**The purpose of this questionnaire is to enable all those churches seeking to be eco-friendly, at any level, to generate conversation in which young people have a voice and a space to be heard.**

**In everything that you do as a church, are future generations considered?**

**Worship and Teaching**

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| **Question** | **Answer** | **How can we improve this?** |
| **1. We celebrate special services relating to caring for God’s earth (e.g. Creation Time, Environment Sunday, Rogation Sunday, Harvest etc.)**  | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **2. The hymns and songs (and liturgies if used) in our church services enable us to celebrate God’s creation.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **3. We pray for environmental issues.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **4. We teach caring for God’s earth across all ages.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **5. We host guest speakers from A Rocha UK or other Christian environmental organisations (e.g.Christian Aid, Tearfund, Green Christian, The John Ray Initiative) to talk about environmental issues.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **6. Caring for God’s earth features as a focus within the small group study in our church** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **7. Our communications (e.g. newsletters, service sheets, magazines, social media etc.) include items relating to the theme of caring for God’s earth.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **8. The leadership have made a formal commitment to improving the environmental credentials of our church by endorsing the undertaking of work towards an Eco Church Award.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |

**Buildings**

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| **Question** | **Answer** | **How can we improve this?** |
| **1. Is your church responsible for the premises in which it meets?** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **2. We have measured our energy use and calculated the carbon footprint of our church premises.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **3. We have set sufficient targets for reducing the carbon footprint of our church premises and achieving year- on-year improvements in energy efficiency.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **4. We offset the carbon footprint of our church premises for those things we can’t reduce.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **5. The electricity supplied to our church premises is generated from renewable resources and/or charged according to our supplier’s ‘green tariff’.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **6.The gas supplied to our church premises is generated from renewable sources and/or charged according to our supplier’s ‘green tariff’.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **7. The boiler (or boilers) is/are energy efficient ( what rating is it?)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **8.Our main church premises are insulated (including church halls, church offices and the manse if you have them).** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **9.Our main church premises all have double-glazing, (including church halls, church offices and the manse if you have them).** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **10.The lighting in our main church premises uses energy-efficient light bulbs (including church halls, church offices and the manse if you have them).** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **11. We have a policy designed to limit the amount of energy consumed by floodlighting and/or security lighting around our church premises.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **12. The water supply to our church premises is metered.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **13. Rainwater collection facilities are installed and used on our church premises (e.g. ‘grey water’ systems, water butts etc.).** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **14.The toilet cisterns on our church premises are fitted with dual-flush buttons or other water-saving devices.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **15. We have installed a composting/waterless toilet (see, for example, eco-toilets.co.uk) on our church premises.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **16. Recycled toilet paper is provided on our church premises.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **17. The cleaning products used around our church premises are environmentally-friendly.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **18. The disposables (e.g. paper cups and plates etc.) used on our church premises are biodegradable.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **19. We are reducing our paper usage (e.g. through double-sided copying/printing using digital where possible etc.).** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **20. Our church administration uses recycled paper.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **21. In the event of the need to undertake a building/refurbishment project, our church would insist on sustainable building design, construction and operation.**  | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **22. Cycle racks are available on our church premises.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **23. Recycling facilities are available on our church premises.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **24. Our church has considered the possibilities of generating renewable energy on our premises (e.g. air or ground source heat pump, solar PV panels, wind turbine, etc.)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **25. Our church generates renewable energy on/for our premises (e.g. from air or ground source heat pump, solar PV panels; solar hot water; wind turbine etc.)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |

**Land**

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| **Question** | **Answer** | **How can we improve this?** |
| **1.Does your church have churchyard, graveyard community nature reserve, manse gardens where possible?** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **2.The land at our church is managed for the encouragement of native wildlife (birds, animals, insects and plants)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **3.We encourage native wildlife on our church land through provision of bug hotels, bird boxes, bat boxes, hedgehog boxes etc.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **4. Stocked wildlife feeding stations are present on our church land (e.g. bird feeders, bird tables)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **5.Our church land contains a pond or wetland area that is good for wildlife.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **6.We grow plants on our land that benefit birds, bees, butterflies etc.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **7. Our church maintains an area of land for native wildflowers.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **8.Our church has researched and established a mowing regime appropriate to the conservation of the grassland and wildlife present.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **9. Our church avoids the use of harmful chemicals (pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers) in the management of our land (excluding paths and driveways)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **10. Our church participates in responsible native tree planting schemes in accordance with guidance from environment professionals such as the Wildlife Trust or Woodlands Trust.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **11. Our church undertakes wildlife (birds, animals and plants) surveys on our land.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **12. Our church participates in a scheme, other than Eco Church, designed to promote conservation on church land (e.g. ‘Living Churchyards’)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **13. We grow fruit and vegetables on our land (including in planters, window boxes, community garden/allotment)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **14. Composting facilities are available on our church land.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **15. Our church actively encourages members and the local community to use church land for recreation/contemplation (e.g. picnics, prayer etc.)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **16. Our church has established a management plan for the land for which we are responsible.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |

**COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT**

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| **Question** | **Answer** | **How can we improve this?** |
| **1.We organise events, providing an opportunity for local people to engage with local leaders on local environmental issues (e.g. local MPs,MSP AMs or council leaders)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **2. We (either alone or as part of a local network) engage with our local MP, MSP, AM, local council or Public Service Board on environmental matters.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **3. We arrange for local environmentalists to speak in our services.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **4. We (either alone or as part of a local network) work with local sustainability movements like Transition Towns.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **5. We (either alone or as part of a local network) organise environmental awareness-raising events (e.g. film evenings, Fairtrade events etc.)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **6. We are involved with local conservation work (eg. at an A Rocha UK Partner in Action or RSPB/Wildlife Trusts nature reserve)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **7. At least some of us (either alone or as part of a local network) have organised and/or participated in a community clean-up project (e.g. local litter-pick)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **8. We (either alone or as part of a local network) host a green fair, showcasing local produce and highlighting local environmental issues.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **9.We organise events providing an opportunity for local people to get out and enjoy God’s earth in our local area (e.g. walks, cycle rides etc.)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **10.We either provide or support a local car-share scheme (this includes members sharing lifts to church)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **11.Users of our church premises are encouraged to minimise resource use (e.g. people are trained in reducing energy use, notices about turning off lights are displayed etc.)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **12. We actively promote Eco Church to others.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **13.We have committed to pray for a specific overseas environmental project (e.g. Commitment for Life, for Welsh churches this might be through Wales4Africa,)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **14. We participate in regular sustainability initiatives (e.g. Carbon Fast, WWF’s annual Earth Hour event)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **15. We participate in campaigns concerning national environmental issues.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **16. We participate in campaigns concerning global environmental issues.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **17. We participate in the Tearfund/Cord ‘Toilet Twinning’ scheme (including the manse)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **18. We keep the congregation informed about the impact of climate change and environmental degradation on Christian communities elsewhere in the world.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **19. We financially support an environmental charity.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **20. We are registered with the Fairtrade Foundation as a Fairtrade Church.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **21. Wherever possible, Fairtrade and/or ethically sourced goods are used at church services and events.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **22. Any meals provided by the church use food that is locally grown.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **23. Any meals provided by the church use organic ingredients.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **24. Any meals provided by the church use food that is animal-friendly.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **25. Any meals provided by the church use Fairtrade ingredients.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **26. Any meals provided by the church include a vegetarian and /or vegan option.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **27. We take steps to reduce food waste (e.g. through composting all waste, minimising leftovers at church meals, partnering with a local food waste scheme), and we encourage our members to do likewise.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |

**LIFESTYLE**

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| **1. We have appointed an individual or group to champion the cause of our church community****becoming more environmentally sustainable?** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **2. Walking and cycling to church services and events is promoted in our church.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **3. The reduction of car use is encouraged in our church.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **4. We encourage people to undertake a personal carbon footprint audit.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **5. We encourage people to reduce their personal energy consumption.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **6. We encourage people to limit their waste by adhering to the principles of reduce, re-use, recycle.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **7. We host activities and/or events that facilitate the recycling and/or reuse of goods (e.g. clothes swap events or ‘give and take’, up- cycling schemes)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **8. We operates a communal Christmas and/or Easter card scheme among the congregation.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **9. Personal use and consumption of Fairtrade and/or ethically sourced goods is promoted in our church** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **10. We encourage people to use food at home that is LOAF (Locally grown, Organic, Animal- friendly, Fairtrade)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **11.We run or partner with other organisations in running a food cooperative that enables members to bulk buy ethically sourced produce at wholesale prices.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **12. The ethical investment of personal savings is encouraged at our church.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **13. Our funds are ethically invested (e.g. current account and/or investments)** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **14. Practical lifestyle tips and advice on caring for God’s earth are included in our church newsletters/on our church website.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |
| **15. As part of our life together, all ages undertake an environmental lifestyle audit.** | **Yes** **No** **Don’t know & need to find out** |  |

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| **Action Plan: What are the small steps we can do to make our church an Eco Church.** |
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