

Barnoldswick and Bracewell Anglican Churches



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Holy Trinity Church and Ghyll Church both achieved Eco Church **Bronze Awards** in January 2025.

Key areas:

Worship and teaching
Buildings and energy
Land and nature
Community and global engagement
Lifestyle

With our worship and teaching already at **Gold** standard, some of our plans for the future are:

- Looking at ways to save energy in our buildings.
- Developing areas for wildflowers to bloom and support pollinators. "No Mow May", leaving some areas of our churchyards uncut to encourage wildlife.
- Building on our achievement in the future with the local community Eco group and our local schools.

Barnoldswick PCC have committed to apply for our churches to become Fairtrade Places of Worship - putting faith into action by using and promoting Fairtrade products and supporting a fairer trading system which values people and planet by pledging to undertake some simple practical actions.

Our Pledge:

- 1 To use Fairtrade products wherever possible.
- 2 To integrate Fairtrade into the life of our place of worship.



As we begin the journey to achieve Fairtrade status, we will be using posters and other materials from Fairtrade Places of Worship to advertise and encourage use of more Fairtrade products.



WaterAid is an international not-for-profit organisation, making clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene normal for everyone. **WaterAid** do more than install taps and toilets. To make lasting change happen on a massive scale they convince governments to change laws, link policy makers with people on the ground, change attitudes and behaviours, pool knowledge and resources and rally support from people and organisations around the world. **Millions of people have already taken control of their lives and built better futures.**

Lent Appeal for 2025 – Jars of Change

If you wish to donate to WaterAid to help with the vital work of this organisation, please bring your donations back to Holy Trinity, to Pat or Colin Sagar, by Sunday 27 April. Donations can also be Gift Aided if you are a UK taxpayer.

Thank you for your support



Caring for God's Acre is an initiative that recognises the unique contribution of churchyards and church land in supporting and sustaining wildlife in England and Wales.

As part of our care for Ghyll Churchyard, the PCC has voted to extend the grass growing season in line with conservation recommendations so that there is more opportunity for pollinators to thrive. This has been agreed by the Ghyll Gardeners and the contractor who mows for us.

What this means is that we have decided to leave the grass in the older areas in the churchyard to grow to medium length for 12-16 weeks while the grass around the new grave areas and the area for interment of ashes are kept neat.

The care of individual graves remains the responsibility of the next of kin.

We have also installed more bird and bat boxes to encourage a diversity of wildlife.

At Holy Trinity the small triangular bed at the St James end of the churchyard will be planted to encourage pollinators. The area at the back of Holy Trinity remains difficult. We wish to encourage wildlife, but the trees block light from some of our neighbours, and we are mindful of security issues if we are to remove bush from the overgrown sloping land. We plan to take advice on this from a variety of sources.



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