Rev Dr Mark Powell, Melbourne church, Derbyshire

Wildlife garden, St Catherine's Church, Burbage

Denominational schemes

Denominations can also take practical action to care for the earth at the regional level(s) through complementary award schemes which support the local growth of Eco Church. Further information about Eco Diocese, Eco Synod, Eco Circuit and Eco District can be found at:
ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/denominational-awards

Support A Rocha UK

A Rocha UK launched Eco Church in 2016. We are a Christian charity committed to equip Christians and churches to bring care for the natural world into the heart of their communities.

Make a difference by supporting our work online at

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What is Eco Church?

Eco Church is a learning community of churches of all shapes and sizes open to all denominations. It provides a framework to support your church and its leadership to take practical action on caring for God's earth. It includes a toolkit of resources, an online award survey, quarterly email update, online events, and conferences.

The Eco Church survey will help you 'go green' in all areas of your church life. The work you do will all count towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold Eco Church award – hopefully, all three.

Our online events and Eco Church Connect newsletter will give inspiration and ideas to help you and your church care for God's world across all areas of church life.

The Eco Church survey

Our free online survey and supporting resources are designed to equip your church to express care for God's world in your worship and teaching; in how you look after your buildings and land; in how you engage with your community both locally and globally; and in the personal lifestyles of your congregation.

For example, you can take action against climate change by switching to a green energy company or using Fairtrade for your tea and coffee supplies. The survey takes you through five key areas of church life:

- Worship and Teaching
- Buildings and Energy
- Land and Nature
- Community and Global Engagement
- Lifestyle

To learn about the Eco Church survey, have a go! You may discover you're already close to achieving an award, if not, don't worry – the idea is to complete further actions to get closer. The survey framework is the same for all three award levels – Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

After completing the survey you will gain a better picture of the areas your church is already caring for creation and you can plan your next steps from there. Return to the survey at any time to update and review your progress.

The survey accommodates churches in very different settings, with pathways for churches with large to small buildings or no buildings at all. Similarly, there are different pathways for churches with land to little or no land at all.

Once all the categories on your survey indicate that you have reached an award level, you can apply via the platform. Your church leader will need to sign off your application to confirm your survey responses.

Eco Church events

Our events explore how, together, we can better care for God's earth in our church life through the framework of Eco Church. We welcome churches from all denominations. Our online prayer forums are a place to reflect, share and pray together.
Visit: **arocha.org.uk/events**

How much does it cost?

Taking part in Eco Church is absolutely free! You can register your church, complete the survey, apply for your Award and receive your certificate without any charge from us. However, there may be costs attached to the work that your church decides to do in order to become an Eco Church. You also have the opportunity to purchase an Award plaque from the Grassmarket Community Project so that you can display your Eco Church status for all to see! We would also encourage your church to consider making a donation to A Rocha UK, so that we can continue to offer Eco Church as a free service.

Get started on your Eco Church journey today

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Register on the link above. This only takes a few minutes to do. Registering will allow your church family to check in on its progress and celebrate its success.