



Oakwood Church

A Methodist-Anglican Partnership

Oakwood Church Climate and Environmental Emergency Recognition

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 leaders of Oakwood Church, want to publicly recognise a Climate and Environmental Emergency, and commit ourselves to:

1. Examining our lives individually and as a Church in relation to this crisis, and seeking to live faithfully to God;
2. Bringing forward by December 2021 an action plan to minimise our negative impact as a Church on the environment and climate and to help restoration where possible;
3. Encouraging our members to make relevant lifestyle changes appropriate to their circumstances;
4. Encouraging action on this emergency in our neighbourhoods, workplaces and other spheres of activity;
5. Using whatever influence we may have to bring about positive actions by local and national government and by corporations.

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