

Date policy adopted by the trustees: December 2024	Latest date for renewal of the policy: December 2026
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We believe that all of creation speaks of the glory, love and mercy of our God. As individuals at GCC, and corporately as a church body, we are committed to showing justice and mercy to all people and to caring for all God's creation, including the environment we live in.

Environmental policy

As a church community, we will take human and environmental concerns into account in our mission, worship, study, education, training, administrative activities and programmes.

In practice this includes:

- Trying to make ethical choices when making any purchases to ensure items are not produced through exploitation of people.
- Wherever possible, trying to ensure items purchased are sustainably sourced, recyclable and the environmental impact of the product's life cycle is minimised
- Trying to minimise production of waste through our various activities, and to ensuring as much waste as possible that is produced is recyclable and recycled.
- Reducing our carbon footprint through reducing unnecessary travel, using sustainable ('green') energy sources and suppliers where possible and being as energy-efficient as possible.
- GCC will review this policy and its implementation annually and, as part of this, undertake an annual carbon footprint audit to ensure we keep striving to minimise our carbon impact (to be actioned at the end of each financial year by the Church Administrator and Media Co-ordinator in liaison with the Treasurer).