
- ☐ All LED bulbs
- ☐ Some LED bulbs and some low energy bulbs
- ☐ Some LED bulbs some non-low energy bulbs
- ☐ Some low energy bulbs and some non-low energy bulbs
- ☐ Need to find out ☐ Not applicable (listed status)

16. **CHURCH HALL**
- ☐ All LED bulbs
- ☐ Some LED bulbs and some low energy bulbs
- ☐ Some LED bulbs some non-low energy bulbs
- ☐ Some low energy bulbs and some non-low energy bulbs
- ☐ Need to find out ☐ Not applicable (we don’t have one)

17. **CHURCH OFFICE**
- ☐ All LED bulbs
- ☐ Some LED bulbs and some low energy bulbs
- ☐ Some LED bulbs some non-low energy bulbs
- ☐ Some low energy bulbs and some non-low energy bulbs
- ☐ Need to find out ☐ Not applicable (we don’t have one)

18. **OTHER BUILDING (E.G. VICARAGE, MANSE ETC.)**
- ☐ All LED bulbs
- ☐ Some LED bulbs and some low energy bulbs
- ☐ Some LED bulbs some non-low energy bulbs
- ☐ Some low energy bulbs and some non-low energy bulbs
- ☐ Need to find out ☐ Not applicable (we don’t have one)

19. We have a policy designed to limit the amount of energy consumed by floodlighting and/or security lighting around our church premises:
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Need to find out ☐ Not applicable (no floodlights/security lighting)

20. The water supply to our church premises is metered:
- ☐ Yes (completely) ☐ Yes (partially) ☐ No ☐ Need to find out

21. Rainwater collection facilities are installed and used on our church premises (e.g. ‘grey water’ systems, water butts etc.):
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Need to find out

22. The toilet cisterns on our church premises are fitted with dual-flush buttons or other water-saving devices:
- ☐ All ☐ Some ☐ None ☐ Need to find out ☐ Not applicable (no toilets)
BUILDINGS (CONTINUED)

23. We have installed a composting/waterless toilet (see, for example, eco-toilets.co.uk) on our church premises:
   - ○ Yes
   - ○ No
   - ○ Need to find out
   - ○ Not applicable (mains drainage)

24. Recycled toilet paper is provided on our church premises:
   - ○ Exclusively
   - ○ Sometimes
   - ○ No
   - ○ Need to find out
   - ○ Not applicable (no toilets)

25. The cleaning products used around our church premises are environmentally-friendly:
   - ○ All
   - ○ Some
   - ○ None
   - ○ Need to find out

26. The disposables (e.g. paper cups and plates etc.) used on our church premises are:
   - ○ Never use disposables
   - ○ Occasionally use disposables
   - ○ Biodegradable
   - ○ Recyclable
   - ○ Non-biodegradable
   - ○ Need to find out

27. We are reducing our paper usage (e.g. through double-sided copying/printing etc.):
   - ○ Always
   - ○ Sometimes
   - ○ Not at all
   - ○ Need to find out

28. Our church administration uses recycled paper:
   - ○ Yes
   - ○ No
   - ○ Need to find out

29. In the event of the need to undertake a building/refurbishment project, our church would insist that it adhere to BREEAM (or similar) standard to ensure best practice in sustainable building design, construction and operation:
   - ○ Yes
   - ○ No
   - ○ Need to find out

30. Cycle racks are available on our church premises:
    - ○ Yes
    - ○ No
    - ○ Need to find out

31. Recycling facilities are available on our church premises:
    - ○ Outside (for use by the local community)
    - ○ Inside (primarily for use by church members)
    - ○ Both outside and inside
    - ○ No
    - ○ Need to find out

32. Our church has given due consideration to the possibilities of generating renewable energy on our premises (e.g. air or ground source heat pump, solar PV panels, wind turbine, etc.):
    - ○ Yes
    - ○ No
    - ○ Need to find out

33. Our church generates renewable energy on/for our premises (e.g. from air or ground source heat pump, solar PV panels; solar hot water; wind turbine etc.):
    - ○ Yes
    - ○ No
    - ○ Need to find out
Does your church have influence over any land? (e.g. churchyard, community nature reserve)  

On the Eco Church app, you can answer ‘no’ to this question, in which this section then is marked as ‘not applicable’ and doesn’t contribute to your award application.

