



Environment Task Group

Terms of Reference

Facilitator: Revd Mark Dunstan

The group exists to promote within the deanery an awareness of environmental concerns and to encourage the deanery's churches, schools and chaplaincies to take action in keeping with the Church of England's own policy of becoming "Net-Zero" by 2030.

The Diocese of St Albans is encouraging all parishes to work towards Eco-Church accreditation with the environmental charity A Rocha. This group will support parishes as they take steps towards this.

Specific activity will include:

- Researching good practice and making the findings available to the parishes (e.g. via the deanery website, emails or meetings)
- Communicating regularly with PCCs
 - To pass on news of new initiatives and advice and
 - To receive progress updates
 - To encourage among church members a personal engagement with environmental issues.
- Celebrating progress in parishes

Membership:

It has been agreed by Deanery Synod that members can be drawn directly from the parishes (i.e. do not need to be Deanery Synod members or even PCC members). The key qualifications are an interest in environmental matters and a desire to help the churches of the deanery to act responsibly in relation to the environment.