Small Changes, **BIG** difference at



Over the last few months our church family has enthusiastically started the ongoing project of making the church more environmentally friendly. Our first series of wildlife gardening mornings was recently completed and here is a picture update on how we got on.



The Youth Club painted these bird boxes which has been put up in the trees around church.





A large wildflower meadow was dug in the front lawn. Wildflower seeds have also been sewn that will come up in spring. Next to that a carpet of 250 crocus bulbs has been planted for early foraging bees.



Lots of children worked together to build the fabulous bug hotel. We hope we will get plenty of guests.



We planted a fragrant lavender garden to attract bees by the war memorial.

Your hot drink will now be in a compostable cup to reduce waste.



Sadie and Scarlett helped to plant a special family crab apple tree on the front lawn.



There is a new wildlife pond with plants and amphibian shelters.

This is very important in our plan.



We built a cosy hedgehog house out of roof slates and old house bricks and filled it with hay.



We made a log pile to provide a woodland habitat and planted a small wildflower meadow next to it. English bluebells were also added here.



There is a new bird feeder and lots of accessible bird baths and water sources in the grounds.



Rob built a new open compost heap from wooden pallets.

Please do go and have a look at the new wildlife features around church. Thank you to everyone who came to transform the gardens and got stuck in with maintenance tasks. Many hands make light work! If you have any questions, sustainability suggestions or are interested in becoming a member of the eco church team please speak to members (Paul, Tim Little, Anna and Cara). Look out for our spring sessions - it would be great to see you to continue our project together.

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