**Eco Church Award**



A group of volunteers met on the 1st November 2022 to look at taking part in the Eco Church Award scheme. This is an A Rocha **UK** project, run in partnership with Christian Aid, The Church ofEngland**,** The Methodist Church, Tearfund, The United Reformed Church and Benefact Trust. Their vision is for churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully. To equip churches to express our care for God’s world in our worship and teaching; in how you we look after our buildings and land; in how we engage with our local community and in global campaigns, and in the personal lifestyles of our congregation. See the link below to see how other churches have achieved their awards, you will see many are simple ideas we can adopt. <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/stories/>

To achieve any level of Award we had to score in five categories:

Worship & Teaching, Buildings, Land, Lifestyle, Community & Global engagement.

In April 2023 we achieved our Bronze Award and are now working as hard towards our Silver Award. We are proud of the diversity of our team, from teens to eighties, with a variety of backgrounds and abilities. We hope this reflects the diversity of our congregations.