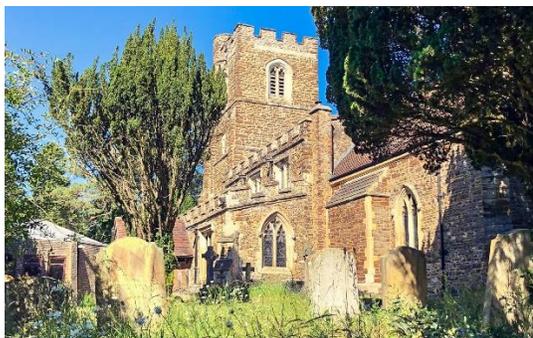


## Items for the next Environment News Bulletin

1. Congratulations to St Peter and St Paul's Church, Flitwick on achieving their Bronze Eco Church award.



2. **Tree and hedge planting grants in central Bedfordshire**

Churches in central Bedfordshire interested in planting trees or hedges as a way of encouraging biodiversity and taking action on climate change can apply online for grants from Central Bedfordshire council: [Community grants | Central Bedfordshire Council](#) There will be two rounds of applications for this new scheme in 2021: the first closes on February 28<sup>th</sup>, but the second opens on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021 and closes on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Please note, before making an application, it is necessary to consult the expert advice of the DAC, and the Living Churchyards Officer, Judith Evans [Living Churchyards - Diocese of St Albans \(anglican.org\)](#)

3. **February 1<sup>st</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> The 'Show the Love' campaign**

Churches can encourage their congregations to join in with this annual campaign to show love for the environment by speaking out for climate action. This year, over the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> February, we can show support by decorating our windows with green hearts. Inspiration can be found in the all-age activity pack: [Show the Love 2021 Resources — The Climate Coalition](#)



4. **Climate Sunday poster/resources information sheet**

Every parish should have received a Climate Sunday poster with essential information on the reverse about important ways in which churches can become involved in action on the environment in the months leading up to the climate conference in November, COP26. If you haven't received your copy, please contact Rachel [environment@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto:environment@stalbans.anglican.org)

The Climate Sunday website and excellent resources have been updated:

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

**5. New resource for Churches taking first steps towards Net Zero**

A new checklist has been created to help churches working through the advice in the very helpful guidance sheet from the Church of England Environment team: 'The Practical Path to Net Zero Carbon for churches': [The practical path to net zero carbon for churches | The Church of England](#) There are two versions, one for printing and one for completing on screen, which can be found on the environment pages of the Church of England website, via the above link and also here: [Net zero carbon church | The Church of England](#)

**6. Fairtrade fortnight February 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 7<sup>th</sup>**

This year's Fairtrade fortnight campaign 'choose the World You Want' will highlight the growing challenges that climate change brings to farmers and workers in the communities Fairtrade works with, concentrating on Kenya, Ethiopia and Honduras. The challenges have been made far worse by the global pandemic.

[Fairtrade Fortnight | Fairtrade Foundation](#)



- 7. Cathedral Lent Course: Treading Lightly on God's Earth** – a five week online course (via Zoom), exploring our relationship to the environment in the light of scripture, tradition, and the pressing needs of the climate crisis. Led by Cathedral clergy, with group discussion in breakout rooms. This will take place on Wednesday evenings, 24<sup>th</sup> February – 24<sup>th</sup> March, 7-8.30pm, and is free of charge. All are very welcome. Further details to be announced on the Cathedral website shortly: [St Albans Cathedral](#)