



**CONGRATULATIONS AMC!**



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## CONGRATULATIONS

**We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a bronze medal by the eco-church charity A Rocha.**

As we mentioned in the first edition of Eco Carer, we are all in the AMC Eco Team, as we respond to the climate crisis. So, this is a big team achievement. It reflects the numerous eco-friendly policies we have developed over the years. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to achieve the bronze standard in our worship, our building, land, community engagement and lifestyle.

**We are already turning our attention to what we need to do to achieve a silver award. Watch this space!**

## WILD GARDEN NEWS



*The wild garden site  
behind the church hall  
wall*

We've made a start! Timber has been delivered to form a frame in the triangular piece of land at the top of the photograph. We will be sowing this with native wildflowers once Nick Aylen and helpers have constructed the outside frame. See also Karen's item in the weekly notices about your soil and wildflower seeds.

This is all for stage 1. For stage 2, we need some help...

## CALLING ALL BRICKIES



*Karen Crussell*

Will all the ladies in the congregation, and the men, who have any experience of bricklaying or building work, please make yourself known to Eco Champ Karen! Before we can begin stage 2 and build our large, raised bed, we need to build a retaining wall or similar device at the boundary fence. So, any informed thoughts, ideas and help will be gratefully received! If we can't go the DIY route, we will need to get builders in with the related costs.

## THE 6R's OF SUSTAINABILITY



### ***Caring for God's Creation Together***

As Christians, we believe the earth is God's gift — entrusted to us to cherish, protect, and pass on with love. The **6Rs of sustainability** give us simple, everyday ways to live out that calling with joy and imagination...

## Refuse

Refuse invites us to say a gentle but firm “no, thank you” to things we don’t need — especially single-use plastics and unnecessary packaging. It’s a small act of resistance against a throwaway culture, and a big act of care for God’s world.

## Reduce

Reduce encourages us to use less — less energy, less water, less “stuff”. It’s not about going without; it’s about living more simply so others may simply live. Turning off lights, choosing efficient appliances, and buying thoughtfully all help lighten our footprint.

## Reuse

Reuse celebrates creativity. Before buying something new, we ask: “Could something we already have do the job?” Jam jars become storage pots, bags get used again, and church events swap disposable items for washable ones. It’s stewardship with a smile.

## Repair

Repair reminds us that broken doesn’t mean finished. Mending clothes, fixing appliances, or supporting local repair cafés helps us value what we own. It’s a counter-cultural act that echoes God’s heart for restoration. **Come to our Aylesbury Welcome Repair Café, 9.30–12.30 every fourth Saturday (except August and December).**

## Recycle

Recycle is the R we all know, but it works best when it’s not our first resort. When we’ve refused, reduced, reused, and repaired, recycling ensures materials are turned into something new rather than ending up in landfill.

## Rethink

Rethink is the spiritual heart of the 6Rs. It invites us to reflect on our habits, our choices, and the impact they have on neighbours near and







far. It's about shaping a lifestyle that honours God, loves our global neighbours, and protects creation.

## ECO-COOL CORNER

(for the next generation of eco-carers)



## ECO KNOCK KNOCK

	<p>Knock knock. Who's there? <b>Tree.</b> Tree who? Tree-mendous! Thanks for helping the planet!</p>
	<p>Knock knock. Who's there? <b>Solar.</b> Solar who? Solar good when the sun pays the electricity bill!</p>
	<p>Knock knock. Who's there? <b>Wind.</b> Wind who? Wind you help me turn off the lights when you leave?</p>
	<p>Knock knock. Who's there? <b>Leaf.</b> Leaf who? Leaf the planet better than you found it!</p>
	<p>Knock knock. Who's there? <b>Bee.</b> Bee who? Bee kind to pollinators—they're busy workers!</p>
	<p>Knock knock. Who's there? <b>Water.</b> Water who? Water you waiting for? Fix that leaky tap!</p>

# AYLESBURY WELCOME REPAIR CAFE



*Ceramics can take more than one session to fix. Gluing or putty often needs a 24-hour curing phase. This Japanese patterned mug, infuser & lid will be coming back next session for further fixing and filling.*



*Andy comes prepared to fix bikes and ends up sharpening & reoiling garden tools*

# AYLESBURY WELCOME REPAIR CAFE



*The electrical team -Peter, John, Steve, John M and assistant Gary - repaired a lot of broken, chewed, snapped, cut through cables on vacuum cleaners, lawn mowers, chargers, radios. If you have dodgy cables or a dodgy plug on an electric appliance, **please DO bring it into the Repair Cafe.** It will be tested, diagnosed and if all is safe, repaired!*

## ■ WHAT CAN WE FIX FOR YOU?

■ SAT 27 JUNE • SAT 25 JULY

■ 09.30–12.30

■ Free repairs and refreshments

■ Donations for overheads welcomed

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