

We at St. Thomas Crookes Sheffield declare a Climate and Nature Emergency

On the basis that:

- ❖ The world is facing a catastrophic crisis of environmental degradation and climate change that affects our ability to sustain human civilisation.
- ❖ The main cause of the crisis is human activity.
- ❖ The crisis is inextricably linked to global injustices and inequality.
- ❖ 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 pledge to work with and support our church family, our community and local and national governments in tackling this Emergency. We call on others to do the same.

We will tell the Truth

- + We will urge governments and the media to tell the truth about the Climate and Nature Emergency, to reverse inconsistent policies and to communicate the urgent need for far-reaching systemic change.
- + We will communicate with the members of our church family and support them to discover the truth about the Emergency and the changes that are needed, encouraging church members of all ages to get involved creatively.
- + We will engage with other churches and organisations who are further ahead in this.
- + We will start a regular service dedicated to this important conversation, so that our church family becomes aware that it is one of our core values.
- + We will ground our ideas, words and actions in biblical truth, with reflection, dialogue and prayer.

We will take Action

- + We pledge to reduce our emissions to net zero by 2030. We will challenge policies and actions of local and national governments, their agencies and other organisations, where they do not help to reduce emissions or consumption levels.
- + We will assess the changes needed within our infrastructure and organisation to achieve net zero, and also how we can continue this within the community and further church branches.
- + We will actively work to imagine and model ways in which our church family and the faith community of which we are a part can help to safeguard and regenerate the manifold life and resources of creation.
- + We will bring forward by February 2022 an action plan to minimise our collective negative impact on the environment and climate and to help restoration where possible.

We are committed to Justice

- + We will do what is possible to enable dialogue and expression among our church family and with the communities to which we belong about how the Emergency will affect us and the changes that are needed.
- + We believe that all truth-telling, dialogue and action must be underpinned by a commitment to justice both within our nation and towards other nations, particularly those who are poorer and less fortunate.

**We prayerfully commit this to the Lord,
for the advance of His Kingdom, to the glory of God.**