
WHAT DOES CHRISTIAN ECOLOGY LINK DO?

Since 1981 Christian Ecology Link has led the debate on Christian responses to environmental concerns. During this period our activities have included:

- ◆ Informing Christians about environmental concerns and helping to find speakers for local churches.
- ◆ Developing links with churches at a national level.
- ◆ Producing a regular magazine, **Green Christian**, the **ChurchLink** newsletter, topic leaflets.
- ◆ Providing an informative website at www.christian-ecology.org.uk
- ◆ Ensuring that the voice of environmentally-concerned Christians is heard in public debate.
- ◆ Staging conferences on a range of topical issues.
- ◆ Campaigning on environmental issues from a Christian standpoint.

Getting to church without using a car!



**CAN YOU AND YOUR CHURCH
HELP US TO CONTINUE TO
EXPAND THIS WORK**



CHRISTIAN ECOLOGY LINK EXISTS

- to offer insights into ecology and the environment to Christian people and churches
- to offer Christian insights to the Green movement

Christian Ecology Link is open to Christians from all backgrounds and traditions.



Making the environmental connections from a Christian perspective.

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HOW TO GREEN YOUR CHURCH



The earth is the lord's
and the fullness thereof;
Thou shall not despoil the earth,
Nor destroy the life thereon.

HOW CAN CEL HELP YOU TO GREEN YOUR CHURCH?

Christian Ecology Link offers resources which are especially useful for churches. See the contact details on the back of this leaflet to request full details, or to see a sample copy of the free ChurchLink newsletter.

Green Christian

CEL's magazine contains news of Church action on green issues, articles exploring the Christian dimension of environmental topics, readers' letters, book reviews, and a great deal more.

Operation Noah

CEL supports this climate change campaign. It has a wide range of resources to enable churches to take action on climate change. www.operationnoah.org

Topic Leaflets

All CEL's Topic leaflets raise questions suitable for church discussions. Some that are particularly relevant to churches are:- Environmental Audit for Churches, Energy Use in Church Buildings, Use your LOAF! and Planting Trees for Special Events.

Preaching Points

Rev Keith Innes (author of Grove booklet, 'Caring for Creation') provides 'Green Pointers for Preachers', based on the *Common Worship Lectionary*, for every Sunday of the year. They are available on CEL's website: www.christian-ecology.org.uk

CEL Prayer Guide

This monthly guide suggests current environmental issues to include in prayer in church on Sundays and on a daily basis.

CEL Resources Leaflet

CEL's Resources leaflet includes a full list of our Topic leaflets, videos and details of other resources such as: Prayer Guide, Speaker Service, CEL laminated posters, Workbook for study groups and Services of Worship.

Eco-Congregation

For practical help and resources for 'greening your church' EcoCongregation's comprehensive Resources Pack includes an environmental audit and a programme which is designed to fit in with on-going church activities. England & Wales: www.ecocongregation.org 0114 263 6421; Scotland: Edinburgh: 0131 240 2274.

WHAT CAN YOUR CHURCH DO?

Are others at your church thinking about environmental issues? Could you interest your church in becoming a member of Christian Ecology Link?



- ◆ Local churches can become members of CEL and receive all our regular mailings. Or they can register for our FREE ChurchLink scheme and receive the ChurchLink newsletter twice a year.
- ◆ You could persuade your local Churches Together to join CEL as a corporate member.
- ◆ You could join as an individual member. You will then receive our mailings, including the ChurchLink newsletter, and can display them in church or hand them on to others to read.
- ◆ Some areas of the country have groups working together on Christian environmental issues. Ask CEL if such a group exists in your area.
- ◆ You could form a local group of like-minded people. CEL members can ask for a list of other members in their area.
- ◆ Encourage your church to take a prominent role in Local Authority sustainability activities.
- ◆ Tell us what your church is doing about environmental issues so we can publicise your activities and others can be inspired to act.

CEL contact details are on the back of this leaflet if you want to find out more.

"Having the Church as a member of CEL can make a difference. It gives you a stronger platform from which to argue a case. It legitimised our activities.

Green Christian is the big bonus, because it can go on the church bookshelf, with a 'Please borrow and return' label on it. It provides a basis for debate."

Isabel Warren, Holy Trinity Church, Skipton.

Join CEL, or register for ChurchLink, by completing your details below and sending the form to:

Membership Secretary
CEL Freepost SE8672,
9 Nuthatch Drive,
Earley,
Reading RG6 5ZZ.

If this is an application officially on behalf of a church or a group please tick the appropriate box.

- Please enrol my church as a member of CEL.
Annual donation (recommended amount £25).
- Please register my church for the FREE ChurchLink scheme.
Name of church or group
Denomination Town.....
- Please register my local Churches Together, or other group, as a corporate member of CEL.
Annual subscription £28 (£25 by Standing order).
Name of group Town

If you are joining as an individual member please tick below. Subscriptions are reduced for those paying by Standing Order (SO). Please fill in the Standing Order form below. I would like to join CEL:-

- Standard annual subscription £18 (£15 by SO)
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 Joint/Family annual subscription £28 (£25 by SO)
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