



Eco Church Starter Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to help churches and congregations that want to be more eco friendly to begin conversations and take small actions.

Do you consider future generations in everything you do as a church?

Worship and Teaching

Question	Answer	What can we do to improve things?
1 Does your church act to care for the environment? Give an example.	   Yes No Don't know	
2 Have you talked about climate change in church?	   Yes No Don't know	
3 Has your church invited anyone from Christian environmental organisations to come and talk to you?	   Yes No Don't know	
4 Does your church use creative and positive language about the environment in worship e.g. creation care, mother earth?	   Yes No Don't know	
5 Does your church magazine/newsletter/noticeboard regularly include something about caring for God's world?	   Yes No Don't know	



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Buildings

Question	Answer	What can we do to improve things?
1 Do you have recycling bins for all types of waste e.g. paper, cardboard, plastic, food waste, glass?	   Yes No Don't know	
2 When the heating is on, does it get so hot inside that everyone must take their jumpers off? (You could use a thermometer to check temperatures. They should be 18° - 21° C. Keep a record in a notebook of time, date and temp.)	   Yes No Don't know	
3 Does your church have signs beside the light switches and taps asking people to turn them off?	   Yes No Don't know	
4 When it's sunny, are the lights turned off?	   Yes No Don't know	
5 Are there activities before or after the Sunday service that take advantage of the fact that the building is already warm?	   Yes No Don't know	
6 Do any of the taps drip?	   Yes No Don't know	



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Land (Church and Manse)

Question	Answer	What can we do to improve things?
1 Does your church have a garden or some planters?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
2 Does your church have bug or bee hotels?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
3 Does your church have a water butt?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
4 Does your church have a compost bin?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
5 Do you grow garden flowers that attract pollinators e.g. bees and butterflies?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
6 Does your church have bird and bat boxes?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
7 Are you part of a Forest Church (or similar), or do you ever hold church outside?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
8 Have you planted any trees as a church?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
9 Does your church have an outdoor praying space where you can use all your senses?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	



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Community and Global Engagement

Question	Answer	What can we do to improve things?
1 Does your church get involved in local litter picks or beach cleans?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
2. Is there a space to sit outside your church for members of the local community?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
3 Is your church connected with any environmental campaigning groups e.g. Friends of the Earth?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
4 Are your church and/or manse toilets twinned? https://toilettwinning.org/	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
5 Does your church connect with any environmental projects in the community?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
6 Does your church grow vegetables in the church grounds, manse garden or allotments?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
7 Is the food eaten in church sourced locally and/or Fairtrade?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
8 Is your church part of a food sharing scheme?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
9 Does your church host a food bank or food pantry?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
10 Does your church support any environmental projects in other countries through fundraising and/or through prayer?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	



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Lifestyle

Question	Answer	What can we do to improve things?
1 Does your church recycle plastic, glass, paper and cardboard?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
2 Does your church encourage people to reduce, reuse and recycle to minimise waste?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
3 Are people encouraged to walk or cycle to church?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
4 Does your church use Fairtrade tea and coffee?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
5 Does your church encourage meat as a treat, or meat - free Mondays?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
6 Are the washing up liquids and soaps environmentally friendly and palm oil free?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
7 Does your church use a carbon calculator e.g. 360carbon.org ?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
8 Does your church have a renewable energy supplier e.g. Good Energy, Ecotricity?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	
8 Can you work out how many miles your church congregation has flown this year?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	



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Action Plan:

What small steps can we take to start our Eco Church journey?

<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>

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