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| **Worship and Teaching** | | | |
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| Barrow school and Junior Church involved in worship and ‘Count on Nature’ survey in Big Green week  8th – 16th June. | Count on Nature form submitted  Wendy emailed Nicola McCardle at Barrow School for photos which have now been added to church Facebook page. | WH  WH/NM | 08/07/24  11/07/24 |
| Harvest service | Discussed at elders meeting on 08/06/24 and agreed could be included in Fairtrade service Gordon has advised he has included this theme in service plan for 15/09/24. | Elders  IL / GM | 08/07/24  14/07/24 |
| Fairtrade fortnight service  September 15th 2024 | **Fairtrade Fortnight 2024 moved to September. Monday 9 September – Sunday 22 September 2024.** Throughout 2024, there will be lots of opportunities to get involved with activities. <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>  Confirmed that Gordon McMillan preaching on 15/09/24 and Information on Fairtrade shared with Gordon.    **Ecochurch email registered with Fairtrade foundation**  Resources shared with Lesley available on Fairtrade foundation website.  Link for all digital resources including posters and videos for use during service on 15/09/24: <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/resources-library/press-assets/fairtrade-fortnight-2024-resources/>  Lesley to meet with Gordon McMillan to plan and assist with service on 15/09/24.  Jean and Izzy are happy to support Lesley/Gordon  Fairtrade foundation recipe idea for biscuits included in article for courier with link for other Fairtrade recipes to try <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/blog/category/recipes/> | IL  IL  LC  IL | 29/07/24  29/07/24  29/07/24 |
| Plan for Christian Aid Week  Sunday May 11th to 17th 2025 | **TBC** |  |  |
| Great Big Green Week and Count on Nature 2025 | **Ecochurch email registered with Count on Nature**  **Check week 2025** | WH | 08/07/24 |
| **Buildings** | | | |
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| Research alternative heating source | Further research is being done to identify most appropriate heating source by project group and elders including meeting with Mike Aspinall to advise on heating solutions.  Advice being considered by project group and elders and quotes currently being sought during July/August. | Project group /  Elders  MA /  Project group /  Elder | Ongoing  17/06/24  Ongoing |
| Carbon offset target for 2024/25 | **Approximately 10% target carbon offset per year set as target towards net zero**.  Updated information evidenced 135 trees would need to be planted each year for 10 years to offset carbon footprint in 10 years and/ or other offsets.. (See 2023 /24 action plan)   1. **This target to be met by: -**  * Trees planted by members of congregation, who are happy to include as church carbon offsets. * Trees planted as result of Ecosia searches by members of congregation, who are happy to include as church carbon offsets. * Donated saplings from congregation to be planted on land belonging to Izzy. * Congregation could donate or sponsor tree to be planted by woodland trust or National Trust on behalf of church. * Use Eco church donations coffee money to sponsor trees to be planted by Woodland Trust or National Trust   Net zero target should be reached by 2033 if not sooner if carbon footprint reduced. (Offset will include trees planted at Barrow school, and other activity recorded on evidence document for Gold award in 2023). | Eco Church Group | Ongoing |
| Update congregation on progress with reaching carbon zero target each year | **Visual representation of reaching net zero**  Leaves to be coloured in for each tree planted and placed on tree painted by Frankie in common room in March 24  Tree list on notice board to be updated by Eco Church group to ensure capture all trees planted.  128 trees (of 135 annual target) recorded at AGM on 19/05/24 so far for this year.  Update article for July /August courier with progress with tree planting (130 @ 12/06/24) and advice about keeping tally /guesstimate of trees planted from Ecosia searches  135 trees recorded planted at 27/06/24. Year runs to March 2025 so still ongoing. | All  All  IL/JH  Eco Church Group | 19/05/24  12/06/24  27/06/24 |
| To consider changing energy provider when due for renewal. | Discussed at elders meeting to change supplier for electric and gas to one that can assure close to 100% renewables. SSE considered but advised new tariffs would be 150% cost increase. Website also advised that SSE were being taken over by Ovo energy so there was concern that they may change tariff, in near future. However, it was thought SSE business customers will remain with SSE not Ovo. Prior to changing to SSE 100% renewable tariff, elders researched Octopus energy for comparison. It was agreed by elders to change to the new SSE tariff in early October. Unfortunately, when elders applied to switch to it, Gaia advised that due to current conflict in Middle East SSE could not guarantee supply price quoted.  Update from elders meeting  SSE came back with their original offer, and 100% renewable (versus 46% renewable which we currently have with them), and as not really different from what the figure for Octopus 100% renewable would have likely been, we decided to stay with who we know and the current benefit of the Gaia energy brokers with their bulk buying power for this, as recommended by the URC in the past. This will be a two-year contract Jan 2024 to Jan 2026. Quotes will come out in October 2025 with short notice for response again so we need to be ready to look at options earlier than that so that we can respond quickly for next time. It is estimated that our electricity costs will increase by approx. 80% and gas costs by approx. 150% due to the energy crisis.  Currently church is waiting for further information and is currently with SSE on same tariff.  To be reviewed by elders when appropriate in 2025. | Elders  Elders | October 2023  13/11/23 |
| Repeat carbon footprint  2025 | Agreed to review and consider repeating carbon footprint in 2025 if expenditure reduced and/or boiler replaced. | Eco Church Group |  |
