Trinity Climate Action Prayer Support – July

**Gold Eco Church Award - Achieved.**

 Dear Supporter,

You will be delighted to learn that our submission for a Gold Eco Church Award last November has been successful. We achieved a Gold Award on 27th May, 2025. This success has taken around five years via Bronze and Silver Awards and has depended on the hard work and continuous support and dediction of many people, both from within and outside Trinity.

1. Let us give thanks for your prayers and the achievement of Bronze, Silver and (now) Gold Eco Church Awards that demonstrate our care for God’s earth.
2. Give thanks for the dedication and work of the Trinity Eco Group, our Minister, Rev Ian, and the support of our church members, associates and others who have helped along the way, including URC Clitheroe and Natural England.
3. Give thanks for the dedication and hard work of all the Eco Community Garden volunteers.
4. Pray that the Trinity Eco Group will have the wisdom and guidance to know how to proceed in the future, for instance:
* Continuing following the A Rocha Eco Church precepts?
* Adopting the Methodist Church aspirational target of becoming a net zero carbon emissions church by 2030?
* Disbanding?
* Continuing and adopting a new target of the eco group’s own choosing?
1. Pray for wisdom and guidance about how to celebrate the “special” Caring for God’s Earth, CFGE, service on Sunday 28th October, 2025.

But “caring for God’s earth” is not just about us here at Trinity.

1. **Burundi** (you should know where Burundi is now, if you checked your atlas last month) is increasingly vulnerable to the effects of the climate crisis, with more frequent droughts and floods. In a country where 94% of the population relies on rain to water crops, the damage caused by too much or too little rain is immense. Pray that more farmers will learn more effective farming practices to overcome these issues. *(Sunday, 5th June 2025, Tearfund Prayer Diary)*
2. **Chad** (get your atlas out again). Marie Tchouadang (is a farmer, a widow with nine children to raise alone) was introduced to Tearfund’s Transforming Communities Training. ‘We have received technical support to use organic compost and plant early-maturing seed varieties because of the disruption to rainfall in the region,’ says Marie. Praise God that despite low rainfall, Marie has harvested more sorghum, rice and groundnuts than the year before.
3. Lord, we lift to you widows and orphans across **Chad.** You know them each by name. You know the struggles they face. May they know you close to them. *(7 and 8 – mash up of prayers from 6th and 7th July 2025, Tearfund Prayer Diary)*

“In a world of disposable nappies and throwaway fashion, of single-use plastic and built-in obsolescence, where some people rely on foodbanks for basic nutrition while others struggle with obesity`, help us to use fewer resources while ensuring that others have sufficient. Teach us how to consume less and conserve more; to live sustainably. Enable each of us to learn how to minimise our environmental footprint. Let our concern for the earth govern our living and may we take seriously your call to be careful stewards of your creation and thank you, God, that you have given all we need to sustain life. Amen.”*(Prayer from the ‘The Earth is the Lord’s’, Methodist Prayer Handbook, 2020/21, by Wendy Kilworth-Mason, minister, North Kirklees and Morley Circuit, 2021.)*

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