

June ushers in longer, lighter and warmer days. Maybe a time to get outside and do some “nature bathing”? Look out for our annual Count on Nature and Butterfly Count events, helping us to gauge the health of the biodiversity in our churchyards. We have been busy with the Scarecrow Festival, sharing our Christian eco message with the community and some of us have undertaken Carbon Literacy training to enable us to more fully understand the challenges facing our climate and ways we can respond.

All this is happening against a backdrop of conflict around the World, particularly in the Middle East. This brings into sharp focus our reliance on fossil fuels and perhaps nudges us to think again about our fuel use, not only because of rising costs but also in playing our part towards reducing carbon emissions. One of our Eco Team challenged herself to reduce her car use in April. Read about Carolyn’s experience overleaf. As you’re out and about this season, what could YOU do to cut your car use?

Congratulations!

A big “well done” to the church families at St Mary’s Haxby and St Nicholas Wigginton on recently achieving the Eco Church Silver Award.



The Benefice Eco Committee thanks everyone for their prayers, support and enthusiasm as we continue making our buildings and

land, and indeed our whole lives environmentally sustainable



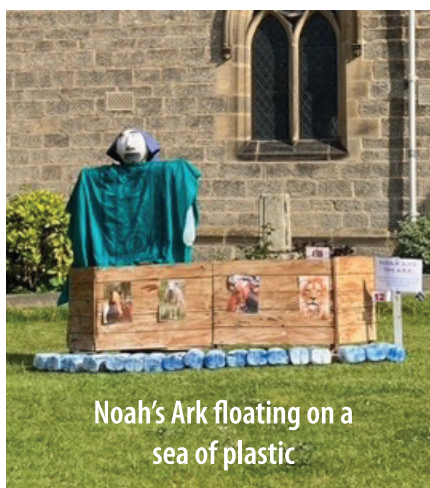
Wendy Waterlove’s 4 minute shower

SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2026

A “watery” theme ran through our 3 scarecrows in the Benefice. Noah floated on his sea of plastic at St Mary’s and at St Nicholas, Wendy Watersave was taking a 4-minute shower and suggesting other water saving tips. In church, Revd. Jordan baptised Baby River with a background of our “World needs a hug” knitted hearts display. It was good to open our churches across the Scarecrow weekend and to extend a warm welcome to residents and visitors to Haxby and Wigginton.



Revd. Jordan with Baby River



Noah’s Ark floating on a sea of plastic

SAVE THE DATE!

Count on Nature

Thursday 11th June 2026
From 11am
St Nicholas Church, Wigginton
Join us beforehand for coffee and cake

Anytime 6th -14th June 2026
St Mary’s Church Haxby

