

**On the basis that:**

- The world is facing a severe environmental and climate crisis that affects our ability to sustain human life and community in its present form.
- The main cause of the crisis is human activity.
- The crisis is linked to global injustices and inequality – the poorest are most affected.
- The crisis indicates a failure of human beings to follow God's mandate to care for the world and to seek justice among its people.

**As leaders of Ashwood Church, we want to publicly recognise a Climate and Environmental Emergency, and commit ourselves to:**

- Encourage individuals connected to Ashwood Church to examine and make relevant lifestyle changes appropriate to their circumstances, while seeking to live faithfully to God.
- Encourage individuals connected to Ashwood Church to take action on this emergency in their neighbourhoods, workplaces and other spheres of activity.
- Encourage individuals connected to Ashwood Church to take an active role in praying for the future of the earth that God created.
- Remain active with the EcoChurch initiative; doing all we can, where practical, to ensure that the daily workings of Ashwood Church are as Eco-Friendly as possible and becoming more so. This will include reviewing and reducing our carbon footprint.
- Use whatever influence we have to bring about positive actions by local and national government and by corporations.