1. The land at our church is managed for the encouragement of native wildlife (birds, animals and plants):  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Need to find out

2. We encourage native wildlife on our church land through provision of the following:  
   - Bird Boxes  
   - Bat Boxes  
   - Bug Hotel  
   - Hedgehog Boxes  
   - Other (please tell us in the additional comments)  
   - None  
   - Need to find out

3. Stocked wildlife feeding stations are present on our church land (e.g. bird feeders, bird tables):  
   - Yes, all year round  
   - Yes, winter only  
   - No  
   - Need to find out

4. Our church land contains a pond or wetland area that is good for wildlife:  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Need to find out  
   - Not applicable (no space for a pond)

5. We grow plants on our land that benefit birds, bees, butterflies etc.:  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Need to find out

6. Our church maintains an area of land for native wildflowers:  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Need to find out

7. Our church has researched and established a mowing regime appropriate to the conservation of the grassland and wildlife present:  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Need to find out

8. Our church avoids the use of harmful chemicals (pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers) in the management of our land (excluding paths and driveways):  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Need to find out
LAND (CONTINUED)

9. Our church participates in responsible native tree planting schemes in accordance with guidance from environment professionals:
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Need to find out

10. Our church undertakes wildlife (birds, animals and plants) surveys on our land:
    - [ ] Annually (or more)
    - [ ] Occasionally
    - [ ] Never
    - [ ] Need to find out

11. Our church participates in a scheme, other than Eco Church, designed to promote conservation on church land (e.g. ‘Living Churchyards’):
    - [ ] Yes
    - [ ] No
    - [ ] Need to find out

12. We grow fruit and vegetables on our land (including in planters, window boxes etc. as well as in a community garden/allotment):
    - [ ] Yes
    - [ ] No
    - [ ] Need to find out
    - [ ] Not applicable (insufficient land)

13. Composting facilities are available on our church land:
    - [ ] Yes
    - [ ] No
    - [ ] Need to find out

14. Our church actively encourages members to use church land for recreation/contemplation (e.g. picnics, prayer etc.):
    - [ ] Yes
    - [ ] No
    - [ ] Need to find out
    - [ ] Not applicable (insufficient land)

15. Our church actively encourages members of the local community to use the church land for recreation/contemplation:
    - [ ] Yes
    - [ ] No
    - [ ] Need to find out
    - [ ] Not applicable (insufficient land)

16. Our church has established a management plan for the land for which we are responsible:
    - [ ] Yes
    - [ ] No
    - [ ] Need to find out
    - [ ] Not applicable (insufficient land)
1. Our church organises events providing an opportunity for local people to engage with local leaders on local environmental issues (e.g. local MPs, AMs or council leaders)

☐ At least annually  ☐ Less often  ☐ Never  ☐ Need to find out

2. Our church (either alone or as part of a local network) engages with our local MP, AM, local council or Public Service Board on environmental matters:

☐ At least annually  ☐ Less often  ☐ Never  ☐ Need to find out

3. Our church arranges for local environmentalists to speak in our services:

☐ At least annually  ☐ Less often  ☐ Never  ☐ Need to find out

4. Our church (either alone or as part of a local network) works with local sustainability movements like Transition Towns:

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Need to find out

5. Our church (either alone or as part of a local network) organises environmental awareness-raising events (e.g. film evenings, Fairtrade events etc.):

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Need to find out

6. Our church is involved with local conservation work (eg. at an A Rocha UK Partner in Action or RSPB/Wildlife Trusts nature reserve):

☐ Yes  ☐ Some members are involved  ☐ No  ☐ Need to find out

7. At least some of our church members (either alone or as part of a local network) have organised and/or participated in a community clean-up project (e.g. local litter-pick):

☐ At least annually  ☐ Less often  ☐ Never  ☐ Need to find out

8. Our church (either alone or as part of a local network) hosts a green fair, showcasing local produce and highlighting local environmental issues:

☐ At least annually  ☐ Less often  ☐ Never  ☐ Need to find out

9. Our church organises events providing an opportunity for local people to get out and enjoy God’s earth in our local area (e.g. walks, cycle rides etc.):

☐ Regularly  ☐ Occasionally  ☐ Never  ☐ Need to find out

10. Our church either provides or supports a local car-share scheme (this includes members sharing lifts to church):

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Need to find out
COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

11. Users of our church premises are encouraged to minimise resource use (e.g. people are trained in reducing energy use, notices about turning off lights are displayed etc.):

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Need to find out

12. Our church actively promotes Eco Church to other local churches:

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Need to find out

13. Our church has committed to pray for a specific overseas environmental project (for Welsh churches this might be through Wales4Africa):

