

Eco Policy of St James, Fuerteventura

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In Genesis God gave humanity dominion over creation, but this does not equate to exploitation or abuse, but was meant to equate to care and compassion for the whole of the created world.

At **St James, Fuerteventura**, we believe that responding positively to the call to care for creation and to the current climate crisis is an essential part of our responsibility to safeguarding God's creation and part of the work to achieve a just world.

Climate change hits hardest the poorest countries and poorest people of the world. Meantime, the widespread destruction of the natural world is a crisis for all of creation.

As a church community we aim to

- **Cherish Creation:** by encouraging all members to care for those parts of God's good creation for which we have responsibility.
- **Cut Carbon:** we support the Church of England in the aim to be net zero compliant by 2030 wherever possible.
- **To act personally:** we encourage all member to speak and act boldly to promote the enjoyment, cherishing and sharing of God's good creation and, where possible and resources allow, we will work in partnership with others who share the same aims.

We encourage our congregation,

- ✓ to undertake a personal carbon footprint audit:
- ✓ to reduce their personal energy consumption:
- ✓ to limit their waste by adhering to the principles of reduce, re-use, recycle:
- ✓ to use fair-traded or ethically sourced goods
- ✓ to use food, whenever possible, that is LOAF -Locally grown, Organic, Animal-friendly, Fair-traded.
- ✓ to use ethical investment of personal savings
- ✓ to undertake an environmental lifestyle audit.