| **Land** | | | |
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| To organise celebration event in main hall with doors open to wildlife garden. | Date set for celebration event on September 1st, 2024, after morning worship.  To add to notices during August  Wendy to make cake  Plant labels to be made  Wendy to look if she has any LED bulbs spare for brighter light in courtyard to replace current ones and speak to project group about this. | Eco Church Group  IL /MF  WH  WH/ RH  WH / Project group |  |
| Vertical garden | Lesley to speak to people at Trinity Methodist church about making vertical garden.  Wendy to look at Holden Clough nursery for ideas  (Coffee morning money £50 available to use towards this) | LC  WH |  |
| Recycled bottle cold frame | Jean /Geoff to collect plastic bottles  Jean /Geoff to make cold frame for garden. | JH /GH  JH/GH |  |
| Garden maintenance | Ground was treated with Nemaslug) in an effort to naturally reduce the slug population and  tidied weeds in garden.  Jean and Geoff will replant bulbs in the raised bed and also rake in some wildflower seeds.  Intrusive weeds to be pulled up when anyone is in church and has time to check garden.  Bird feeders to be cleaned every 3 months with Milton available at church  Teabags and grass cuttings added to compost bin.  Bird feeders to be topped up regularly. .  Lesley to supply seed. | WH  JH /GH  Eco Church Group  LC | 01/08/24 |
| **Community and Global** | | | |
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| Attend relevant events to remain informed about Eco Church work. | Newsletter with link for webinar What can church land do for nature? on 4th June circulated to Eco Church group | IL | 06/07/24 |
| Plan for URC to enable a Repair Cafe to be held on the premises. | Meeting with Gayle Wray from Ribble Valley Climate Action Network who are interested in developing café     <https://www.silsdenmethodistchurch.org/caring-for-the-environment>  Discussed at elders meeting | RB / WH  RB /WH  Elders | 09/08/24  12/08/24  02/09/24 |
| Provide support to churches seeking Eco Church Award | Support provided to Garstang URC following gold award visit and feedback to support Mike Hart to provide evidence for follow up visit in autumn  Support Trinity with event in 2025 if required. | IL  Eco Church Group | 23/07/24 |
| Renew Clitheroe URC Fairtrade status. | New certificate to be applied for prior to August 2025. | Eco Church Group | July 2025 |
| Notice Board to share information about Eco Church group | Newsletters and other information updated by Eco Church group as appropriate. | Eco Church Group | Ongoing |
| Generic email to be available on Clitheroe URC website | John Flanagan set up a dedicated email address for the Ecochurch group eco@clitheroeurc.org.uk which will be monitored by Izzy and Wendy.  Generic email registered with A Rocha UK EcoChurch.  Wendy asked Robin to add [eco@clitheroeurc.org.uk](mailto:eco@clitheroeurc.org.uk) email address to website page.  Robin to add email address to website page. | JF  IL  WH  RB | 07/04/24  17/07/24  30/06/24 |
| Publicise English classes on community websites. | Wendy/Jean registered with co-operate website so that information about English classes can be added to co-operate website.  <https://co-operate.coop.co.uk/>  Wendy/Jean registered information about English classes to be added to HRV CVS website and newsletter.  <https://hrvcvs.co.uk/> | JH / WH  JH / WH | 07/07/24  09/07/24 |
| Advertise ethical shops | Advert for ‘shop of hope’ to go on back page of courier. | WH/JH |  |
| Possible Joint Event in 2024 /25 with Trinity Methodist Church | Fiona and Wendy advised of possible plan for joint event with Trinity Methodist  Meeting with Carol Baird to discuss ideas 08/05/24 and  Carol Baird from Trinity Methodist to contact Gazegill Farm and then Izzy to contact A Rocha UK if appropriate / required | IL  IL  CB / IL | May 24  08/05/24 |
| Support for Zero Hour, which promotes the Climate and Nature Bill | During Great Big Green Week (GBGW) on Tues 11th June, our church hosted an open Ribble Valley Climate Action Network meeting. This included a short zoom talk from the founder of Zero Hour, which promotes the Climate and Nature Bill. Individuals can go on website and sign up in support, as can organisations, to lobby political candidates and show them what they need to be doing. <https://www.zerohour.uk/>  Information shared and reviewed with elders and agreed this should be supported by Clitheroe URC  Clitheroe URC signed up to support Zero Hour in support of Climate and Nature Bill. | FRi  Elders  IL | 11/06/24  08/07/24  10/07/24 |
| **Lifestyle** | | | |
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| Eco tips to be shared with congregation in Courier. | Eco tips for relevant months from NW Synod Eco newsletter to be shared bimonthly throughout year. | IL / JH | Bimonthly throughout 2024 /25 |
| Congregation to be encouraged and informed regarding local recycling opportunities | Links to website and list of recycling places displayed on Eco Church notice board  Recycling box for batteries available in common room. | Eco Church Group | Ongoing |
| Flowers in church to minimise use of cellophane | Cellophane paper reused from bought flowers to hand out to people after service. | MB | Ongoing |
| **All Sections / Miscellaneous** | | | |
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| Ecochurch action plan added to church laptop | Eco Church 2023/24 action plan added to church laptop in Eco Church folder.  All other information saved on usb drive so a copy is available of any documents for Clitheroe URC | IL  IL | 26/06/24  Ongoing |
| Dates of meetings and action plan updates. | Action plan for 2024 /25 circulated to Eco Church group.  .  Meeting on 29/07/24 at 10am @ Clitheroe URC attended by LC JH WH IL  Action plan updated and circulated to Eco Church group.  Action plan forwarded to Jean for updating on website.  **Next meeting on Monday 07/10/24 @ Clitheroe URC at 10.30am** | IL  EcoChurch Group  IL  IL | 17/07/24  29/07/24  21/08/24  21/08/24 |