

## **St Anne's "Environmental Policy"**

*"The Biblical creation stories give human beings privilege and responsibility in relation to the earth and every living creature. We are called to be partners with the rest of creation and co-partners in the ongoing creative and renewing activity of God."*

Our mission at St Anne's is to develop the theology of creation in our church society and follow sustainable policies which take into account the global and local environment for both present and future generation:

We aim to do this:

**In Our Prayer and Liturgy** – to get a deeper understanding of our role in caring for God's creation and to provoke us into action

**In Our Church** – by managing its operations in ways that are environmentally sustainable within the church, priory and the church grounds; and by promoting awareness within the parish of the principles and objectives and of the values underlying them

**In Our Lives as Individuals** – by taking responsibility for our own lives, by being aware of the impact of how we live on our community and on the environment and changing our lifestyle accordingly

**In the Wider Community** – by linking and working with other churches, communities, groups and environmental organisations both locally and throughout the world to further environmental sustainability

### **Some examples of each of the above:**

*In Our Prayer and liturgy* – bidding prayers, advent and lent services, ecumenical services, bible study, involving and building on the experience of the liturgy group

*In our church* – ensure energy is used efficiently and wherever possible reduce its use, invite Operation Eden to do an environmental audit, recycle waste set up composting scheme in parish grounds, use recycled paper or paper made from sustainable sources, use electronic communication as an alternative to paper where possible, use fairtrade products, encourage a car share scheme and walking or cycling to church (and more bike racks)

*In Our Lives as individuals* – all the above but with more examples, writing to MPs, signing petitions...

*In the wider community* – link with local and national groups such as CAFOD, FoE, WL Peace & Justice Group, WDM, Operation Eden, Operation Noah, Christian Ecology Network, also with local councils and community groups....etc.

*St Anne's Justice & Peace Group. Nov. 2006*