

Duffus, Spynie & Hopeman Church Eco Policy

(August 2022)

Duffus, Spynie & Hopeman Church of Scotland is an Eco Congregation, and an active part of the Moray Creation Calls Network.

We aim to reduce our negative impact on God's creation, and actively seek ways to help creation flourish – as a congregation, in our wider communities and as individuals.

We are committed to:

1. Out of concern for the climate we will:

- a) Buy electricity generated from renewable sources.
- b) Choose to use and heat the appropriate size space necessary.
- c) Turn off lights and power when leaving spaces/buildings.
- d) Shut doors to keep heat in and use curtains/blinds as appropriate.
- e) Encourage and support walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting, public transport and car-share.
- f) Learn more and share ideas about energy saving.
- g) Actively seek to reduce our carbon footprint.¹

2. As a Fairtrade Church, we will work together to:

- a) Use Fairtrade products wherever possible (at least tea, coffee and sugar) and to share this information with the congregation and other users of our buildings.
- b) Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight and integrate Fairtrade into the life of our congregation, including hospitality, purchasing and worship.
- c) Engage with other Fairtrade campaigns and connect with community groups, such as our local schools and other groups in Moray.
- d) Encourage everyone to buy fairly traded goods whenever possible.
- e) Give generously to Moray Food Bank and support them and other local groups in their work for social justice.
- f) Give, act and pray with Christian Aid to play our part in ending poverty and tackling climate and social injustice.

3. Enhancing biodiversity and caring about our use of the Earth's resources, we will:

- a) Use re-useable items wherever possible and recycle anything that is not re-usable.
- b) Purchase materials in accordance with an environmental purchasing policy.
- c) Encourage and support each other to buy and consume less and share and re-use more.
- d) Collect recyclable items that are not currently recyclable through doorstep collections.
- e) Cultivate spaces where the diversity of creation can flourish.

This Eco Policy will be reviewed by the Kirk Session each year, and ideas and actions will be welcomed by the Eco team from members, visitors and hall users.

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¹ Carbon footprint – a measure of the global warming potential of emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. Greenhouse gas emissions are categorised into three groups or 'Scopes' by the most widely-used international accounting tool, the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol. Scope 1 covers direct emissions from owned or controlled sources. Scope 2 covers indirect emissions from the generation of purchased electricity, heating and cooling consumed. Scope 3 includes all other indirect emissions that occur as a result of activities.

Duffus, Spynie & Hopeman Church Environmental Purchasing Policy

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Duffus, Spynie & Hopeman Church of Scotland is an Eco Congregation, and an active part of the Moray Creation Calls Network. In order to reduce our negative impact on God's creation, and actively seek ways to help creation flourish, where there is a choice we will purchase materials based on these principles:

- a) Do we need it?
- b) Consideration of the whole product lifecycle.
- c) Local, with minimum mileage.
- d) Fairly traded.
- e) Concern for point of origin; FSC and MSC certified where appropriate.
- f) Minimum waste, including refillable containers, reused and reusable; and if not reusable, at least recyclable or biodegradable.
- g) Minimum toxicity and air pollution.

Specific examples include:

1. Food and drink:
 - a. Tea, coffee and sugar will be purchased from Traidcraft by the congregation.
 - b. Wherever possible, other food and drink will be local and in season; or
 - c. fairly traded.
 - d. Minimal and recyclable packaging.
2. Cleaning materials:
 - a. Refillable containers; and
 - b. Plant-based, bio-degradable, UK-sourced;
available from Re:store in Lossiemouth, purchased by the congregation.
3. Toilet roll, purchased by the congregation:
 - a. Recycled paper;
 - b. Preferably UK-sourced.
4. Maintenance:
 - a. Paint and varnishes will have minimum Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)
 - b. Local timber, paint and other re-use projects will be used wherever possible
5. Paper:
 - a. Recycled paper

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