Eco Church the FAQs: Oct 2018

• How many Churches have become an Eco Churches? 1000 this point: you can see registered churches at [map](https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/eco-church-locations/)

• What do you have to do to become an Eco Church? You agree to and [register](https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/register/). Then the [survey](https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/eco-survey-non-saving-example/) becomes a tool to show progress- a type of checklist you can login in and update as you pursue an award.

• To start [register](https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/register/).

• What does it cost? It’s free. Awards plaques come with a small cost.

• Next, you complete a [survey](https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/eco-survey-non-saving-example/). It’s a checklist which you can save and return to. This checklist adds up towards becoming a Bronze, Silver or Gold awarded Eco Church as you make changes and complete actions.

• Which of our churches have awards? In Derby Diocese [St Johns, Mickleover](http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/environment/eco-church-turn-your-church-green.html) is bronze awarded and [St Peters Belper](https://www.facebook.com/StPetersParishBelper/) has a silver award. There are other churches- Dronfield Baptist is also silver awarded and Buxton URC is bronze awarded where we have contacts who want to help develop this with local churches. Working together is part of our aim so we can celebrate together.

• 8 more churches registered Since Diocesan Synod in June when we decided to become and Eco Diocese. Then there were 9 churches registered. There are many churches who might be obvious to engage but haven’t yet. Environment Committee member [Stella Collishaw](mailto:stella.collishaw@derby.anglican.org) will be contacting them.

• No church is too small to register. This scheme is a no-brainer for churches in the beautiful parts of the Diocese who can use it to [celebrate their surroundings](https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Church-of-the-Holy-and-Undivided-Trinity-Edale/976959318994349). There are several aspects to the scheme: community+ global, lifestyle and worship it doesn’t just focus on buildings but also. Perhaps your local school is an Eco School and you could learn from them. Ask for [help](mailto:Stella.Collishaw@derby.anglican.org) if you want it.

• A small staff group have met to think about Derby Church House and will take ideas to decision makers this autumn. There is an expectation relating to all ours properties, land, ethical investments, and offices. And we aim to report back to Diocesan Synod and celebrate achievements and tell the local story in the Together magazine.