

November 2025

The Eco Church scheme enables us all to grow in wisdom and willingness to look after God's world through our worship, our care of our buildings and land, our own lifestyle choices, and the ways we engage with the local and indeed global communities. Below are some opportunities for us all to join in.

CARBON LITERACY TRAINING



Carbon Literacy Training (CLT) helps us understand the carbon cost of everyday things and activities and enables us to do something to reduce our carbon footprint on an individual, community and organisational basis.

Cath Hatton and Hennie Sleeman are in the process of completing their training and would highly recommend the course. It has been very thought-provoking, we've learnt a lot, and we will be doing some small-scale projects to help each of us contribute to reducing St Mary's carbon footprint.

There is another CLT whole-day course on Thursday November 13th at Church House in Hove, led by the Diocesan Environment Officer Buff Forbes-Stone. If you are interested in finding out more please talk to Cath or Hennie, or email Buff on

Environment.Officer@Chichester.Anglican.Org

WORK IN THE CHURCHYARD

Horsham Green Gym (HGG) have kindly offered to help us clear dead and diseased box and invasive, non-native species such as bamboo and laurel from the churchyard.

HGG is a local conservation volunteer group and will be working in the churchyard alongside some of the Eco Church Team on **Thursday December 4th from 10am – 1pm**. Horsham District Council will provide a vehicle on the day for transporting plant debris away.

If you would like to join the working party, please let Katherine Potter know.

Please bring your own tools and wear suitable clothes and footwear for the weather, including gardening gloves. There will be refreshments available in the south aisle of the church during the morning.



COP30



The 30th UN climate conference COP30 will take place from 6-21 November 2025 in Belém, Brazil. It will bring together world leaders, scientists, non-governmental organizations, and civil society to discuss priority actions to tackle climate change. COP30 will focus on the efforts needed to limit the

global temperature increase to 1.5°C, the presentation of new national action plans (NDCs) and the progress on the finance pledges made at COP29.

PRAYER FOR COP30 NEGOTIATIONS.

All are welcome to join Green Christian online for ten minutes of prayer and reflection at 8am every morning during COP30, from 10 Nov to 22 Nov, except for the middle Sunday 16 November which is a day of rest at COP. COPs often over-run so on Saturday 22 November we intend to carry on praying, either for the final negotiations, or for the outcomes of the decisions taken. These prayer sessions will be on Zoom and led by a team from Green Christian.

Find out more and register - <https://greenchristian.org.uk/pray-with-us-for-cop30/>

FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS MARKET

returns for another year, offering a great opportunity to buy Fairtrade Christmas cards and decorations, gifts and seasonal treats. Enjoy hot drinks and homemade cakes in the café, and chance your luck with tickets for the raffle draw.

If you can help sell raffle tickets on the day, please speak to Ros Pollard.

St John's Roman Catholic Church Hall
10am – 4pm
Saturday November 29th



SUSSEX GREEN HUB

Saturday 29th November 10am-2.30pm 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 **Community Cafe**. Great for practical solutions and greener living inspiration. This month includes a Christmas bazaar

Creation Care Collect

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.

