



## St Alban's going for Bronze in 2024

We will try to make St Alban's church more eco-friendly and over the coming months we will pass on ideas for becoming more Eco friendly at home too.

## The 12 Days of a Green(er) Christmas

**On the first day of Christmas** If you buy a real Christmas tree, get it from a sustainable source. After Christmas plant it or take it to a local recycling centre. You can even rent a tree.

**On the second day of Christmas** If you need some new Christmas lights or electrical goods don't bin the old ones, donate them, or take them to your local recycling centre.

**On the third day of Christmas** Buy recycled Christmas cards, send an e-card or make your own. **Re-use cards and wrapping.** Make Christmas tags out of old Christmas cards. Recycled brown paper has a much lower ecological footprint than Christmas wrapping paper. You can decorate it yourself.

**On the fourth day of Christmas** Give homemade presents. Fun to make and more personal.

**On the fifth day of Christmas** Buying presents that use batteries? If so, why not add recycled batteries and a charger?

**On the sixth day of Christmas** When shopping use your LOAF  
LOCAL ————— ORGANIC ————— ANIMAL FRIENDLY ————— FAIRTRADE

**On the seventh day of Christmas** Buy eco-crackers or, in the best Blue Peter tradition, make your own. all you need is a few tube rolls, paper and some small gifts people might actually want, and you get to write the mottos and jokes ha ha.

**On the eighth day of Christmas** Decorate a tree for wildlife (suet balls etc), but make sure it's where the birds can see the cat coming. Use fallen twigs to create a 5-pointed star and find other natural things to decorate it with.

**On the ninth day of Christmas** Use the wrapping paper recycling test: scrunch it up into a ball, if it stays in shape, you can recycle it. Alternatively use magazine articles to wrap presents, the recipient will enjoy reading them.

**On the tenth day of Christmas** if possible, freeze leftovers rather than binning them.

**On the eleventh day of Christmas** Had time to read all those magazines you bought to over the festive period. Why not pass them on to a friend in the New Year?

**On the twelfth day of Christmas** Why not make your own eco-resolution. Check out our Eco Tips [www.stalbanofferton.org.uk](http://www.stalbanofferton.org.uk) - Eco Church.

## Wear your Christmas Jumper

Bring your under 5's to Praise & Play on 19<sup>th</sup> December and wear your Christmas Jumper with pride all donations will be given to the Children's Society. Father Christmas will be there.



## CHRISTMAS FAIR

**St Albans Christmas Fair**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 11am-1pm**  
Raffle, tombola, tea/cake, children's crafts and much more.  
Come along and join in the fun



We're going to have another go to make our bug hotel – weather permitting.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm after our Christmas Fair**  
Come to the Fair and stay to make the hotel – bring your wellies.



## Celebrate National Hot Chocolate Day

with us, come along to church and indulge in a yummy hot chocolate and biscuits. (or if you prefer coffee or tea)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**12.30pm-1.30pm**

All funds raised will go towards Church repairs.



## Christmas Services

We hope you will join in St Alban's services to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 17<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm – St Alban's Carol Service
- 21<sup>st</sup> December 7.30pm – **Blue Christmas Service** – a service to remember our loved ones who are no longer with us and putting their names on the remembrance tree.
- 24<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm – Christingle Service – a service for everyone.
- 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm – Christmas Eve Midnight Mass – a joyous service to welcome our Lord.

**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

**2024 our year for going for Bronze with A Rocha - Eco Church**