



Service with a Creation Liturgy (April 10th 2016)

The picture to the left was a display to indicate the beauty of the earth (flowers, rocks, new life etc). We added the footprints during the service. The small footprints represent those countries and communities that do not cause undue global warming (mostly third world countries). The medium sized footprints represent those who create too much in terms of greenhouse gases (like the UK) and the large footprints those that create significant amount of

greenhouse gases (like the USA). The footprints will slowly trample down all the beauty of the earth unless we all do something to stop it!

Some suggestions for our personal response as Christians to the problem of global warming and climate change

Change our energy supplier to one offering renewable energy

When you boil the kettle to make a cup of tea make sure you boil only the amount of water you need.

Turn down your thermostat by 1 degree. *Will save 10% of energy cost*

Eat less meat. *Meat production produces more Co2 and methane, both greenhouse gases.*

Eat seasonal foods *Check the distance food has travelled to reach us*

Consider improving insulation in our houses.

Lobby governments both local and national over large issues like fracking and rain forest destruction

Fit energy efficient light bulbs *Changing one light bulb can save up to £6 a year*

Switch of appliances on standby. *Average saving £25 per household*

Check your recycling is as effective as possible.

Use public transport where possible

Plan holidays that comply with eco- tourism standards *Air miles are a significant contribution to CO2 emissions*

As Fred Pratt Green wrote in his hymn, and we sang on April 10th:

God in his love for us lent us this planet, gave it a purpose in time and in space.
Small as a spark from the fire of creation, cradle of life and the home of our race

Earth is the Lord's: it is ours to enjoy it, ours, as his stewards, to farm and defend.
From its pollution, misuse, and destruction, good Lord, deliver us, world without end.

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