

ECO-CHURCH NEWS

Earth Hour



We live in a world where we constantly use power and it impacts the planet.

Earth Hour is an international action when people turn off their lights for one hour. The direct impact is minimal but it says that we care for God's world. And maybe we can use the hour creatively for creation. We could pray for a greater care of all that God has given. Earth Hour is - **Saturday 23 March from 8.30-9.30p.m.**

Big Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has filled in the travel to church forms. It's all part of our efforts as a church to see what our

environmental impact is and then to find ways to go on being a vibrant church but with less impact on God's world. Thanks again.

Nature on our land



We hope that you have enjoyed watching the birds using the bird feeder on

the window of the dining room. We are hoping soon to restore our bird-box, install a swift box and a new bug hotel to encourage wild-life. Bring a chair, when the weather is good, and sit and enjoy our green space - celebrating all that God has given and simply finding peace in it.



Ripple Effect is a national charity with Christian roots based in Newton St Loe. If you've never heard of it that's probably because it has changed its name. It used to be called Send a Cow because it sent cows to improve livestock in Africa but as it has developed it is doing more than just sending livestock. It works in varied ways to improve agriculture and care for creation. Our church garden is already twinned with a garden in Kenya through Ripple Effect.

The Church Council has agreed to support it with a £100 donation. But if you would like to increase that amount could you pass any donations to Ian Souter by 31 March.

[Learn more at <https://rippleeffect.org>]

Rubbish Counting

You can be part of a citizen science project. Tearfund is joining with other organisations to look at the amount of plastic waste that passes through our houses. It's simple. You download a form from the internet - <https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up?> - and for the week 11-17 March you log all the plastic rubbish that is heading towards your bin, your recycling boxes or to Terracycle. You send the results of your count to Tearfund the data is put together giving a really good picture of how much plastic waste and of what types are coming out of our homes. Plastic is getting everywhere and we need to reduce it to keep creation safe. Will you take part?