

 Climate and Environmental Emergency Recognition

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## On the basis that:

1. The world is facing a severe crisis of environmental degradation and climate change that affects our ability to sustain human civilisation in its present form;
2. The main cause of the crisis is human activity;
3. The crisis is inextricably linked to global injustices and inequality;
4. The crisis indicates a failure of human beings to follow God’s mandate to care for the world and to seek justice among its peoples;

## We, the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Herne Hill, Diocese of Southwark, want to publicly recognise a Climate and Environmental Emergency, and commit ourselves to:

1. Examine our lives individually and corporately in relation to this crisis, and seek to live faithfully to God;
2. Bring forward by Easter 2024 an action plan to minimise any negative Parish impact on the environment and climate, and to help reverse any such impact where possible;
3. Encourage our members to make relevant lifestyle changes appropriate for their circumstances;
4. Encourage action on this emergency in our neighbourhoods, workplaces and other spheres of activity;
5. Use whatever influence we may have to bring about positive actions by local and national government and by corporations.