

## Press Release

Embargoed until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

The Reverend Imogen Nay announced on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May that St Andrew's had achieved the Eco Church Gold Award, one of only five churches across the country that has achieved this award. She said:

'It is great to announce that we have received this Award on my last Sunday in Rugby; the Award is the result of hard work not only of our congregation members and staff but also the local community. We have been amazed at the way the community has supported us in our eco ventures, from the making of eco bricks, to support for our St Andrew's Garden Project and to attending our Sustainable Saturday Fayres. We have been exploring new ways to worship and this has taken us outside with the development of Muddy Church. The momentum and enthusiasm behind a genuine love and care for creation is strong in Rugby; for us this is only the beginning of the journey and we look forward to working in partnership with many more people and organisations to transform our local communities to make them healthier environments for all to live in.'

Eco Church is a scheme run by A Rocha, a Christian environmental charity. To find out more about the scheme visit: <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/how-eco-church-works/>

To find out more about St Andrew's Eco Church journey and get involved visit [www.standrewrugby.org.uk](http://www.standrewrugby.org.uk)



Muddy Church activities, above.