

Torbay Christian EcoAction

June 2026 newsletter

This is the June 2026 newsletter. As previously, this newsletter is coming in PDF form but also with a link at <https://davidhodson.com/torbay-christian-ecoaction-june-2026-newsletter/> if that is easier for you and to distribute. If you want a Word version, let me know. If you want to unsubscribe, email me. If you know of anyone whom you think would like to receive, again let me know. As previously, it is a mixture of events, resources and news. If anyone has anything they would like publicised, please let me know. Particularly proud this month to include 3 events and initiatives being held locally and by our members

Torbay Marine EcoFest: 18th July

I did a special mailing a couple weeks ago. This event is only 3 weeks away with much publicity going out. We have flyers and if you would like any for your church, let me know and we can deliver. I **attach** the poster with the programme which can also be found here: <https://davidhodson.com/marine-ecofest-saturday-18th-july-1030-am-5-pm-torquay/>. Remember also the arts competition, poster **attached**, celebrating our amazing seas, with any form of art welcome with prizes for under 8, under 16 and adult, given out by the mayor, Hazel Foster, at lunchtime. Some excellent talks in the afternoon and craft events and stalls in the morning. Please do come along and contribute and make yourself known. We look forward to seeing you. Please pray that it may go well on the day and thank you.

The Good Shepherds Way pilgrimage, 15-16th August Brixham

This pilgrimage in the Brixham area takes place in mid-August over 2 days. It's a walking route linking all churches in the Brixham Mission Community. An opportunity to mix and reconnect with both nature and faith. On the Saturday is ½ day walk from the chapel of the good Shepherd in Glampton and on the Sunday a whole day hike from St Marys Brixham to Kingswear, which I know is really challenging. More details from Deborah Avery on deb. Avery1@icloud.com and I **attach** a flyer. When I have a web link or similar I will send over although I suspect it will be here: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/15-057CH/>

EEESafe and LocalitEEE

Rob Alexander is another member of our group who has been working incredibly hard creating local EEE communities. In essence they provide appliance safety standards and register. It connects citizens and businesses with registered repairers. The crucial element is that it is a sustainable award-winning Defra appointed organisation. Details of their metrics and work is **attached**. What is exciting is that they are now rolling out this program in Torbay with a community trial. They are seeking to raise awareness with local

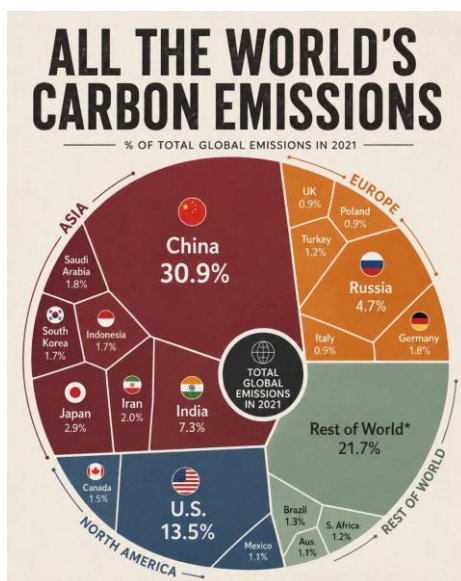
citizens. If you or any organisation with which you are involved would be interested, please contact Rob on r.alexander@eeesafe.com and he will let us know how it progresses and when it is fully in the trial here in Torbay. All best wishes for much success with this

A not very green World Cup

As a lifelong footie supporter, obviously I'm following the World Cup and there's been some quite interesting games although we are now in the serious end of the competition. Undoubtedly it has taken place at some magnificent stadia. But at what cost to the environment? Historically it has been held in one country. This has involved players and supporters moving around the country to wherever the next game will be held. But relatively modest especially compared to this World Cup. It is being co-hosted by the USA, Canada and Mexico. So the supporters may find themselves in Mexico City for one game, off to Vancouver a few days later for the next game and then across to New York for the 3rd. And so on. Because of the differences, this will almost always be air travel. Given that some teams have support of very many thousands, in America throughout for the tournament, and given the huge number of those accompanying the squad itself as well as the media, the air travel for this World Cup is staggering. Most of us have a very cynical view of FIFA, the organising association, but this is reckless environmentally to the extreme. The next one in 2030 will be cohosted by Morocco, Portugal and Spain which are at least far closer in travel between stadium sites and also amenable to non-air travel

All the world's carbon emissions

I came across this pie chart and wanted to share. Admittedly as 2021 but highlights where the bigger problems in the world arise. No excuse for not doing our part but appropriate to have global understanding and realism.



Green policy for a church

As part of our work towards silver accreditation at St Matthias, we asked our PCC to adopt a green policy. We were delighted at the unanimous and immediate support and I share, **attached**, for any who may be thinking of doing the same and, frankly, if you want to borrow. I can let you have a Word version if easier.

South-west church green investment webinar: 29th September

Advance notice of an opportunity to hear how churches are investing in climate solutions with examples from congregations already making changes. It's part of the good money week. More details here although I can't see any details of this particular event and perhaps just put in diary and I will follow-up next month: <https://goodmoneyweek.com/>

Eco-church 10th anniversary

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of eco-church, special services are being held on 17th October including at the Mint Methodist Church, Exeter. Details here: <https://arocha.org.uk/events/>

Tearfund Quiz: 21st November

Please note this will now take place at St Matthias on the evening of 21st November, a week later than initially announced, in order to avoid clashing with another event and please put in your diaries.

Our everyday products are under threat and so are the livelihood of the people who produce them

Fairtrade are rightly shining a spotlight on the impact of the climate crisis on the people who produce our everyday products, from coffee to bananas and much more. They are asking government to pass a new law that holds businesses accountable for any abuse or climate damage behind their products. They say irresponsible businesses benefiting from global supply chains cannot keep profiting from deforestation, exploitation and climate change and must be held accountable. I think this is so valuable. We have already seen the European Court hold governments accountable and see my newsletters on the subject last year. This must also be businesses. There is far greater awareness now about the supply chain in relation to, for example, manufacture of cheap clothing. But agriculture is equally crucial. They invite signing a petition and have some stories from the producers. Excellent content for a church meeting. I encourage this very much and details here: <https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/get-involved/campaign-with-us/current-campaigns/do-it-fair/fair-on-the-planet.html>

Creation Care Exeter diocese

Might I also recommend the newsletter from the Creation Care team at the Exeter diocese. I don't have a web link easily to hand but here is the webpage about their environmental and climate change work: <https://exeter.anglican.org/environment/>

One Torbay: Torbay Council weekly newsletter

Our local council produces a weekly newsletter of developments. I include some in these newsletters although I'm conscious to avoid any suggestion of political elements. But there is a strong environmental theme to the newsletter. May I recommend strongly subscribing. It really is most informative. More details here <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKTORBAYCOUNCIL/subscriber/new?preferences=true>

Devon wildlife trust newsletter

Again, I recommend their newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/9fdfae955b69/enews-13406755?e=3bc0249607>

Similar work from our friends in Plymouth

Here is their June newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/da8ced9a92f6/pcga-e-news-mid-june-2026?e=9dd45dc4a5> . There is active involvement in the Plymouth proposed heat networks with community meetings.

Thank you for getting this far.

Please let me have any items you want me to distribute including from your organisation or church or news items for information.

Best wishes and God bless.

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