



ST. COLUMBA'S



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Global Recycling Day

18th Mar 2026

Find out more

Does your parish offer kerbside recycling? If not write to your constable.



Earth Day

22nd April 2026

The very first Earth Day was in 1970

Find out more about Earth Day



Earth Hour



Earth Hour takes place on 28th March 2026 at 8.30pm. All over the world people will be switching off non essential lights to show support for the environment and to raise awareness about energy consumption. 2026 also marks the 20th anniversary of Earth Hour. It's easy to take part - just turn off any non-essential lights and electrical items for an hour. Last year supporters in 118 countries took part.

Find out more about Earth Hour



No Mow May

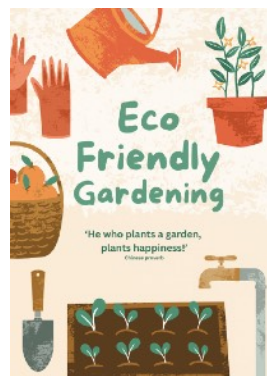
Don't rush to cut your lawn. Letting your grass grow a bit longer and leaving a few weeds like dandelions and clover helps our pollinators.



There are lots of eco friendly gardening tips on the church website.

Click here

Why not share any tips you have?



St. Columba's Church

ECO FRIENDLY TIPS



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In Jersey, several common recycling myths persist, with the primary one being that all recycled waste is ultimately sent to the incinerator (Energy Recovery Facility, or ERF). This is false; the majority is processed and shipped to the UK or Europe for recycling into new materials.

Repair Cafe

In Jersey we are lucky to have the Repair Cafe which fixes all sorts of broken things.

There is a list of all the Repair Cafes taking place in 2026 in the church entrance and on the [church website](#)

Help!

Is there anybody who could help give the church 'pollen patch' a gentle spring tidy up?

It shouldn't take longer than an hour.

Email me if you can help

Thank you



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Wild Christian

Why not join?



Myth: All of Jersey's recycling is incinerated

Fact: Only contaminated loads of sorted waste (e.g., paper or cardboard mixed with non-recyclable materials) are burned. The majority of properly sorted materials are packaged on-island and transported to specialist processing facilities in the UK and Europe.

- Metals are sent to the UK to be separated and sold for processing.
- Paper, cardboard, and plastic bottles are baled and shipped to UK processing facilities.
- Glass is often crushed and used locally as an aggregate in construction projects.

Myth: All plastics with a recycling symbol can be recycled in Jersey

Fact: Jersey only recycles specific types of plastic: primarily plastic bottles (PET 1 and HDPE 2). Items such as plastic pots, tubs, and trays (often made of lower-grade or mixed plastics) are currently not recyclable through the standard parish or bring-bank systems due to a lack of viable local or international processing solutions.

Myth: You can put any food or drink cartons in the recycling

Fact: Food and drink cartons (like Tetrapaks) are not currently widely accepted in Jersey's main recycling system, as they require specialist machinery to separate the component layers. The current solution for these is energy recovery (incineration).

Myth: Rinsing containers isn't necessary

Fact: Food containers, such as plastic or metal trays, should be scraped clean of any leftovers and given a quick rinse. Dirty or contaminated items can spoil an entire load of otherwise recyclable materials, meaning the whole batch has to be sent for incineration.

Myth: Recycling is the most important waste action

Fact: The Government of Jersey promotes the waste hierarchy of reduce, reuse, then recycle. Reducing overall consumption and reusing items has a greater environmental benefit than recycling, which is considered the last resort before disposal.

For accurate and up-to-date information on what can and cannot be recycled, residents should check the [Government of Jersey's household recycling and waste guidance](#).

