

St Aldates is a church that loves God and the things He has made.

In 2016 the PCC adopted a statement recognising Creation Care as one of our core values and committing to continual improvement on our environmental performance.

How are we doing?

2016

- We began offsetting CO₂ from flights (mainly mission and teaching trips)
- We had an 8-week Autumn preaching series on Creation Care

2017

- We joined the Big Church Switch so all electricity in the church is from renewable sources
- Toilet Twinning – for all toilets in the church, Parish Centre and Catacombs
- New, efficient boilers Installed in the church

2018

- We held the Lent Creation Care Challenge
- Renewable electricity was extended to include the Parish Centre, the Catacombs and the Intern House
- Disposable cups and plates were switched to compostables
- New bins with better labelling
- We insulated the roof of the Christopher Room
- We reduced printing of the Essentials by introducing the e-Essentials
- The Parish Centre garden had a make-over to be more bee-friendly

2019

- We had a focus on food waste
- We switched to recycled toilet paper
- We're working towards Eco-Church awards
- We launched the Environmental Network to start mobilising church members

So far, we've reduced our annual carbon footprint from 200 tonnes to 60 tonnes

Join the Environmental Network and see how you can help us to take this further - meetings will be publicised in the Essentials