Climate Action Prayer Support – February, 2024

Dear Supporter,

The Trinity Eco Group are near to submitting our application for a Silver Eco Church Award. For it to be successful, we need the support and backing of Trinity in thought and prayer.

1. Pray that members will be willing to subscribe to an **Eco Lent Pledge** this year, from Wednesday, 14th February to Saturday, 30th March. This will be printed in the February Newsletter. Pray that the newsletter will be read and the pledge acted upon.
2. Pray for inspiration and wisdom about what, when and how **to publicise Eco Church** and caring for God’s earth in the Church Notices, on the Church & Hub website, on the Trinity Eco Group pages of that same website, on WhatsApp and on Facebook. Give thanks for Helen, our publicist, and give her the time, inspiration and skills to complete her tasks.
3. Give thanks for our participation in the **RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch** and the articles and pictures that were put on Facebook and our websites. Pray for RSPB’s response.
4. Pray for the group to have wisdom about the mechanics and practicalities in the new idea of publicising **“Eco Tips”** every week in the Church Notices and what tips to publicise. Pray especially for Lizzie who will choose which ones to print. Pray for the readers’ responses.
5. Pray for wisdom and inspiration about what to put on our **Eco Church Noticeboard** in the main hall and to encourage people to look at it and be inspired.
6. Give thanks that someone read our October Prayer Letter on that same noticeboard and that, as a result, our January Prayer letter was shared on the **“Love Clitheroe” website**. Pray that future Prayer Letters may also be shared when appropriate.
7. We want to fire people’s imaginations about the beauty and wonder of creation by thinking “outside the box”. We plan to do this by inviting young and old to send us pictures of one or more **Spring Flowers** that we can display on the church website in time for Easter. Pray that Trinity will catch the vision and send us photos. Pray that we will have wisdom which ones to print. Pray that those who view the photos will see a link with Easter and new life.
8. **Trinity Eco Community Garden,** continue to give thanks for all the people who have volunteered to help set up and work in this garden. Bless, enthuse and empower them. Pray for their future monthly meetings at Trinity, may they be fruitful(!). Pray that sufficient funding will be forthcoming. Pray that the Security Gate will be sensibly re-positioned and effective. Pray for the Eco Group members involved in bringing the project to fruition, that they will have the necessary skills and wisdom needed.
9. Pray for us to have wisdom and truthfulness in completing the **online submission for the A Rocha Eco Church Silver Award**. This needs to be confirmed by our Minister, Rev Ian. He will have to confirm that he has seen and approved the Eco Survey responses provided by the Trinity Eco Group. Pray that our submission will be successful.

“Gracious God, creator of all, we thank you for the endless cycle of nature through the changing seasons that mark our days. Forgive us when we are ungrateful for all you have given us in this world and for our selfish use of resources, causing others to suffer. May we recognise how fragile this planet is and understand the implications of our choices. Help us to respect creation and tread lightly so that we do little harm to your precious world and our neighbours. May our lives reflect your creative love. Amen”

*(Prayer from the ‘The Earth is the Lord’s’, Methodist Prayer Handbook, 2020/2021, by Paul Davis, the then Lancashire District Chair, 2021 .)*

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