

Environmental Policy

1. Introduction

Aylesbury Methodist Church recognises the climate emergency and acknowledges that we face an existential threat without precedent. Following the call from Synod, Aylesbury Methodist Church is committed to taking action in response.

2. Our Environmental Vision

As a church, we commit to:

- Recognising that as Christians, we have been given the responsibility to care for God's creation.
- Exploring environmental issues both globally and locally through dialogue and education.
- Affirming our call to "love our neighbours as ourselves," acknowledging that those most affected by climate change are often the least able to effect change.
- Integrating environmental care into worship and teaching.
- Reducing the impact of our church buildings on the environment.
- Using church land to benefit the environment and the community.
- Engaging with local and global organisations for a fairer, environmentally friendly world.
- Encouraging sustainable lifestyles among church members.
- Encouraging all building users to be mindful of sustainability.

3. Church Commitments

To achieve this vision, Aylesbury Methodist Church commits to:

- Convening an **Eco Team** to coordinate and monitor environmental efforts.
- Registering as an **Eco Church** with A Rocha.
- Holding regular **Green Gatherings** to share ideas and celebrate progress.

