

Eco-Congregation

Duffus, Spynie & Hopeman Church is one of over 400 eco-congregations in Scotland. We are working as a congregation to care for creation across 3 areas:

- **Spiritual living: Making the link between environmental issues and the Christian faith**

Care for creation is regularly reflected in our worship and prayer together, whether marking Creation Time, celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving, in preaching and singing. We try and keep the whole congregation informed on environmental issues through regular articles in the church magazine.

- **Practical living: Taking practical action in the church and in the home to reduce our environmental impact**

Practical steps to reduce energy use and waste are encouraged by all individual members and families, as well as by the congregation. Energy efficiency is an important consideration in current usage and future planning for our buildings. Our church and manse grounds are maintained with wildlife in mind.

- **Global living: Influencing attitudes and take action in the local or global community on issues like climate change**

Our engagement with Christian Aid includes taking campaign actions in relation to climate change, and we are working to become a Fairtrade church, using and encouraging Fairtrade products whenever possible. The church magazine also highlights more local environmental actions that are possible. We have connections to the Eco-school work at Hopeman Primary School, and the Duffus Rainbows help make the Duffus Church garden beautiful and wildlife-friendly.

We were awarded our first Eco-Congregation award at the end of 2014.



Eco-Congregation Scotland is a movement of Scottish church congregations, of all denominations and none, committed to addressing environmental issues through their life and mission.

The Vision: A Scotland that cares for God's creation, now and forever.

The Values:

- We care passionately for God's creation
- We are a faith based movement
- We are rooted in local groups of Christians
- We work co-operatively with each other and with others who care about the environment
- We encourage transformational change at individual, community and national levels

The Mission:

- In prayer, worship and conversation we discover what it means to care for God's creation
- We put that care into action individually, locally, nationally and globally, desiring to live justly in a transformed world
- We commit ourselves to campaigning on urgent threats to the web of life in our vulnerable world

For more information on Eco-Congregation Scotland, go to <http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/>

To get involved in Duffus, Spynie & Hopeman Eco-congregation work, please contact Rev Jenny, at jadams@churchofscotland.org.uk