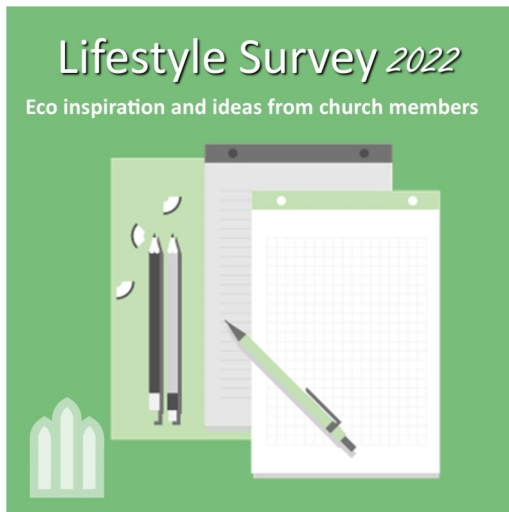


Eco update#11



This Eco Update arrives at the start of the Season of Creation, a month of activity around the world to express concern for God's earth.

We have dedicated this edition to the eco tips, comments and links from the Eco Survey carried out earlier this year. The graphics on the second page will be shared on social media throughout the Season of Creation.

Useful links suggested by church members

Eco Church <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

Friends of the Earth <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/>

Heath food shop Tring <http://healthfare.co.uk/zero-waste-shop/>

Fishing industry regulations <https://www.msc.org/>

Which? magazine <https://www.which.co.uk/>

Other suggestions made in our Lifestyle Survey

'Follow groups on social media to keep inspired and hear about local events and news, e.g. Dacorum Climate Network.'

'Watching wildlife programmes on TV has been helpful to get our boys interested in the environment around us.'



BMS Carbon Calculator

We are probably concerned about our fossil fuel consumption more than ever right now. As well as the personal economic impact we have a responsibility to reduce our carbon emissions as much as possible for the sake of the planet. However, there will always be some emissions that can't be avoided. Use the BMS Carbon Calculator to find out your carbon use and offset your travel, food and energy use to financially support BMS projects. These projects will benefit communities and tackle climate change in areas where the ecosystem is fragile and under threat.

<https://www.bmsworldmission.org/other-ways-to-give/bms-carbon-calculator/>



Household Survey

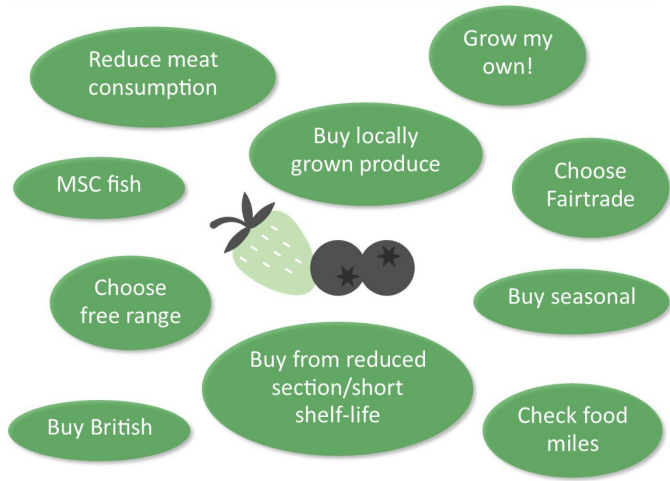
This is a useful resource to do as a household. Just as with the Eco Church survey you will be asked questions on a number of categories and can aim toward bronze, silver and gold awards. The questions will prompt you to think about next steps for eco action, and there are links where more information can be found on a particular topic. **You can print out your certificate at the end - have us present it to you on a Sunday morning!**

<https://creationcare.org.uk/>

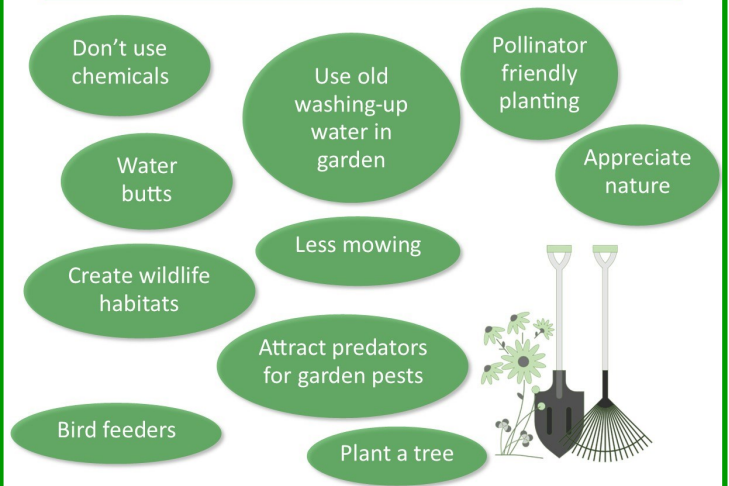


Our Lifestyle Survey asked church members how they care for creation. These are the results.

Food choices



Garden inspiration



'Thank you for making God's creation a priority and for all your work in encouraging the church to be more eco-friendly!'

Some bathroom switches



Reducing waste in the kitchen



When I'm planning to buy something, I ask:



'There are no simple cure-all solutions. Very often, in our context, it is about making the least-bad choice or about weighing up the good and bad aspects of our options. We cannot get complacent, feeling we are getting it all right – because we won't be!'

