

November 2023

## NEWS

### ECO CHURCH BRONZE AWARD



St Mary's has now received our Bronze Eco Church certificate from A Rocha UK. You will see copies in the church and the church centre.

Our next plans include

- Starting to develop a management plan for the churchyard, to enhance its use for a variety of different purposes, including support for its wildlife.
- Supporting the flower arranging team with more local flower and greenery growing.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES



**Electric vehicles: are you keen to find out more?**

#### **All about EV's**

**Discussion evening in the Leslie Room:**

**Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

**With Nick O'Riordan, Denise Herrington, Richard Pearson and Graham White**

**Prices and best deals? Makes and models. How far can a full battery take you? When should I make the switch?**

**Charging. Leasing options. Second hand market. Lessons learnt. Environmental impact. Lifespan of an EV**

***All welcome to find out more from people who already drive EV's, and to ask questions***

## WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

### **Saturday 25th November Sussex Green Hub 10am-4pm at the United Reformed Church in Springfield Road.**

Held on the last Saturday of every month, the hub is home to the **Refill Shop, Repair café** and **Horsham Community Fridge**, alongside the **Horsham Eco Churches** stand, **recycling advice** and **refreshments**. Great for practical solutions and greener living inspiration.

While just across the road.....



The place to get unique Christmas presents sourced ethically and sustainably. The Fairtrade mark is only awarded when products do not damage the environment or the communities creating the products.

The Fairtrade Foundation ensures farmers in developing countries get paid at least a living wage and their communities receive a premium which the communities decide how to allocate (often on education).

Buying products with a Fairtrade logo ensures you are not supporting child labour or exploitation.

Christmas Raffle – draw at 3pm

Café all day

***Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for your gracious providing may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***