



The Parish of St Mary the Virgin
Ringmer
Registered Charity No 1131869

Environment Policy and Plan

We affirm these elements of our faith:

- God, through Christ, has created an awesome and majestic cosmos to bring Him praise and glory. We are just one part of His created order.
- Jesus has redeemed the whole earth through His death and resurrection
- We have a special responsibility to care for the Earth so that human life and all God's creatures may be sustained in harmony.

Aim: As a local church, we aim to take the practical steps necessary to realise the Church of England's Fifth Mark of Mission, which is "to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life of the earth" and to reach the Church of England's Carbon Zero by 2030 target.

Objective: We will take environmental concerns into account in all aspects of our church life, including our worship, teaching, our churchyards and church buildings, outreach, pastoral, children, youth and families work, training, hospitality, administration (including financial matters), and charitable giving.

- We recognise the climate and nature crises and the fundamental injustice these represent.
- We recognise and teach that creation care and action to address the climate and nature crises are integral to Christian faith, life and worship.
- We recognise the need to manage our land for nature.
- We recognise that we need to take action locally, nationally and globally to tackle climate injustice.
- We recognise that integrating creation care into our daily lives is an act of worship and obedience to God as we grow in discipleship.

Agreed by the St Mary's PCC, 22nd June 2026.