

Leyland Methodist Church started working towards becoming an **Eco-Congregation** in September 2008. This involves all members embracing the care of God's creation in all aspects of their personal and Church life. i.e. in worship, prayer, community life and through the sustainable use of resources.

In March 2008 a presentation was given to the AGM on the aim and vision of the Eco-Congregation and how the church could begin working towards becoming an Eco-Congregation. The principles were enthusiastically received and a number of people expressed an interest in incorporating Eco-Congregation principles into the mission of Leyland Methodist Church.

A more thorough briefing session was held in July 2008 when the members present began to work through on an initial action plan to cover the 3 areas of worship and teaching, doing something practical and reaching out locally and globally.

The Church Council signed a Sustainability Pledge in September 2008 and appointed its first Eco-Congregation co-ordinator.

The church's first themed service was held in October 2008 when the Harvest service was 'Hope for Planet Earth'.

The church sourced copies of 'Paint your Church Green' which were available house groups to study and the Boys Brigade launched the recycling of mobile phones.

Church notices started to be printed on recycled paper in November and a Christmas e-card was made available on the Leyland Methodist Church website.