

PCC CLIMATE EMERGENCY STATEMENT – ALL SAINTS BOYNE HILL CHURCH MAIDENHEAD

Recognition by All Saints Church, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead PCC that the world is in a global climate emergency.

We read in Psalm 24: “The Earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it”.

Aware that:

The Oxford Diocesan Synod gave its overwhelming support to a motion that declares a Climate Emergency and commits the diocese to a wide-ranging plan of practical action, prayer and advocacy, including a move towards a net-zero target. The diocese's new plans were formulated in conjunction with experts from the national Church and business, local charities, the academic community, and other professionals working in the areas involved.

(The current link to The Oxford Diocese’s Declaration of Climate Emergency is here:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/news/climateplan.php>)

In response, we the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, want to make it clear that we recognize that we are in a Climate and Environmental Emergency and that we commit ourselves, guided by God, to:

- Acknowledge the value of God’s creation through teaching, prayer and worship
- Do our best to live sustainably as individuals and within the corporate life of the Parish
- Strive towards reducing the carbon footprint of our buildings year on year towards the Church of England’s goal of net zero by 2030, as defined by its Call to Action of February 2020 (<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/news-and-statements/general-synod-sets-2030-net-zero-carbon-target>), aided by external audits of our energy use
- Endeavour to use electricity and gas only from renewable sources
- Aim to improve biodiversity on church land and assist nature conservation in our community
- Wherever possible, use recycled paper, and minimise our use of single-use plastic and paper
- Carry on supporting the poor and their environment, individually and through charities such as Fairtrade and Tearfund
- Make every effort to encourage action on the Emergency in our neighbourhoods, workplaces and other spheres of activity
- Use whatever influence we may have to bring about positive actions by local and national government, schools and businesses
- Continue working towards an Eco Church award

This statement was agreed by the PCC of All Saints Church, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berkshire on 18 October 2022. For more information, please contact John Bolodeoku, Church Warden All Saints Church Boyne Hill Maidenhead SL6 4HE allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com

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