Trinity Climate Action Prayer Support – April, 2024

Dear Supporter,

We have submitted our application for a Silver Eco Church Award and now await a response.

1. Give thanks for the dedicated **Trinity Eco Group** of Anita, Carol, Fiona, Lisa and Sandra plus support from Claire and Robert, for their attendance at regular Eco meetings and all the effort they have undertaken to make our Eco Church Award submission possible. Also give thanks for a supportive minister, Rev Ian and a sympathetic church.
2. Pray for wisdom about the best way forward when we plan our Gold Award submission. Pray for fruitful discussions at our next Eco Group meeting on Tuesday, 9th April. Help us to retain our vision of caring for God’s earth and addressing Global Warming.
3. Give thanks for the many pictures of **Spring Flowers** that were sent in to us in March and that were displayed on our Facebook pages. We pray that they reminded the viewers of the beauty and wonders of God’s creation and were drawn to the links with Easter.
4. Pray for the installation of the **“Living Wall”** in the Trinity Eco Community Garden. It is a structure, about 1 m by 7m, which will be filled with pots containing a variety of plants. The “wall” will be supplied and filled with plants by **Jenny Griggs from Natural England.**
5. Give thanks that we have twinned the toilet in the Toll House with one in Nigeria. The others are twinned with toilets in Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Uganda, the Yemen and Zambia. **Now, all our toilets are twinned!**
6. The charity **Toilet Twinning** funds hygiene education via community-led workshops and sourcing local materials for families and communities to build their own toilets. If they have to use the jungle, they’re likely to become sick through sanitation-related diseases. And illness keeps people from working, children miss school, parents have to pay for medicines or food and fall into debt. The women are also very vulnerable to abuse. Pray for the work of the charity Toilet Twinning (now linked with Tearfund) and the staff working for it and the people benefitting from its activities.
7. Please pray for our **Eco Prayer Walk** around the church and Castle Park. It is planned for **4pm on Sunday afternoon 12th May**. Christine Beggs will lead it and we plan to pray at eight Prayer Stations. The “pray-ers” will not necessarily have to pray out loud but can pray silently or simply meditate and use their senses. Pray for all the preparations and that it will be well supported plus be a new and exciting activity linked with Trinity Eco Church.

Being an Eco Church is all very well but it could be better. It would be better if we were able to raise our profile so that the non-church community in and around Clitheroe registered the fact, took notice and joined us in caring for God’s earth and fighting Global Warming. One way of doing this is by getting publicity that the non-church public can read, namely in the local press. However, getting something published is easier said than done. It depends how the editors view what we submit to them – is it newsworthy? Will it interest their readers? How will it help them?

1. Please pray for our **Eco Church Publicity.** Achieving a Silver Eco Church Award could provide a good opportunity.Pray for inspiration about what to write and how to make it newsworthy. Pray for wisdom about what pictures to take and how best to use them. Give us wisdom where and when to send our publicity. May it catch the interest of outsiders.

“Creative God, inspire us to be prophets for your planet so that through all our activities, our shopping, eating, travelling and daily living we would be good stewards of your planet, our world. Amen.”  *(Prayer from the ‘The Earth is the Lord’s’, Methodist Prayer Handbook, 2020/2021, by Melissa Kane, worship leader, Kilsyth Methodist Church, Strathclyde Circuit)*

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