

REGIONAL GATHERING

Saturday 26th April 2014

11.00am – 3.00pm



Programme

11.00

Welcome and Introductions

... and coffee

*Rev Fiona Smith
Ness Bank Church*

11.10

Making the Link

Opening worship: including ideas and formats for you to take back to your own congregation

*Rev Trevor Jamison
ECS Environmental
Chaplain*

12.00

Growing Eco-Congregation in Scotland

How the movement is growing nationally (and internationally)

*Margaret Warnock
ECS Co-ordinator*

12.20

Questions & Answers

A chance to ask anything and everything about ECS or to make comments and suggestions and for us to listen and respond to local ideas about how we can make it easy for congregations to join us

All

12.45

Lunch – please bring your own sandwiches. Soup and hot drinks will be provided

1.30

Growing ECS in your congregation

An opportunity to hear from others and be inspired by their eco-congregation journeys.

*Contributions from
Highland churches*

2.30 – 3.00

Growing ECS in Inverness and the Highlands

What would those present like to get from the network – and how do we make it happen?

All

Growing Eco-Congregation in Scotland



Eco-Congregation in Scotland

2000 Four pilot congregations



2014

- 600+ local churches enquired
- 312 registered churches
- 111 award winning churches



**Average church attendance around 100:
means that over 30,000+ people actively engaged!**

Eco-Congregation in the Highlands and Moray

20 Congregations registered in Highland:
from Dunnet to Rothiemurchus and Poolewe to the Black Isle

AND

8 congregations registered in Moray:
From Elgin, Dufftown, Forres and Fochabers

3 award winners:

- Daviot & Dunlichity lw Moy, Dalarossie & Tomatin
- Abernethy Parish Church
- Ness Bank Church, Inverness

Why become an Eco-Congregation?

1. Resources

web based, written resources, people

2. Support

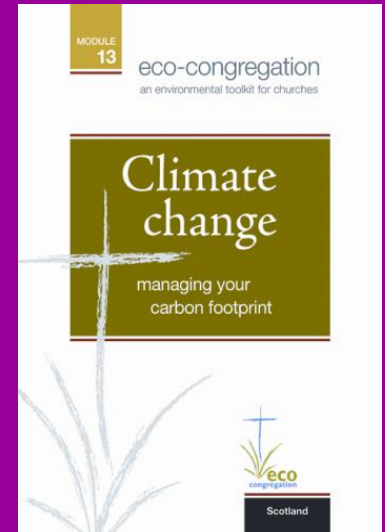
- web site: www.ecocongregationscotland.org
- newsletters
- links to other organisations
- support and advice

3. Award scheme to affirm, encourage and witness

4. Local Networks help churches to:

- work together on bigger, joint projects, exchange ideas access information, advice and grants

5. Environmental Chaplain to help understanding of the spiritual and theological reasons why we should care for creation



Taking Action

3 core areas:

Spiritual

Practical

Community

SPIRITUAL

Helping congregations/parishes deepen their theological and spiritual understanding of ecology and environmental concerns

Harvest Time



St John Ogilvie's RC Church, Edinburgh

Special services



Dunblane Cathedral

SPIRITUAL

Seasons of worship



Abbotsford Church, Clydebank

SPIRITUAL

Getting young people involved



Dalbeattie Parish Church

PRACTICAL

Waste

- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle



Helensburgh Beach Clean



St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth

PRACTICAL

Helping Wildlife

*St Machar's
Cathedral, Aberdeen*



St Fergus RC Church, Paisley

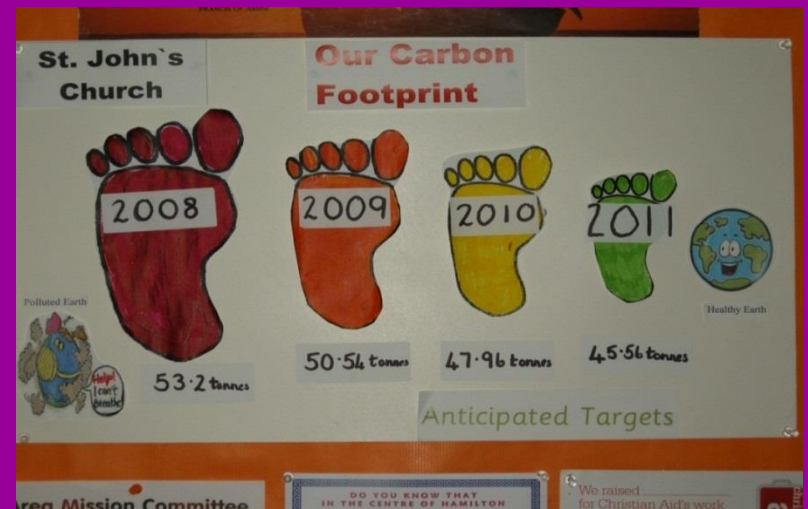
PRACTICAL

Energy



*Sacred Heart RC Church,
Edinburgh*

St John's Church, Hamilton



Learning about renewable energy technologies

*St Mary's Episcopal
Church , Dunblane*



Bankfoot Church

... and using them
in their buildings
and at home

COMMUNITY

Local



**Knightsridge Local
Ecumenical Partnership**



Arbroath Old and Abbey Church

COMMUNITY

National Lobbying / campaigning



St John's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh



The Wave March, Glasgow

COMMUNITY

Global Fair Trade and International Aid



Jamestown Parish Church

Skene Parish Church



INTERNATIONAL



Ökogyülekezet , Hungary



Hungarian Church Climate School

ECO-CONGREGATION SCOTLAND

Our Mission

- In prayer, worship and conversation we discover what it means to care for God's creation
- We put that care into action individually, locally, nationally and globally, desiring to live justly in a transformed world
- We commit ourselves to campaigning on urgent threats to the web of life in our vulnerable world

