Under the Sun Festival

Whatever the weather, the sun has been shining in Wakefield this summer, Luke Jerrams' 'Helios' installation has been in WX all summer, with lots of events taking place under the sun. Churches from the Wakefield City region and beyond joined in the One Earth Under the Sun festival at the beginning of July, to showcase all things Eco Church.

Church members from Pontefract, Methley and Wakefield ran a stall displaying information about some of the eco projects which our churches have undertaken. We had information about the solar panels on St Giles' church in Pontefract, hints and tips for becoming an Eco Church from St Oswald's Methley, which is a Gold awarded Eco Church, and information about the eco group at Wakefield Cathedral. We also had a quiz about the wildlife which makes its home in our churchyards.

The whole festival was a day full of joy and hope. Organisations from across the region which are involved in environmental action were there. When climate change feels very close to home and hard to fix, it was such an encouragement to see so many people involved in making the world a better place. There was a fashion show from pre-loved clothes, wildflower seeds for your garden, advice about making your home more energy efficient and much more besides. Lots of people were surprised to see the church at an event like this, and it was a great opportunity to show people that the church cares about the planet. We also had the chance to talk to churchgoers and encourage them to get their churches to sign up to Eco Church.

The event was organised by Just Transition Wakefield, a network of organisations and individuals who care about the environment, working to help Wakefield become a zero carbon region.

