

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Environment Policy

Changing Lives Changing Churches Changing Communities **For a Changing World**

1. We are **aware** that

- the life systems of the earth are suffering serious damage as a result of human activity;
- our ways of living have contributed to this damage;
- the world's poorest people are already being affected by climate change and pollution;
- serious steps need to be taken to alter these trends;
- we face a difficult and uncertain future.

2. We **believe** that

- the world is God's creation and God cares about it;
- God is involved in the life of the world, particularly in the person of Jesus and by the action of the Holy Spirit;
- because of this there is always hope;
- with faith and hope we are called to love God and love our neighbours as ourselves;
- it is our Christian responsibility to alleviate the damage being done to the life of the earth and to live with love for other people now and in future generations.

3. We **commit** ourselves to

- live simply that others may simply live;
- respect and celebrate God's creation in nature;
- radically reduce our carbon impact;
- facilitate and empower people and groups in Bath and Wells who want to put this into practice;
- lead by example from the centre.