

Living Gently on the Earth

A Strategy for Environmentally Aware Consumption

St Columba's Church, Jersey

Our Vision

We believe our everyday choices—how we spend, consume, and use resources—shape the world around us.

We are committed to:

- Living gently on the Earth
- Supporting one another in sustainable choices
- Using our voice to challenge environmental injustice
- Caring for God's creation in practical, visible ways

Our Focus Areas

1. Carbon Awareness

Understand and reduce personal impact

→ Use carbon calculators and offset responsibly

<https://www.stcolumbas.je/media/vncjl3iu/calculate-carbon-footprint2.pdf>

2. Food (LOAF Principles)

Locally produced • Organically grown • Animal friendly • Fairly traded

→ Reduce waste and choose ethical sources

<https://www.stcolumbas.je/media/msceyvjs/eco-shopping-2.pdf>

3. Ethical Finance

Align money with values

→ Ethical banking, pensions, and investments

<https://www.stcolumbas.je/eco-tips-events/> (section at the bottom about finance)

4. Transport

Lower-impact travel choices

→ Walk, cycle, bus, reduce flights

<https://www.stcolumbas.je/media/acbep2qg/eco-tourism.pdf>

<https://www.stcolumbas.je/media/3kdd2ppj/take-the-bus-4.pdf>

5. Shopping

Buy less, choose better

→ Second-hand, sustainable fashion, circular economy

<https://www.stcolumbas.je/media/msceyvjs/eco-shopping-2.pdf>

6. Consumption

Reduce energy, water, and digital use

→ Simple everyday efficiency changes

<https://www.stcolumbas.je/media/1agafwh2/save-energy.pdf>

<https://www.stcolumbas.je/media/1lunxp4d/save-water.pdf>

<https://www.digitalcleanupday.org/>

7. Waste & Recycling

Reduce • Reuse • Repair • Recycle

→ Support local initiatives like repair cafés

<https://www.stcolumbas.je/media/eozbwdc4/reduce-reuse-recycle.pdf>

<https://www.repaircafe.org.je/>

8. Nature

Reconnect with creation

→ Eco-gardening, biodiversity, time outdoors

<https://www.stcolumbas.je/media/dqtbvzbh/eco-gardening-2.pdf>

How We Will Act

- Share practical resources and guides
- Use church events, talks, and materials
- Provide simple next steps for everyone
- Lead by example as a church community

How We Measure Progress

- Participation and engagement
- Behaviour change across the congregation
- Use of tools like the Creation Care Survey
- Reduction in environmental impact

<https://creationcare.org.uk/about/>