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Need to find out

14. Our church participates in regular sustainability initiatives (e.g. Carbon Fast, WWF’s annual Earth Hour event):

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Need to find out

15. Our church participates in campaigns concerning national environmental issues:

☐ At least annually  ☐ Less often  ☐ Never  ☐ Need to find out

16. Our church participates in campaigns concerning global environmental issues:

☐ At least annually  ☐ Less often  ☐ Never  ☐ Need to find out

17. Our church participates in the Tearfund/Cord ‘Toilet Twinning’ scheme as follows:

☐ All our toilets are twinned  ☐ Some of our toilets are twinned  ☐ Need to find out

☐ None of our toilets are twinned

18. Our church keeps the congregation informed about the impact of climate change and environmental degradation on Christian communities elsewhere in the world:

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Need to find out

19. Our church financially supports an environmental charity:

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Need to find out

20. Our church is registered with the Fairtrade Foundation as a Fairtrade Church:

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Need to find out

21. Wherever possible, Fairtrade and/or ethically sourced goods are used at church services and events:

☐ Yes  ☐ Sometimes  ☐ No  ☐ Need to find out
COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

22. Any meals provided by the church use food that is locally grown:
- Always
- Sometimes
- Never
- Need to find out
- Not applicable (no meals are provided)

23. Any meals provided by the church use organic ingredients:
- Always
- Sometimes
- Never
- Need to find out
- Not applicable (no meals are provided)

24. Any meals provided by the church use food that is animal-friendly:
- Always
- Sometimes
- Never
- Need to find out
- Not applicable (no meals are provided)

25. Any meals provided by the church use Fairtrade ingredients:
- Always
- Sometimes
- Never
- Need to find out
- Not applicable (no meals are provided)

26. Any meals provided by the church include a vegetarian and/or vegan option:
- Always
- Sometimes
- Never
- Need to find out
- Not applicable (no meals are provided)

27. Our church takes steps to reduce food waste (e.g. through composting all waste, minimising leftovers at church meals, partnering with a local food waste scheme), and we encourage our members to do likewise:
- Yes
- No
- Need to find out
- Not applicable (no meals are provided)
LIFESTYLE

1. Our church has appointed an individual or group to champion the cause of our church community becoming more environmentally sustainable:
   ○ Yes  ○ No  ○ Need to find out

2. Walking and cycling to church services and events is promoted in our church:
   ○ Often  ○ Occasionally  ○ Never  ○ Need to find out

3. The reduction of car use is encouraged in our church:
   ○ Yes  ○ No  ○ Need to find out

4. The members of our church receive encouragement to undertake a personal carbon footprint audit:
   ○ At least annually  ○ Less often  ○ Never  ○ Need to find out

5. Our church encourages members to reduce their personal energy consumption:
   ○ Regularly  ○ Occasionally  ○ Never  ○ Need to find out

6. Our church encourages members to limit their waste by adhering to the principles of reduce, re-use, recycle:
   ○ Regularly  ○ Occasionally  ○ Never  ○ Need to find out

7. Our church hosts activities and/or events that facilitate the recycling and/or reuse of goods (e.g. clothes swap events or ‘give and take’ schemes):
   ○ Regularly  ○ Occasionally  ○ Never  ○ Need to find out

8. Our church operates a communal Christmas and/or Easter card scheme among the congregation:
   ○ Yes  ○ No  ○ Need to find out

9. Personal use and consumption of Fairtrade and/or ethically sourced goods is promoted in our church:
   ○ Yes  ○ No  ○ Need to find out

10. Our church encourages members to use food at home that is LOAF (Locally grown, Organic, Animal-friendly, Fairtrade)
    ○ Yes  ○ No  ○ Need to find out

11. Our church runs or partners with other organisations in running a food cooperative that enables members to bulk buy ethically sourced produce at wholesale prices:
    ○ Yes  ○ No  ○ Need to find out

12. The ethical investment of personal savings is encouraged at our church:
    ○ Yes  ○ No  ○ Need to find out
LIFESTYLE (CONTINUED)

13. Our church funds are ethically invested (e.g. current account and/or investments):
   - Wholly
   - Partially
   - Not at all
   - Need to find out
   - Not applicable (no funds to invest)

14. Practical lifestyle tips and advice on caring for God’s earth are included in our church newsletters/on our church website:
   - Regularly
   - Occasionally
   - Never
   - Need to find out

15. As part of our life together, the members of our church undertake an environmental lifestyle audit:
   - At least annually
   - Less often
   - Never
   - Need to find out