

# Bishop's **GREEN BADGE**



"you alone are the lord. you made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.

you give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you."

**NEHEMIAH 9:6**

# The Climate Crisis

You have probably heard about climate change a lot recently - it takes up the headlines almost every week. As humans we haven't been taking care of God's wonderful creation, and this is causing a lot of problems.

Luckily, there is still enough time to save our planet, and even better - we already have the solutions we need! Solar, wind and other renewable energy sources are becoming more affordable and governments are beginning to invest in sustainable solutions, but everyone still needs to play their part.

# What can I do to help?

Some of the most effective things to help combat climate change are small changes we can make to our daily lives. For example:

## **CYCLING**

Most of our journeys are made by cars, which emit huge amounts of greenhouse gasses, so cycling is a fun and eco-friendly alternative.



## **LESS MEAT**

Plant-based food provides tasty and healthy meals – all while minimising harm to the earth.

## **HEATING**

Turning down the heating and wearing an extra layer can hugely reduce your carbon footprint, especially in the winter months.



# Do your research!

Becoming more aware of the challenges we need to overcome will help make a lasting impact on the environment.

## **FAST FASHION**

Even the clothes on our backs can help or damage the world – find out more about fast fashion and its impacts.



## **ETHICAL SHOPPING**

Check companies' carbon footprints as well as their use of animal products before you buy.

## **PALM OIL**

Many of our favourite things contain palm oil which can seriously harm rainforests – keep this in mind when you're shopping!



# Where's God in all this?

## **PRAY**

It's easy to forget that God is still in control while the headlines are full of bad news, so make time to pray for politicians, church leaders and yourself to improve our attitudes.



## **HELP AT CHURCH**

Organise a litter pick, jumble sale, or even lead a service on climate change to help raise awareness within your community.

## **BIBLE READING**

The Bible has some things to say about climate change and caring for our environment – what passages can you find? Try Genesis 2 to get you started.

