

# NEWS AND EVENTS



**"Eco Church is a scheme to help church communities improve their Environmental impact.**

**A Rocha has developed Eco Church, an award scheme for churches of all denominations in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that they care for God's earth."**

## Eco & Fairtrade

**'The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24 v. 1**

This verse was read at the beginning of the monthly diocesan Eco Drop-in: what a great verse to hold onto as we move towards Lent.

On **10 February** the diocese is hosting a webinar, 7.30 - 8.30:

**Myth Busting Climate Change** It is a free event, which can be booked via **EventBrite** in order to get the link. If you are interested Hilary would be very happy to send you the email with the link to get the tickets.

## Carbon Fast

Lots of Christians - and others - fast in some way in Lent: giving up sugar, biscuits, wine etc for example. A Rocha suggest we take part in a Carbon Fast. When we sign up we will receive a weekly email, starting on 18 February, with suggestions about a different way each week to reduce our carbon footprint, along with a prayer. More information should be arriving soon. [climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent](http://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent)

A reminder that our next **Eco Church meeting** will take place **tomorrow, February 2nd, at 7.30 pm**. This month we are considering the land around St Thomas' church. Everyone is very welcome. There will be cake! More details from Christine, Peter, Julian, Henry, Hilary.....

## Team Sunday Notices

Any items/articles to be published on the Team Newsheet, please send them by Thursday, am of each week to: John McKenna on: [oscar701@sky.com](mailto:oscar701@sky.com)



### **Bible Study at St Luke's**

*Come and join us in the hall at 6:30 - 7:30pm. every Thursday as we begin our study of the Gospel of John. No prior knowledge is needed and bibles can be provided.*

### **Bible Study at St Thomas'**

Tuesday evenings at 7pm, everybody welcome.

### ***St Luke's - Coffee & Craft Morning***

Bring your craft with you and we will provide the warm space, friendly chat and a hot drink.

*Every Wednesday from 10:30-12pm*

### **St Thomas' Events Meeting**

All welcome, meeting straight after the Service, if you are interested in helping plan our Events and activities please join us in the Lady Chapel and bring your Tea/coffee and biscuits with you.

### **Fairtrade at St Thomas' - Easter Eggs!**

I know it feels crazy to be mentioning Easter Eggs at the beginning of February, but we need to have our orders in very soon, especially as Easter is really early this year. Just a reminder that the Real Easter Eggs are the only ones on the market which have a lovely activity booklet telling the story of Easter, through Holy Week to Easter Day. The chocolate is Fairtrade, so helps to ensure that cocoa farmers receive a fair price and are able to support their families and improve life in their communities. It is a really lovely way to share the joy of Easter with children and their families who may know very little about why we celebrate Easter - and they taste great!

The milk chocolate eggs are £5.50 and the dark chocolate ones £6.50. I have some in stock, but please could you let me know as soon as possible if you would like any. Thank you.

### **Christmas Flowers at St Thomas'**

A BIG, thank you to all those who donated towards Flowers in memory of their loved ones, they are:

Joan Howard, John & Barbara McKenna, Norman Platt, Hilary Thomas, Scott Evans, Alice Schofield, Anne Robinson, Sally & Frank Sargent, Leslie Lydiate, Shillah, Ruth Quail, Pam Bright, Caroline and Peter Bennett, Janice & Laurence Shepherd, Lee and Debbie and Christina & Julia. Mike and Christina