Trinity Climate Action Prayer Support – May, 2024

Dear Supporter,

You will be delighted to learn that we have been Awarded an A Rocha SILVER Eco Church Award. Thank you for all your prayers and support. Now we look forward to achieving a Gold Award.

1. Give thanks, that **we** **have now achieved this Silver Award**. Also give thanks for all the people involved who have helped in this significant achievement. Pray also for wisdom as we

decide what to focus on to effectively guide us to achieving a Gold and care for God’s earth

1. **Eco Church Publicity.** Give thanks that an article plus photograph were printed in the Clitheroe Advertiser and Methodist publications celebrating Trinity’s Silver Eco Church Award.
2. Please also give thanks for the many beautiful pictures of **Spring Flowers** that were sent in to us and that we were able to display on our Facebook pages. They even came from Paris and Australia! We give thanks for the good number of people who “liked” them, “commented” upon them and “shared” them. We pray that they reminded the viewers of the beauty and wonders of God’s creation and put thoughts of Easter and new birth in their minds.
3. Pray for **A Rocha UK** and the staff involved who run, organise and promote Eco Church. Pray that they will be able to focus on what is important in caring for God’s earth. Pray also that they will have wisdom about the best way of updating their Eco Church survey to make it more relevant to the needs of the times and not so complicated that it frightens people off.
4. Please pray for our **“Ponder as you Wander”** event (previously known as the 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 a well-supported exciting new prayer-related activity linked with Trinity Eco Church.

In July, last year St Paul’s Anglican Church, Warrington, produced the Ark Experience. This was a series of seven displays with pictures, objects and activities based on Noah’s Ark and the Rainbow. When it was over, they were going to throw it all away in the local dump. To cut a long story short, somehow, Carol and Harriet Thomson got to hear of it and thought “RECYCLING”. Briefly, they collected it and brought it to Trinity for us to stage the experience ourselves in June this year and combine it with a grand Hub opening ceremony, Coffee Stop and celebration service.

1. Pray for the involvement of Trinity in the **Ark Experience** and especially the Trinity Eco Group who will be involved in the first station, “Chaos”. Pray for inspiration for the Eco Group.

Finally, let us turn our attention outside of Trinity.

1. **International Dawn Chorus Day**, 5th May. Thank You, Lord, that we can enjoy the incomparable music of birds whose singing greets the dawn throughout the earth. Please bless every initiative that is seeking to protect endangered species and address the serious decrease in numbers of birds, partly due to pollution and certain harmful farming practices. In Your mercy. Amen. (Care.org.uk.)

“Our amazing Lord, you gave us a beautiful world, you filled it with clean water, fresh air to breath and wondrous creatures. Lord, we have failed. We are destroying your amazing gift. We have killed animals and polluted the air we breathe. Lord, forgive us. Lord, give us the strength to change. Amen.” *(Prayer from the ‘The Earth is the Lord’s’, Methodist Prayer Handbook, 2020/21, by Niamh, Emmanuel Junior Academy, Sheffield)*

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