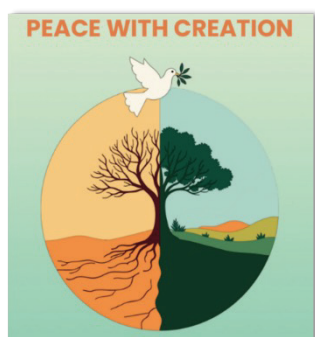


Welcome to the second edition of Eco Matters. Thank you for the many positive and constructive comments received so far – keep them coming. Our focus this time is on sustainability and how we can play our part in reducing our impact on the planet.

Creation tide 2025

This summer's hosepipe ban, the recent fire and destruction of parts of our beautiful North Yorkshire Moors and the damaging effects of Storm Floris on the willow tree at Wigginton Pond are a reminder of the effects of severe weather events on the World around us. During Creation tide (Sept 1st – 4th October) we are invited to renew our commitment to caring for God's creation in prayer and action, however small. The symbol for 2025, the Garden of Peace, features a dove carrying an olive branch.

Just as Noah's dove returned with a sign of renewal after the flood (Genesis 6:13), amidst the climate concerns that dominate our headlines, we should have hope in the actions we can take that will connect with all creation and bring lasting peace and equality for all.



For more information visit www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/season-creation

Creator God, sustain us as we respond to the call for action for our world. Amen

Well done to the vigilant readers who questioned our toilet roll usage in the last Eco Matters edition.

The bottom line is that we use a lot of toilet rolls in our lifetime!

What have we been up to this summer?

Count on Nature events, the Messy Church Big Butterfly Count, the Churches Together

display, raising awareness of plastics in the oceans, at the Haxby Carnival with many people from our congregations and the wider community, becoming involved.



Action on Soft Plastics

Have you seen our latest "Check before you chuck" display in both our church halls?

Target 25 Coastal habitats

In Haxby and Wigginton, we are roughly about 35 miles from the coast, with many of us having enjoyed a day out at the seaside sometime in our lives.

"The UK has one of the longest coastlines in Europe, hosting over 1200 different plant and animal species within a variety of highly diverse ecosystems and habitats. These regions are important for the life they host, and for society because of the services they provide such as carbon sequestration, flood protection and improved health and wellbeing. Climate change is having a big impact on the coast and our seas. Therefore, every bit of climate action will also help towards a cleaner and healthier marine environment." (Source Target 25 Arocha UK)

How can we help?

- look out for sustainable fish (see overleaf)
- reduce single-use plastics
- make lifestyle changes to reduce our carbon footprint