

Environment

Pope Benedict's recent thoughts on "Greening the Church":

"Before it's too late, we need to make courageous choices that will recreate a strong alliance between man and Earth." (03/09/07)

"Care of water resources and attention to climate change are matters of grave importance for the entire human family...I invite all of you to join me in praying and working for greater respect for the wonders of God's creation." (06/09/07)

How is the Catholic Church in England and Wales responding to the Pope's call?

- The Bishops' Conference is working with Catholic environmental groups to develop creation-centred liturgies for Catholic parishes.
- Many parishes are already monitoring their "carbon footprint".
- Clifton Diocese in Bristol has launched a year-long environmental project, "Sound of Many Waters".

How is St Joseph's parish community responding?

- Increasingly, prayers for the environment are being brought into the intercessions during Sunday Masses.
- St Joseph's will be present at a Putting Faith to Action in Climate Change in October, hosted by the Sussex Church and Environment Group.

Do you think we should do more? If so, what would you suggest? We welcome your ideas!