*Care for the Planet.*

*God has clearly placed humans in a position of responsibility over the creation.  Genesis 2:15 says “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” We recognize that all created things belong to God  and that we are accountable to Him as stewards of the creation. God commissions us to rule over the creation in a way that sustains, protects, and enhances his works so that all creation may fulfil the purposes God intended for it. We must manage the environment not simply for our own benefit but for God′s glory....*

*...There are numerous things we can do in our everyday lives that help protect God′s creation, such as conserving energy and reducing waste. These in no way interfere with our witness to unbelievers. Rather, they enhance our witness as others see us put our faith into action. Our concern for the environment may open up opportunities to share with unbelievers that our service to the creation overflows from our love for God, the creator.*

*We worship God the Creator more fully as we see His glory in his creation and as we participate in His work of sustaining and restoring proper relationships within the creation.*

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 **Discussion Group Tasks**

**Task - in groups**

Q1. What can we do as individuals to care for the planet?

Q2 . What can we do as a church to care for the planet?

Notes:

Each discussion group should try to give equal focus to both questions in the time available.

Please write-down any ideas +/or actions agreed on the paper provided.

We hope that your group's output can be used to create a vision for, and develop the remit of, the M5 committee.

Further, ideas for action might include consideration of how to achieve any particular thing.

Objective:

To consider and establish a vision and remit for the 'Care for the planet' committee of Crown Church to enable it to appropriately address ecological issues of every description.

Focus:

Encourage participation of both adults and children already involved in groups in and around Crown Church.

*'Care for the planet'* as imagined within the Church of Scotland's Mark of Mission.