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## **June 2024 Newsletter. St Mary the Virgin Ullapool Environment Group**

Welcome to our environment Group Newsletter, which aims to help keep us informed on eco activities within the church, the community and further afield.

### **World Environment Day, 5 June.**

A prayer for World Environment Day.

Lord, we thank you for the beauty and wonder that can be seen in all of creation.

As you breathed life into this world and into our beings, we ask you to breathe life into us once again. We pray for you to give us the strength to respond to creation in a way which reflects your loving care and concern for all things.

As we breathe in your love, help us to breathe out your love.

As we breathe in your grace, help us to breathe out your grace.

As we breathe in your beauty, help us to breathe out your beauty.

May we reflect your nature in all that we do. Amen

### **Green Screen**

Green Screen is now having a well-earned break for the summer and will be back at the Ferry Terminus in the Autumn. We have been privileged to have watched some outstanding and challenging films this past season and thanks to Joanna Bryn Sara Hughie and all who have helped, and to Reel to Reel and the Harbour Trust for their support. We look forward to what the autumn season has to offer.

### **Wildlife Gardening and lunch every Wednesday**

With spring around the corner our wildlife gardening activity will itself spring back into life this month. We meet every Wednesday around 11.30 to work together in the garden and to enjoy soup and social time afterwards at 12.30. You can come for both, or just the gardening or for the soup. All are welcome.

### **Local eco issues and activities we can support:**



### **BIG BREW Fair trade Afternoon tea Saturday 8 June 2-4pm Church of Scotland Hall Ullapool**

Delicious Fairtrade teas, coffees and home baking in aid of Transform Trade.

### **Eco Congregation Bronze Award**

Our application for an Eco Congregation Bronze award has now been submitted and will be assessed by Eco Congregation in the very near future.

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### **Scottish Episcopal Church Net Zero Team**

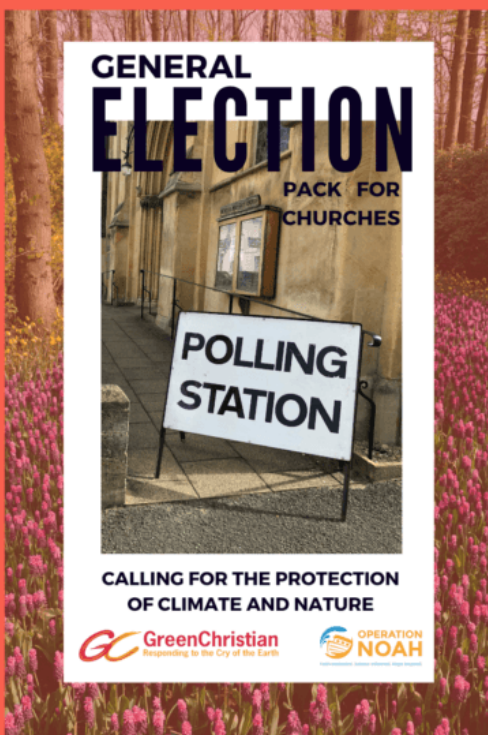
We have a new contact for the S.E. C's Net Zero Team for Moray, Ross and Caithness. His name is Daniel Prince, and he has already been in touch with us to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can improve the energy efficiency of our church building in Ullapool. There is obviously significant scope to improve our energy efficiency, but money will always be a constraint for us. However, the Net Zero team has a funding specialist who will help and advise us once we have identified what needs to be done.

### **General Election.**

You may have noticed that there is to be a general election on 4<sup>th</sup> July! Green Christian have produced an action pack to encourage us to get involved.

Details can be found on the following link/

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/general-election-pack-for-churches/>



A crucial general election will take place later this year. The window to take effective action on climate change and nature loss is rapidly closing and strong environmental leadership is needed from our next government.

This action pack is to encourage you and your church to get involved, and to point you to some resources that will help you do that.

Our big ask is that you support the Climate and Nature Bill campaign.

**HELP ALL PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES  
UNDERSTAND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO  
GOD'S CREATION**

### **Links to Christian Environmental Organisations**

Eco congregation Scotland <https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/>

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland environment <https://ctbi.org.uk/environment-churchesand-christian-organisations/>

Operation Noah <http://operationnoah.org/>

Green Christian [www.greenchristian.org.uk/](http://www.greenchristian.org.uk/)

Christian Aid <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Tearfund <https://www.tearfund.org/>

Climate Change Pray and Fast for the Climate [www.prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk/](http://www.prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk/)

Scottish Episcopal Environment Group [www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/boards-and-committees/the-provincial-environment-group/](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/boards-and-committees/the-provincial-environment-group/)

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***If you would like to include something in the next newsletter, the deadline is 30 August 2024.***