



St Stephen's Church Tonbridge

CREATION CARE DECLARATION



OUR COMMITMENT

In response to the climate emergency and recognising the impact that this has particularly on the poorer nations of our world, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and congregations of the Parish of St Stephen's Tonbridge make this statement on Sunday 7th November 2021.

We, the congregations of St Stephen's Tonbridge, want to publicly recognise the climate emergency, and commit ourselves to:

1. Recognising that we have a spiritual and God-given responsibility to care for God's creation and to support, speak out for and care for those suffering the consequences of climate change around our world;
2. Considering our corporate and individual responsibilities and making lifestyle choices that reduce our impact on God's creation;
3. Working to address the emergency as a congregation and with others in our wider neighbourhood of south Tonbridge - in our schools and workplaces and all other spheres of our activity;
4. Using our influence with national and local government and with the corporations we purchase from, to bring about positive action to safeguard the planet's resources;
5. Supporting our partner organisations that work with the poorest in the world who are already suffering the most from the impacts of climate change;
6. Praying earnestly and regularly about the crisis, and for all people and nations to value God's creation.