

HILLSBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



OUR UNDERSTANDING:

"The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord ..." (Psalm 24:1)

- ◆ God is Creator of the whole Universe.
- ◆ He created us and gave us power over the earth and responsibility to care for it.
- ◆ We chose to abuse that power by exploiting the earth's resources for our own selfish ends.
- ◆ We will only be completely at one with God and at peace when we have accepted our role as stewards of creation.
- ◆ Therefore we need to recognise and seek forgiveness for our environmental carelessness.
- ◆ With God's help, we need to heal our fractured relations with the natural world.
- ◆ By caring for the environment we honour God and witness to the world.

OUR VISION:

- ◆ To recognise creation as God's gift, and to fulfil our responsibilities as its stewards by thinking globally and acting locally.

OUR INTENTION:

- ◆ To ensure all activities undertaken on Church premises, or on behalf of the congregation, are in keeping with our environmental policy.

OUR PRACTICE:

- ◆ Include environmental considerations in all relevant decisions of Kirk Session and Committee.
- ◆ Inform members of the congregation, staff, contractors and outside agencies of our policy.
- ◆ Take account of best practice and guidance issued by statutory and voluntary environmental agencies.
- ◆ Monitor energy use and aim to improve efficiency.
- ◆ Promote recycling and reduction of waste within the congregation.
- ◆ Keep this policy under regular review.