

Eco News for October

Next month sees the 30th UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) taking place in Belem, Brazil 10–21 November.

As a personal preparation, we suggest calculating your own carbon footprint and then make some plans to reduce it. It's good practice to repeat this exercise once a year. Calculating your carbon footprint is never going to be an exact science, but by using the same one each time, you get some consistency and will see the effect of any changes you have made to your lifestyle.

ARocha recommends Climate Stewards, who provide free online carbon calculators and advice to help individuals and organisations to measure, reduce and offset their carbon footprint. The personal carbon footprint calculator helps you work out the carbon emissions from all areas of life—flights, driving, public transport, household energy, food, waste, water and everything else—what they call 'stuff'!

<https://arocha.org/en/about/climate-stewards/>

Please also pray for the COP30. Tearfund has some guidance on its website. "As we look to COP30, we call on leaders to put communities living in poverty at the heart of tackling the climate crisis. Join us in praying.

How you can pray

- That God will grant leaders the wisdom, compassion and unity to work together.
- That the people who bear the heaviest burden of climate change will have their voices heard.
- That we will see a significant shift in ambition and commitment to move away from fossil fuels towards a greener economy."

Upcoming events to help you reduce the new 'stuff' in your life

- Saturday 8 November
 - The Histon Swish—Saint Andrew's Centre
 - The famous event is returning for its fifth year! Please start stashing away any clothes and accessories that you no longer wear (but are in good condition) in readiness to swap them for ones that you will.
- Saturday 6 December—11am–2pm
 - Histon Repair Café—Histon Baptist Church
 - This much anticipated event is being organised jointly between HI Sustainability and the Eco-Groups at Histon Baptist Church and St Andrew's Histon.