

St Peter's Church, Oundle

Our Vision for a Green Church and Community

“For the church of the 21st century good ecology is not an optional extra but a matter of justice. It is central to what it means to be a Christian”
(Rowan Williams)

“To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation; to sustain and renew the life of the earth”. (The Church of England's 5th Mark of Mission)

Our vision is summarised under the following headings, each of which contributes to the impact St Peter's has on the environment.

- **Worship and Teaching** will include our responsibility for caring for creation and will be celebrated especially in Creationtide*
- **Management of Church Buildings** including maintenance and use should, as far as is practical, minimise any adverse effect on the environment
- **Management of church land** is an opportunity for St Peter's to show how we care for creation by supporting wildlife, encouraging biodiversity and enhancing the natural environment
- **Community and Global Engagement** means that St Peter's community will recognise, encourage & participate in eco projects in our community and the wider world where these align with St Peter's Vision and Strategy and any costs incurred are within approved budgets
- **Our personal lifestyle** will show awareness of our responsibility for the impact on the environment of our actions

Living this vision challenges every person and organisation in St Peter's to recognise God's love and encourages us to Know It in Creation, Live It in Wonder and Give It by Caring

*Originally an Eastern Orthodox initiative, which has now spread widely among Anglican, Roman Catholic and Protestant congregations, bringing Christians together to pray and work for the protection of the environment that sustains everyone