



A Rocha International (ARI) is one of TRINITY's tier 3 mission partners. A Rocha is a global family of Christian organisations which inspired by God's love, engages in scientific research, environmental education and community-based conservation projects in more than 20 countries (including the UK) across six continents. Coming out of the pandemic has there ever been a more important time for Christians to be mobilised to raise awareness to tackle the twin challenges of biodiversity loss and climate change?

A Rocha have 5 core commitments – Christian, conservation, community, cross-cultural and cooperation. ARI have requested that TRINITY pray and provide practical support for A Rocha India who work to resolve conflicts between humans and elephants in the Bannerghatta National Park. This National Park is adjacent to the urban metropolis of Bangalore and has many other species worth conserving including the threatened tiger.

More detail : - <https://kondorfilms.co.uk/driving-elephants/>

### A Rocha UK aims to equip Christians and churches to protect and restore the environment, through 3 main programmes –

1. Wild Christian, inspires individuals and families to enjoy and learn about nature together, take practical action at home and in their local areas, and join with other voices for national impact. A Rocha manages two nature reserves: Foxearth Meadows on the Suffolk/ Essex Border, a haven for Dragonflies, which recently appeared on Songs of Praise; and Wolf Fields, an urban nature reserve in West London. Pictured is a Norfolk Hawker dragonfly.
2. Partners in Action, improves biodiversity, addresses climate change, and makes a real difference to nature restoration in the UK. A growing network of Christian land managers demonstrate active care for the natural world. Locally this includes The Steyning Downland Project and Ashburnham Place, familiar to many at TRINITY.
3. Eco-church provides a framework to support churches and their leadership to take practical action caring for God's earth. 1,900 churches have achieved a bronze or silver award and 30 churches have gold awards, something that TRINITY aspires to, by maintaining our 3 churchyards for biodiversity, providing educational resources for TRINITY children and using Eco-church to support TRINITY leadership and congregations in Caring for Creation.



Join with A Rocha in working for a world transformed by the love of Christ, where Christians in every nation:

- recognize that following Christ requires us to care for all His creation
- seek to live sustainably both in community and personally
- work with all people to protect and restore natural habitats and their wildlife

### Prayer Requests

- Finding the right people for 2 key vacancies at A Rocha UK: Wolf Fields Nature Reserve manager; Office Manager at HQ.
- A Rocha India seeking to manage the conflict between humans and elephants in Bangalore/ Bannerghatta NP.
- A global response to funding the building and land where the A Rocha Centre is based, for future sustainability.

## HARVEST PROJECT

We are delighted to be supporting Rob Hoy in his ongoing work to bring rainwater harvesting to communities in Rwanda. In recent years Rob has been partnering with the Anglican Diocese of Byumba, and specifically Bishop Emmanuel who visited Southover in the recent past. Rob is visiting Rwanda early in the New Year, and will be putting his expertise and our donations to use in overseeing trained locals to install new storage tanks and water filters. Partnering with the local church is a key aspect of Rob's work and we are very pleased to be able to help out through TRINITY's generous giving at this time.



## GREEN CHURCH LEWES

Green Church Lewes began after a Churches Together in Lewes Area (CTLA) Lent course in 2021 which took the theme of caring for creation. The aim of Green Church Lewes is to encourage appreciation and care of God's creation and raise awareness of ways we can all reduce our carbon footprint. We choose to stand with those most affected by global warming by campaigning for climate justice. Since the group formed we have initiated community events such as a pre COP prayer walk and vigil, an ecumenical Climate Sunday service and Green Church Open Day.



Nine churches in Lewes were involved in the Green Church Open Day which showcased some of the different ways churches are caring for nature locally and supporting people most affected by climate change around the world.

### Climate Justice

The climate crisis is making extreme weather events, such as droughts, floods and hurricanes, more common. The impact can cause communities to lose everything, and the opyright

**Save the date: Sunday 6th November - COP27 vigil - 4pm meet for vigil at St Anne's - 5pm walk to St Michael's for evening prayer.**

### DONATE THE REBATE

The Financial Times recently published articles encouraging those who can afford it to donate the £400 energy rebate to help fund the frontline work of fuel poverty charities. Here are extracts from an article entitled Donate the Rebate by Claer Barrett:

I have donated my £400 energy rebate to the following three charities working to fight fuel poverty.

**Fuel Bank Foundation** provides emergency top-up vouchers to people with prepayment meters. We have previously reported in the FT how more and more people are literally in the dark because they cannot afford to buy credit to power or heat their homes. Fuel Bank Foundation has a network of about 400 "fuel banks" around the UK and works with referral partners including food banks. The charity is experiencing record demand right now. It also helps people using its services to access other benefits and forms of help, such as referring them to debt advice. <https://www.fuelbankfoundation.org/>

**National Energy Action** is one of the biggest UK fuel poverty charities. It conducts research, supports those in need and campaigns about the plight of the estimated one in three UK households who will be dragged into fuel poverty by October. <https://www.nea.org.uk/>

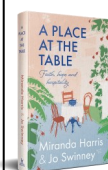
**CAPUK (Christians Against Poverty)** is one of the UK's biggest providers of free debt advice, and also distributes energy top-up vouchers to people in need and much more. <https://capuk.org/>

And please don't forget **your local food bank**. Many are running out of donations as more families feel the pinch, but demand is rising. Check your local bank's website to see what donations of products (including personal care items) they really need. You could also give cash, or volunteer your time.

Many astute FT Money readers pointed out that UK taxpayers could make charitable donations using Gift Aid, thus topping up the donated £400 energy rebate to £500 at a stroke.

Please give if you are able and tell others about the campaign to donate the rebate — using the hashtag #donatetherebate on social media.

### 'A PLACE AT THE TABLE'



Hospitality and community are part of what it means to be A Rocha. In a new book co-written by Miranda Harris, co-founder, and her daughter Jo Swinney, A Rocha's Director of Communications, these themes are explored in the context of the many colourful stories of A Rocha tables around the world. Order from [arocha.org/en](http://arocha.org/en); royalties will go towards the work of A Rocha worldwide.

### GIVING TO TRINITY

You can give to support the mission of TRINITY in a variety of ways. If you are a regular member or consider TRINITY your church, the best way to give is through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

Please visit our website for more details <https://trinitylewes.org/about/giving/> For any queries about setting up regular giving with the PGS, please get in touch with their support team: Phone: 0333 002 1260; Email: [info@parishgiving.org.uk](mailto:info@parishgiving.org.uk); Our church name is TRINITY Church Lewes and our PGS parish code 100610471.

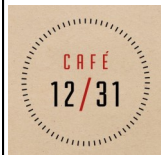
You can also give using our contactless systems at our sites, and you can give cash or cheques to the clergy or post cheques to the office. If you are able to gift-aid your donation, we can claim back 25% of your giving as no extra cost to you. Please email ([finance@trinitylewes.org](mailto:finance@trinitylewes.org)) and our treasurer will be able to give you the forms to do this.

### OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS NEED

Tinned meats, tinned fruit, tinned veg, cereals, long life (UHT) milk, toiletries



Items may be brought to church on Sundays or left in the porch at TRINITY St John's or TRINITY Southover.



Café 12/31 is open for food and drink

Tuesday to Friday  
10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday  
9:00am - 1:00pm

**TRINITY Southover is open for prayer**

Monday & Wednesday  
12:00 noon - 4:30pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
9:30am - 4:30pm  
Southover High Street, BN7 1JH

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