

As part of the Parish's LiveSimply accreditation the cubs have taken a particular interest in the Living Sustainably part. We have also started work towards our global conservation badge.

So today we would like to introduce the project that we are working with the wider parish on to help achieve the LiveSimply accreditation and our cub badge. We are helping to launch a recycling scheme for the parish in the hall.

On Friday we learnt about the three Rs, reduce, recycle and reuse.
Recycling is really important to reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfill and it will get a lot easier for everyone in the Parish to do so. At cubs we had to sort out bags of rubbish in to what could be recycled and what could not. We were all very surprised with the amount of normal rubbish that can now be recycled.


Most of us recycle at home but now we will have new recycling bins in the hall. There will be three different coloured bins each collecting different types of rubbish and we have made posters to explain what goes in each.

The blue bin is for all paper items like old Mass sheets, newspapers and cardboard.

The yellow bin is for mixed recycling and includes aluminium cans, glass bottles, drink cartons (Tetra Paks) and hard plastic bottles and containers.

The third contain is for general waste only and should only be used for items that can't be put in any of the other containers.

As well as the three coloured bins, we will also be collecting milk bottle tops which will be recycled by a wheelchair charity, food waste and scraps which have its specific box, and old mobile telephones, printer cartridges and batteries.

Finally we would like to share some of our favourite recycling facts:
Recycling two glass bottles saves enough energy to boil enough water for five cups of tea!

If all cans in the UK were recycled, we would need 14 million fewer dustbins
Recycled paper produces $73 \%$ less air pollution than if it was made from raw materials.

Plastic can take up to 500 years to decompose.
Up to $60 \%$ of the rubbish that ends up in the dustbin could be recycled
Lastly, 9 out of 10 people would recycle more if it were made easier. Well, the LiveSimply campaign has made it easier for all of us to recycle at the church and hall. So before you throw it away in the red bin think Can it be Recycled!?

Thank you for listening

