

# Environmental Policy for Crediton Methodist Church

As a Christian community we believe it is our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation, to value and respect the world around us, and to be advocates of sound environmental practices.

***“Be careful to pass the land on as an inheritance to your descendants forever” - 1 Chronicles 28***

This policy seeks to identify objectives to assist Crediton Methodist Church community (including all office holders, members and other users of the church building) in fulfilling these responsibilities.

## **Our Environmental Policy Objectives are:**

### **Energy**

- to reduce energy use wherever possible
- to encourage the development and use of renewable energy

### **Water**

- to use water efficiently and with care, and not take it for granted
- to avoid pollutants entering the drainage system
- to collect water where possible for appropriate use
- to support communities where water imbalances are a problem

### **Waste**

- to reduce the production of material waste including unnecessary packaging
- to encourage the re-use, repair and recycling of materials including organic waste
- to dispose of waste and unwanted items in a safe and responsible way

### **Materials & Resources**

- to take the environmental and ethical cost into account when sourcing all material
- to take into account the lifetime costs of materials when altering, repairing or rebuilding premises

### **Transport**

- to discourage unnecessary travel
- to encourage where ever possible, more energy efficient means of travel

### **Buildings & Land**

- to build in maximum energy and water efficiencies into all projects
- to protect and enhance habitats for wildlife and biodiversity
- to be sensitive to the local environment
- to ensure maximum use of facilities

### **Awareness and Commitment**

- to promote awareness within the church community of these principles and objectives and of the values underlying them
- to encourage church members and office holders to implement this environmental commitment and its objectives

***“Nobody can do everything BUT everybody can do something”  
- Gil Scott-Heron***

***All who care for life are welcome here!***