

## Eco-News for March

For the last 15 years people around the world have been encouraged to mark “Earth Hour” on the evening of the last Saturday in March (this year on 28th March), just before we put the clocks forward and transition to our lighter evenings. It is an opportunity to symbolically acknowledge the environmental issues affecting our planet – and by doing so raise awareness of our need to take action to tackle them. Traditionally the initiative has encouraged people to turn their lights off for an hour in the evening (8.30-9.30pm). The challenge now encourages people to also do something positive for the planet, although not necessarily in the hour if not practical in the dark! You can find out more about the initiative here: <https://www.earthhour.org/about/the-biggest-hour-for-earth>.

As Christians we believe ‘the Earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it’. Psalm 24:1. So we’d like to suggest that perhaps we could use ‘Earth Hour’ as a chance to commit an hour to praying for God’s world and particular issues that concern us about the world. You could be creative in the way or place in which you do this, e.g. by candlelight, or outdoors under the stars?