

# Fairfield Church Creation Care Policy

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Fairfield Church's vision is:

*A place to belong; knowing Jesus and making Jesus known.*

We believe that God has created and sustains the world and all that is in it. He has set humankind as stewards over his glorious creation and given us responsibility to care for it.

- We honour God when we care for his creation in obedience to him
- We serve those in our neighbourhood when we act to care for our immediate environment
- We serve those beyond when we consider and take action to reduce the negative impact of our choices on the global climate and the environment at large.

Fairfield's Creation Care Initiative group exists to inform, advise and lead the church (which includes the whole congregation, and those in leadership and decision-making roles) regarding creation care, the climate emergency, and associated environmental and justice issues, including:

- a strong theology of creation care
- evaluating our individual impact on the environment
- considering the church's environmental impact and sustainability goals at present, and when making future decisions, especially in areas identified in environmental audits
- good stewardship of creation promoted through teaching, worship, prayer and church activities
- raising awareness of these issues, in their complexity, interconnectedness and urgency
- how to pray, how to make lifestyle changes and how to take action
- include these considerations in agreements with external users of our buildings and facilities

Specifically, the group will:

- suggest changes that could be made to current activities, maintenance and future planning within the church, whilst acknowledging the competing demands on resources
- commit to working in partnership with our brothers and sisters in Fairfield, particularly interfacing with the Ministry Leadership Team, Buildings Management & Maintenance, and Trustees
- commit to collectively and personally pray and act in accordance with the group's aims
- keep informed on relevant issues, using theological foundations, to be ready to answer queries from individuals or decision-making parties, on the subject of creation care and our relationship with the planet that has been entrusted to mankind.
- Initiate creation care activities eg litter pick or other practical actions