

ST.COLUMBA'S



Fifth Mark of Mission

"To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth"

Church of Scotland

"The Church of Scotland is concerned that climate change poses a serious and immediate threat to people everywhere, particularly to the poor of the earth, and that climate change represents a failure in our stewardship of God's creation."



The Church of Scotland

Our Objective

To journey towards net zero carbon in line with the Church of Scotland's policy and to lead more sustainable lifestyles.

Join us on that journey.

Find out more

ecochurch.arocha.org.uk



Eco Church - Bronze Award

A Rocha UK launched Eco Church in 2016. They are a Christian charity committed to equip Christians and churches to bring care for the natural world into the heart of their communities.

Eco Church is a learning community of churches of all shapes and sizes open to all denominations. It provides a framework to support the church and its leadership to take practical action on caring for God's earth. Over the coming months St Columba's will be working towards attaining a bronze Eco Church award and taking the practical steps necessary to realise the Fifth Mark of Mission.

The Eco Church award covers five areas of church life.

Worship & Teaching

Management of Church Buildings

Management of Church Land

Community & Global

Lifestyle



St. Columba's Church



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www.jec.co.uk/for-home/help/saving-energy/my-je-app/



Scoop

The Sustainable Co-operative. You can subscribe and save 25% on purchases. It costs £15 if you live alone, £25 for 2-3 person households and £35 for households of 4 or more. If you're on a low income it's just £5

Find out more about
<https://scoop.org.je/>

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What are we doing?

Worship & Teaching

We've developed our new Noah's Ark teaching room. A huge thank you to Sam Blair for all her hard work with the project.

Following Lectionary Bible Readings we regularly focus upon caring for all of God's creation.

Invited a guest speaker from Scoop the sustainable co-op.

Church Buildings

We use LED lighting where possible, a metered water supply, eco cleaning products and we recycle waste where possible. We plan to calculate our carbon footprint.

Church Land

We're going to create a church garden that is friendly to wildlife and encourages pollinators.

Community & Global

We plan to take part in environmental events. We hope to eliminate single use plastic and repair broken things if possible.

Lifestyle

We'll be encouraging you to join us by sharing tips and advice for a more sustainable lifestyle. We've already installed a bike rack for those church members who cycle to church.

SCOOP

In January we had a presentation from Jo Darwood, one of the trustees at Scoop, the sustainable co-operative in St Lawrence.

They support local growers, sell organic food and even have a kitchen which makes take out meals!

At Scoop they don't talk so much about food miles, they talk about food 'metres' as so much of their fresh produce is grown locally.

We're organising a visit to the Kitchen at Scoop, if you're interested please sign up - the form is on the table at the back of the church.

