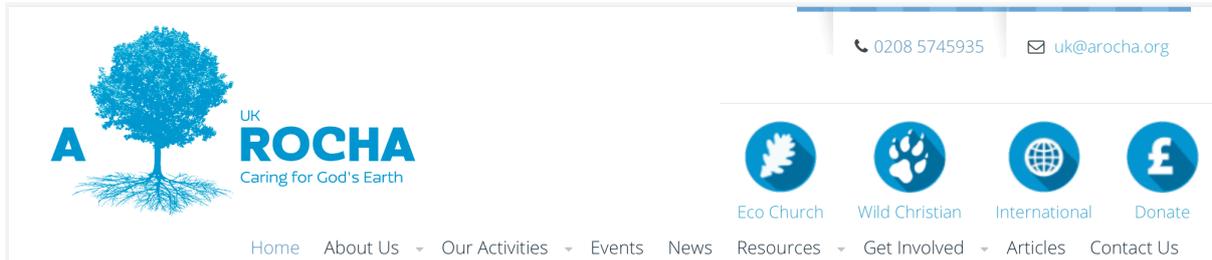


## An Eco Church Primer

This is a planet-friendly Christian framework and is supported by The Methodist Church. It is under the auspices of A Rocha UK (<https://arocha.org.uk>). The Eco Church website can be found from the tab near the top of the A. Rocha website:



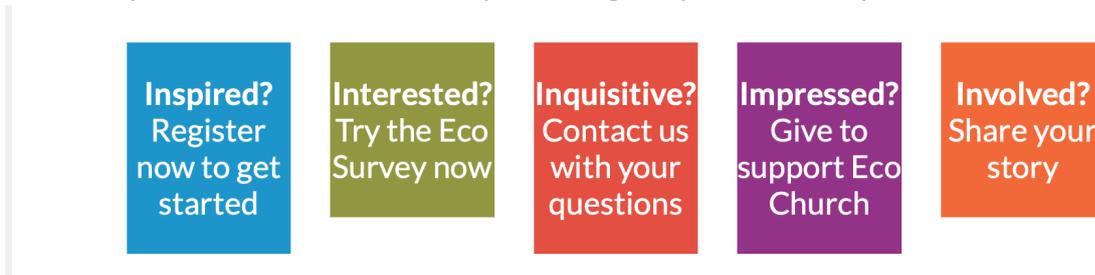
That gives you a new page with this header:



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Towards the bottom of this page you can pick out the option “Interested?” to have a look at the survey used to assess a church’s path along the planet-friendly trail.



That gives you access to try the survey. There are sets of questions covering the topics in order:

- 1 Worship and Teaching
- 2 Buildings
- 3 Land
- 4 Community and Global
- 5 Lifestyle
- 6 Additional Information

When you tick on a button to register a response like this one:

1. Special Sundays relating to caring for God's earth (e.g. Creation Time, Environment Sunday, Rogation Sunday etc.) are celebrated in our church:

- At least annually  Less often  Never  Need to find out

The dashboard at the bottom will indicate you running score:

## Eco Church Award Points



This shows you that you have obtained 10 points out of the 110 for this topic. As your point score increases the colour showing your score will change to bronze, silver and gold, if you pass a threshold. Once you have finished this topic, you can press

Next

You have a choice about whether to tackle Buildings and Land, depending on what your church has. I think all have a building but not all have land. The Circuit policy is to exclude all manses from surveys. They will be part of the Eco Circuit assessment. The final topic page (No. 6) allows you to make comments and then, if you have registered, to save the survey. Once registered you can also submit a survey.

There are 4 possible steps in the Eco Church assessment. A church must nominate one contact person, who can only be so for one church. This person can register by first clicking on the "Inspired?" button. This gives you a form to complete. Once you have done this, then press:

Register

After you have registered, A Rocha will put your church on their on-line list which can be found on using the "About us" tab on the Eco Church page. Then from the drop-down menu pick Eco Church locations. You can choose your central point with a post code, and the distance of a survey. You can also pick out locations of churches registered, and with bronze, silver and gold awards. The results of "Find Locations" are on the map and details are listed below.

Find Locations

When you think you have reached a bronze (or silver) award you will need to complete the submission form which must be signed by your minister. It is a self-assessment, but the entries are checked. The start of the process is the same for a gold award. In addition though you must submit documentation to support the application, and there will be a site visit by a nominee of A. Rocha UK. Your overall award will be the level of your worst topic. For example if you have 2 silvers and 2 bronze topics, you qualify for a Bronze Award.

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