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# East & Old Green Team Eco Newsletter

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## Your Planet Needs You



Over the coming months the Green Team will be posting a number of editions of the Green Team Eco Newsletter on the teams pages on the East & Old Church website at <http://www.thebigkirk.co.uk/church-information/green-committee/>

These articles are aimed at helping to promote the use of Green Eco-Friendly measures that will help you save money as well as save &/or enhance your natural environment.

### 2nd Eco Award

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January, the

Whilst the church is closed for renovations and alterations, the Green Team will move the wooden planters from in front of the church in order to provide space for the workman and to preserve the boxes and plants.

The Green Team will also continue its on-going beautifying of the churchyard, by creating a more welcoming bottom entranceway. This will be achieved by placing planters with trellis along the bottom wall and planting a mixture of climbers and trailing plants.

Another project will also involve placing planters along the railing at the edge of the car park and planting them with a wide variety of sustainable plants.

Reverend Trevor Jamison, Environmental Chaplin of the Eco-congregation Scotland provided us with an environmentally themed service that included an address about "Green

Christians" and hymns which carried the messages of togetherness and the splendour of God's earth which beams "a light before our eyes".

During his rousing service the Reverend Jamison presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Eco Award to the East and Old church, Forfar. During the introduction of the Eco Award, the Reverend Jamison commended us on our Eco Newsletter, our lowering of the churches carbon foot print and our use of the old pew wood in both the church, churchyard and shop. The Green Team accepted this award on behalf of all of the church members who have worked hard to improve the churches' green methods of doing things.

We wish to thank the Reverend Jamison for his most enjoyable service and the presentation of our award.

### Upcoming Projects by the Green Team

## Litter Pick Up Dates



This year we are formalizing our litter pick ups in Forfar.

The dates for this year will always be on the 2nd Saturday of the month, and start from the rallying point in the B. & M. car park at

10am. The next litter pick up dates are:

9 April 2016

14 May 2016

11 June 2016

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## The Big Kirk Shop

We can now announce that, with the help of our shop volunteer, Louise Bonnyman, our Big Kirk Shop has entered into a partnership with the Resource Centre in Forfar. We can now exchange our electrical goods for their bric-a-brac. We have already had a van full of items which has proved popular with our customers.

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## Fairtrade Fortnight 2016, 29 February - 13 March

The Fairtrade Fortnight is a celebration to help us to stand up for rights of farmers so that they can receive "better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers," who grow the food we need and sometimes take for granted.

To celebrate the Fairtrade Fortnight, the East and Old Parish church will serve our Big Breakfast served from 9.30 am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March and we plan to serve

the following: bacon rolls, cereals, bananas, pancakes, juices, muffins as well as tea and coffee. BB boys will assist with the serving and clearing up. Money donated will be sent to the Church of Scotland's Nepal Charity.

**Further details about the many events which are taking place between 29<sup>th</sup> February and 13<sup>th</sup> March, can be found on the Fairtrade Foundation website at <http://>**

**[fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight-2016](http://fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight-2016)**