



Together, we are united for people, climate and nature

All who believed were together and had all things in common.

Acts 2:44

The **Climate Coalition** is the UK's largest group of people dedicated to action on the climate and nature crises. It is a group of over 130 organisations, including A Rocha, CAFOD, Christian Aid, Church of England Environment Working Group, Fairtrade Foundation, National Trust, Oxfam, RSPB, Salvation Army, Tearfund, The Wildlife Trusts, Women's Institute, and WWF. It organises the annual 'Great Big Green Week' which was featured in the June issue of 'in touch'.

The Climate Coalition encourages us all to engage with our local MP on environmental issues and to tell them why action on climate and nature is so important. It also offers resources and training to help do this.

In the run-up to the General Election, the Climate Coalition published a call for action from all the political parties working together, which is just as relevant now that there is a new UK parliament, so it is reproduced here as this month's Eco Church article.

The General Election on 4th July, and the first months of the new parliament, will set the agenda for action in this critical decade for our country and the planet.

People across the UK are already taking action to tackle climate change and protect nature. It's time for all politicians to follow suit and commit to ambitious action to cut emissions, restore nature, and support the hardest hit at home and around the world.

The public mandate for action is both massive and mainstream. 83% of people in the UK think the government should do more to tackle climate change (according to the *Global Climate Change Survey*).

Speaking to parliamentary candidates on the doorstep, in the community or at the meetings you arrange is a really effective way of amplifying the chorus of voices across the UK calling for real and meaningful action for people, climate and nature. You can use the asks below to inform your conversations with them.

To find out more about how to get involved and to add your support to the Climate Coalition's current campaign, go to their website:
theclimatecoalition.org

Backed by evidence and rooted in conversations with communities, we're calling on all politicians, political parties and parliamentary candidates to commit to:

- A fully-funded long-term plan to keep homes warm and bills affordable.
- Replacing polluting fossil fuel energy with sustainable renewables.
- Cleaner air through investment in walking, cycling and public transport and speeding up the shift to electric vehicles.
- Securing adequate money for loss and damage caused by climate change in the hardest hit countries.
- Delivery on promises to provide funding to help poorer countries adapt so they are more resilient to the pressures of climate change, and pursue sustainable development.
- Doubling the UK budget for nature-friendly farming and providing guidance on a climate-friendly diet.
- Protect and restore the UK's priceless forests, rivers and moors, and establish a right to clean air, water and access to nature.

These actions will help the UK to get closer to ending our contribution to the

climate crisis and will support our health, wellbeing and economy. We urge all politicians to take the action so desperately needed to build a fairer, greener and more secure future.



To find out more or to share your ideas on Eco Church please go to the website www.allsaintsspringfield.org.uk/church-life/eco-church or speak to one of the Eco Church Group – Roger McFarland, Nicky Morecroft, Chris McFarland, Ian Poston, Dave Gauld, Beth Cornish, Ann Salmon.

This month's eco suggestions

- Travel on **buses, coaches and trains**, and make fewer car journeys
- Improve **home insulation** where possible – loft, walls, windows and doors