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Your Planet Needs You!

- Handy hints of the month
- Events hosted by the Angus Archives
- News from Other Church Committees about their Eco events

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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/>

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.

Today we examine the reasons why our congregation was awarded the Silver Eco Award and the ways in which we continue to be an enthusiastic eco congregation.

The Silver Eco Award



The East and Old Church were officially awarded their Silver Eco Congregation Award. In the accompanying correspondence we were praised for our wide-ranging and interesting variety of action in the spiritual life of our congregation, our practical work and global living. The intention to continue to develop our eco friendly approach to our lives and the life of our church was also noted.

We were given particular commendations for:

1. our action plan and the involvement of the green group working with other groups in the church.
2. The innovative efficiency measures used in our recent refurbishment.
3. The re-use and recycling of materials to build furniture and fittings.
4. The enthusiastic and passionate way that environmental issues are woven into regular worship.
5. The talks and workshops which are held regularly to give practical information on how members can take positive action.

Thank You to all our helpers and team members for all your hard work this year

Thank you to all of the members of the Green Group and those who have helped them to make the world a better place this past year. Your dedication to supporting a green eco world is much appreciated.

Eco Christmas Gift Ideas

When thinking of presents this year why not try and go-ho-ho green!

1. Recycled pencils—£3.50 for 10—made from CD cases. Plastic cups and polystyrene packaging.
2. Backpacks made from 100% recycled plastic bottles, available in blue and black, measuring 15" wide and 16" tall, with a 5" gusset.
3. Give a battery free gift.
4. Give natural soaps and eco friendly deodorants and other toiletries.
5. Give a give made of Organic cotton, hemp, silk or wood. Years from now when the gift falls apart from use, it is easier to recycle than add to a plastic mountain.
6. For all those candle lovers out there—give candles made from soy, beeswax or natural vegetable-based wax which are biodegrade and smoke-free.
7. Buy an experience—cinema tickets, club membership, sponsor an animal or buy a bit of rainforest.

Recycling

Have a great eco start to the year, avoid Buying Glossy Foil or Metallic Wrapping Paper.

Remember you can still buy recycled paper gift wrap and then recycle it in your grey bin after the presents have been opened.

You can also re-use last years Christmas Gift bags and then use the ones you get this year for the presents you give next year.

Christmas Card

