

'But ask the animals, and they will teach you,  
Or the birds of the air, and they will tell you;  
Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,  
Or let the fish of the sea inform you.

Which of all these does not know  
That the hand of the Lord has done this?  
In God's hand is the life of every creature  
And the breath of all humankind.'

~ Job 12:7-10



**We'd love to hear from you!**

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# How can I green my church?

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,  
The world and all who live in it'

~ Psalm 24 v 1

## How can I green my church?

Carry out an **eco audit** to help identify & celebrate all the good practice already in place. This is easy to do & need only take an hour ... Use the church checklist on our website!

Get together with a few like-minded people & draw up an **action plan**:

Reduce, re-use, recycle & compost

Adopt energy-saving measures eg. using LED light bulbs & reducing thermostat

Support & promote Fairtrade

Teach children & young people earthcare

Plant fruit & nut trees, seeds & bulbs

Organise a litter-pick or a nature walk

Include Creation care in prayers, liturgies & sermons

Celebrate Creation Time! For great resources see [www.ctbi.org.uk/295](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/295)

Hold a cycle/walk to church Sunday

Watch & discuss an eco film

Invite an Eco-Congregation speaker!

For further ideas & examples see [www.ecocongregationireland.com](http://www.ecocongregationireland.com)

## How can Eco-Congregation help?

We offer **resources & support** to help you as you seek to integrate environmental care into church life. Our website resources include sections on worship & teaching, children's & youth work, Bible studies, property & grounds management, finance, purchasing & waste, personal lifestyles, working with the local community and thinking (and acting) globally.



## What is Eco-Congregation Ireland?

Our **vision** is to see churches celebrate the gift of God's Creation, recognise the inter-dependence of all Creation and care for it in their life and mission.

ECI was initiated by the Church in Society Forum of the **Irish Inter-Church Meeting** in 2005 to encourage churches to adopt an eco-friendly approach to worship, lifestyle, property & finance management, youth & children's work, community outreach & contact with the developing world.

We rely on donations and grants from individuals and various bodies. **Donations** can be made by sending a cheque made payable to 'Representative Church Body' to the ECI Treasurer, 10 Upper Beechwood Avenue, Dublin 6, enclosing a note saying it is for the ECI account.

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