





Church - Diverse (40 languages), Family (150 congregation, 45 under 18yrs), Evangelical tradition, edge of inner city and 'Balti-belt'

Buildings – 1 vicarage, 1 church (no tower), 1 community centre, nursey and offices, multi-use garden

Users of buildings – Church charity (4 staff, volunteers, groups) Springfield Project charity (60 staff, 100 volunteers, groups and community events)

Why we did ecochurch?



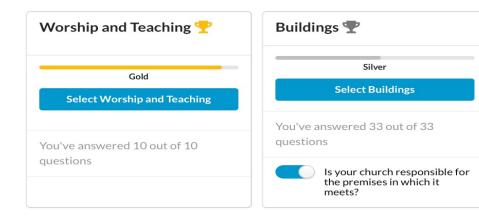
For a long time we were doing lots already

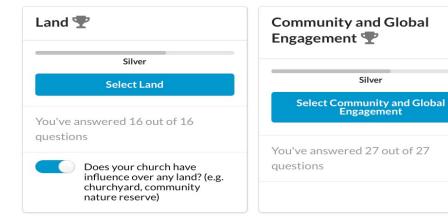
Teaching Lighting Reducing waste Low energy light bulbs to homes where our Bible study groups met Litter picking with the Mosque opposite Place of welcome – donated near date supermarket food for community meals

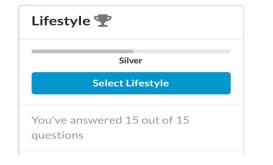
But we needed a framework to stick all the pieces in that...

Covered more than climate change Included all aspects of our church life – not just buildings Easy to use and tailor for your situation

What did we do?









- **1.** We did the ecochurch survey (ecochampion, vicar, and church adminstrator)
- 2. We consulted with children (using duplo) and wider church on how we could improve on our weaker areas to draw up an action plan.
- 3. We went to the Church Council to agree:
- Budget allocation from our mission budget
- The action plan ecochampion reporting back on others actions every 6 months
- Submission of application Awarded Silver first month of COVID lockdown March 2020

What did we learn?





Don't do it alone – involve a small team

Make sure it is seen as central to the work of the Church – part of 'mission'

Involve the Church Council – and aim to make gradual progress and reporting

Can be 'technical exercise' allow space – to involve God, be guided by his priorities for your community, let him bless whatever you can offer