



Eco Church Newsletter

July 2026

News from Horsham Parish, the Diocese and opportunities for us all to be involved in caring for God's creation.

CHURCHYARD

The uncut patches of grass in the churchyard beside the path from St Mary's School now show an increasing variety of grasses and wildflowers. We are leaving



them for one more month to grow as little "islands" of greater biodiversity and to see what else comes up to support pollinators and give ground cover for insects.



If you identify flowers and grasses there, please tell us what you find – contact Hennie Sleeman

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I will put a list up on the Eco Church noticeboard at the back of the church.

SAVE THE DATE

Parish Eco Church weekend **Saturday September 26th**

A morning of activities in the Barn and the churchyard to celebrate our care of God's creation, and to mark Fairtrade Fortnight, including

Bulb planting

Guided prayer walk



Fairtrade cake sale

Demonstration of bee-keeping equipment

Children's activities

Information about Horsham Eco Churches

Shared picnic



Sign-up and more information from the beginning of September.

Sunday September 27th

Sermon on Eco / environmental themes – another in Alan Mayer's series

CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION TO HOT WEATHER

Learning how to adapt as a church community to the challenges of our changing climate needs to become part of our Eco Church action. With very high temperatures last week and more hot weather expected again, here is a reminder of some steps to reduce heat at home:

- ❖ If possible, shade or cover windows. Draw curtains or blinds over windows facing direct sunlight
- ❖ Open windows when the air outside feels cooler than the indoor temperature – usually early morning and evenings / overnight – where possible
- ❖ Drink plenty of water throughout the day
- ❖ Turn off lights and electrical equipment that are not in use
- ❖ Wear sunglasses, a hat or cap and sunscreen outside
- ❖ Keep medicines which don't need refrigeration out of direct sunlight
- ❖ Rest in a cooler part of your home if possible
- ❖ Check in with others who may be more vulnerable

Unfortunately there don't seem to be any public spaces in central Horsham which are designated cool spaces. Contrary to internet advice Horsham Library is not an official cool space. It is slightly cooler in the library than outside when temperatures rise above 30°, and people are welcome to spend time there, but they have no air con or other cooling facilities except the staff desk fans.

OTHER NEWS

Horsham Eco Churches newsletter

<https://mailchi.mp/c72c8ac820d5/horsham-eco-churches-2026-july>

Sussex Green Hub (monthly refills, repair café and community café) at the United Reformed Church in Springfield Road

<https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/events/>

Creation Care Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for your gracious providing may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

