



Sustainability Statement




We believe that caring for our planet is an essential part of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation.

The Bible tells us that God made the world and loves it (Genesis 1:31). Creation showcases His goodness (Psalm 19:1). He also instructed us to take care of it (Psalm 65:9).

As a church, we are committed to managing our environmental impact wherever possible. Our Sustainability Advisory Group meets on a regular basis to consider our environmental footprint across all areas of church life. We want to best steward the resources God has given us in a sustainable, environmentally responsible way.





Here is a picture of some of the things we are currently doing:

- ▲ All our waste is sent to a refuse plant where it gets sorted on site. This means that around 80% of all our waste is recycled and the remainder is converted into energy.
- We extend the lifespan of our computing equipment by maintaining and upgrading components wherever possible and practical. When equipment is eventually retired it is recycled.
- ▼ Trent Compassion has a large focus on recycling and reuse, particularly furniture and household items. Most of the furniture we receive as donations is rehomed. Where it can't be rehomed, it is passed on to environmentally responsible disposal companies.
- ☾ The overwhelming majority of our lights on site are LEDs, which last longer and require less energy to run.
- ☾ Since 2009, we've had solar panels on the roof of the main Warehouse, lowering our energy reliance on the national grid.
- ▲ Our electricity supply to site is certified as 'Zero Carbon', being made up principally from renewable sources (76%).
- We use local suppliers where possible. For example, we use a local coffee roaster to supply our beans for the Whitebird Coffee Shop and a local catering company to serve our conferencing guests, reducing our food miles.

- ▼ The local print company we use for our magazines and flyers are also environmentally responsible. They have a five-star green rating as they use paper harvested in a responsible manner.
- ☾ We have a cycle to work scheme available to staff, encouraging more sustainable commuting to Trent.
- ▲ In December 2022 we partnered with Nottingham City Council to install our first EV charging point on-site which will serve church members, staff, volunteers and visitors to site including Conferencing delegates.
- Through their Sustainability in Enterprise programme, Nottingham Trent University have undertaken a free audit of our site and operations. They have calculated the carbon footprint for one year so we can understand our environmental impact and produced a set of recommendations which we are reviewing which we might implement in the short, medium and long-term.

**Our operations are reviewed regularly through the lens of sustainability.
Watch this space for updates.**