

St Michael's Climate Action Group – Purpose and Framework

Coordinator:

Members:

Faith-based rationale

The members of the Climate Action Group (CAG) assert that our identity as people of the Christian faith compels us to care for God's creation and to be stewards of the earth. Our scripture tells us that "we are called to be agents of reconciliation in the world." CAG members firmly believe that we are therefore called to act in the reconciliation of the broken relationship between humanity and creation.

Scientific Resources

The primary scientific rationale for the CAG is drawn from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 2018 Summary for Policymakers report and other material from the IPCC and Climate Council.

Purpose

The purpose of the CAG is to amplify both action and discussion on climate change and creation care within the parish more broadly and to act as a conduit for resources, events, debate and advocacy. It is our goal to act as a launching point for information and action to all members of our church, not to isolate climate action to one group within the parish. Furthermore, the CAG seeks to advocate to and inform the leadership and parish council of initiatives and actions we recommend the parish undertake to better care for creation in each of the areas below.

Areas of focus

The CAG has three areas of focus and goal setting.

Individual and Parish level actions: Informing and recommending actions that individual parish members and our church can take to better care for creation e.g lowering our carbon footprint, incorporating creation care into worship.

Education and Public Commitment actions: Finding and sharing resources on climate change and creation care amongst the parish to generate ongoing discussion around the topic with the goal of moving towards a parish-wide public commitment on our views on climate action.

Political and Community level actions: Partnering with relevant organisations such as ARRCC and Common Grace to recommend the involvement of the parish and its members in larger-scale advocacy on climate issues e.g encouraging members to attend peaceful protest, organising public events and visible messages of creation care support.