

LOVE IN ACTION



CARE OF CREATION



A few years ago Evie had an idea. Within their parish grounds was a piece of derelict land. She got together some fellow parishioners and spoke with the parish priest about creating a garden. Now, Evie wasn't a mad-keen gardener, but she knew the damage we're doing to the environment. In a small way, she wanted to give something back to creation, and have a small piece of the Garden of Eden in the centre of the city.

The idea took off. For ten years people have come together to grow fruit and veg. Not only do they come together as a community, but each week they sell their weekly produce to fellow parishioners and donate the money to charity to support communities needing help to grow their own food. It's a lovely circle.

It's also helped the parish to realise their reliance on the earth, and look to other ways to care for the creation God has made us stewards over.



Pope Francis, *On the Care for our Common Home*, 13-14

Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded. I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet".

