Priory Church of St Laurence, Blackmore

Eco Church News: Summer 2026

You are invited to our 'Eco Church Conversation' to be held in church, Saturday 5 September, 10.00am to 12.30pm.

With more UK temperature records smashed in the recent midsummer heatwave – the 6th and 8th highest ever recorded – Christians have a biblical call to care for creation and not leave it outside the church door while we meet in the coolest place in Blackmore.

Almost every scientist agrees that the link between record temperature heatwaves is directly a result of burning of fossil fuels releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. CO_2e has risen without control since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. The forecast is for even higher temperatures in future years.

At our 'Eco Church Conversation' we will talk about what that means to people of faith and none, and what we can do.

Measuring our personal carbon footprint using one of a number of calculators e.g., www.wwf.org.uk . As individuals in a consumer-driven culture our footprint is probably bigger than the world average. We will look at carbon footprint tools and think about what we can do personally to help our planet.

When our current 'Churchyard Management Plan' is updated later this year it will pay even closer attention to the UK target of protecting 30% of land for nature recovery by 2030. Simple things like no-mow areas, wildflowers, and growing herbs are being proposed. To find out more, and to add your thoughts about making the churchyard friendlier for people and nature, come to our 'Eco Church Conversation' on Saturday 5 September, 10.00am-12.30pm.

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