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- 3. PROMOTE RECYCLING.**
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- 5. MONITOR PROGRESS AND HOLD OURSELVES TO ACCOUNT, ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE WHAT WE ARE DOING, KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT ON THE AGENDA AND THE CONVERSATION ALIVE.**

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1. Achieve Eco-Church bronze status thus contribute to the Diocese aim of being an Eco-Diocese
  2. Encourage car sharing for church worship and meetings and continue with Zoom meetings if appropriate.
  3. Avoid one-off printing, encourage recycling, no single use plastic or unnecessary packaging.
  4. Hold services focusing on creation and introduce more creation liturgy and prayers in regular worship.
  5. Find alternative venues for worship during the winter to avoid heating large buildings, use LED light bulbs
  6. Form an environmental group including an 'Environmental Advocate' from each sector to raise awareness, encourage action, share ideas, and monitor progress.
  7. Look for ways to lobby those who can positively impact the reduction in global warming.
  8. Support communities impacted by climate change e.g. twin with a church, eco charities
  9. Personally, calculate our household Carbon Footprint and identify at least one change to be made to the current lifestyle. Record it on the 'Personal Environment Commitment' as a reminder and keep it visible!
  10. Talk to others about climate change and what can be done, support each other, talk to Jesus, and **PRAY.**
- If would like to get involved or if you have questions, please contact Kathryn Carr [kathryn@enviro-advice.co.uk](mailto:kathryn@enviro-advice.co.uk)*



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