

## Church Actions for Creation Care.

Three significant things your church could do over Lent, and none of them onerous, are to swap your energy supplier to one that uses only renewable energy, enrol on the Ecochurch scheme, and buy Fairtrade.

### i) Swap your church energy supplier to one that uses 100% renewable energy.

The Big Church Switch website (a joint venture between the church of England, Tearfund, and Christian Aid) will direct you to recommended suppliers.

<https://www.bigchurchswitch.org.uk/>



### ii) Start working towards becoming an Ecochurch.

Eco church is a free scheme run by the Christian environmental charity *A Rocha* to help and equip churches to express care for God's world



You start by taking the on-line Ecochurch survey ( <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/> ) to see how much Creation Care may already part of church life, and also what steps would be needed to gain an Ecochurch award. There are three levels, Bronze, silver or Gold.

Two churches in St Davids Diocese already have a Bronze Ecochurch award: Holy Trinity, Aberaeron, and St Jerome's, Llangwm. Six more are working towards the award: St Peter, Carmarthen; St Tudwell's, Llanstadwell; St Michael's, Llandre; St Michael's, Aberystwyth; St Michael and All Angels, Llanelli and Llanpumsaint Church. Make your church the seventh!

### iii) Buy Fairtrade products



Fairtrade products ensure environmental as well as social standards are kept for producers. Fairtrade week coincides with Lent (Mon 24 Feb to Sunday 8 March). Why not commit to buy only Fairtrade chocolate? The link below lists 25 Fairtrade brands readily available on the high street

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/Media-Centre/Blog/2019/February/15-Fairtrade-Chocolate-Choices-You-Can-Find-on-the-High-Street>

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## Creation-care events in the diocese.

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- **27<sup>th</sup> February**\_ A sustainably sourced Lenten Supper at The Warren in Carmarthen. Tickets cost £20, available from Revd Gaynor Jones-Higgs ([j\\_gaynor@hotmail.com](mailto:j_gaynor@hotmail.com)). Dewi Read will speak after Dinner on food and sustainability.
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- Lent Vigil for the Climate at the Senedd



This is a peaceful, prayerful event, organised by Christian Climate Action Cymru, but open to all faiths and spiritual perspectives.

**Fridays from 28th February to 10th April 2pm-6pm**

We will be holding the people and the planet in our hearts and praying for humanity to have the wisdom and strength to survive the climate emergency. In concert with others praying outside Westminster, we are praying for the transformation of our politics to create a post-carbon world of justice and peace.

People of all faiths and none are welcome to come along on one or more Fridays. There will be periods of silence, and times for talking/ singing/ ritual.

- **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March** - Revd Stuart Elliott from Bangor diocese is leading a Forest Church session. Contact Revd Gaynor Jones-Higgs for more information: [j\\_gaynor@hotmail.com](mailto:j_gaynor@hotmail.com)
  - **Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March**, Eco themed Messy Church style worship, 10.30am- 1.30pm, Llanpumsaint Church
  - ~~**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> March — A Llansteffan Green Event** in Llansteffan Church from 3pm with the Carmarthen Ukelele Band and local school children. Also contributions from Rhys Schelewa, Anthea Evans and Carol Sadler. Tickets are £5 (children free), available from church members, The Hub, The Beach Café and The Shop. Proceeds to WWF- CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS RERSTRICTIONS~~
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