Useful online resources, to support environmental action by churches
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Net Zero

- The CofE net zero carbon church landing page
- The CofE practical path to net zero - including links to a two page summary guidance note and a self guided checklist any church can use
- Case studies
- Webinars - including heating, lighting, solar panels, EV car charging, and more
- Heating – including new case studies
- Energy efficiency – created by the DEO Energy Group
- Conference video of Matt Fulford talking about St Michael and all Angles, Britain’s first Net Zero Carbon church
- Video on the Results from the church energy audits
- Journey to Net Zero - introduction to net zero from the The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) (Baptists, Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church)
- Useful carbon reduction tips from the Methodist Church website
- Church of England Declaration by General Synod in February and Update paper to General Synod - the final net zero definition is attached to this as an appendix

Carbon footprint

- CofE churches - Energy Footprint Tool
- Any churches - 360Carbon - includes energy, transport, food, procurement, and more

Buildings advice

- Historic England guidance and webinar programme
- SPAB - Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings
- For CofE churches, your DAC
- Find a Building Services Engineer, e.g. for heating guidance, from the CIBSE Directory
- Find an accredited installer for solar panels

Funding

- CofE grants funding guide from Parish Resources
- And a suite for “how to” guides from Parish Resources.
- Community Energy England funding opportunities
- For local grants, find out whether you have a local CVS (Council for Voluntary Services). If so, they generally have a free searchable grants directory. Also contact the sustainability or community engagement officer at your local authority
- Two CofE webinars on ‘green’ fundraising for environmental projects are coming up in September (book here)
- Small grants to take part in Great Big Green Week (September 18-26) with the Climate Coalition
Transport

- Useful carbon footprint transport calculator from Climate Stewards - *allows you to compare journeys*
- LiftShare UK
- OZEV - grants for EV car charging posts
- EV charging posts Zap Map
- (Plus the church webinar programme - above - includes a webinar on EV car charging.)
- For the keen cyclist - the cathedral cycle route challenge

Land and nature

- Land and nature webinar programme
- Churches Count on Nature partnership project
- Caring for God's Acre free resources - *including starter pack which they can post you*
- CofE Biodiversity page and Trees page
- Find your local Wildlife Trust, who are often very open to joint working to support community action
- Wild About Gardens scroll down for booklets on different species and on ponds
- Find your Local Environmental Records Centre for help with species identification and recording

Frameworks for church / diocesan action

- Eco Church, plus their resources, plus Eco Church case studies and webinars from the CofE.
- Eco Dioceses page on A Rocha website and on CofE website
- The climate emergency toolkit

Frameworks for individual / household action

- Creation Care, a framework for households which congregations can follow together
- Count us in - 16 high impact steps which individuals can take to cut carbon
- WWF Footprint Calculator - simple footprint tool, and an informative process

Frameworks for schools and youth

- For schools: resources from Let’s Go Zero, Eco Schools, Christian Aid, and PECT
- For youth engagement: resources from Tearfund, Christian Aid, and ACEN

Worship and music

- Many resources have been compiled by Climate Sunday and by Christian Concern for One World
- Outdoor worship guidance page
- Creation-themed liturgy A Time for Creation
- Liturgy for the Agricultural Year
- Doxecology by Resound worship
- Sermon resources at Sustainable Preaching and Greening the Lectionary
- Bishop Olivia of Reading's theological reflections (+Olivia chairs the Oxford net zero taskforce)
- A Rocha International - YouTube channel - search for Dave Bookless New Wine talks NL 2020

COP26

- Climate Sunday – *the main focus for churches in the run up to COP26 in Glasgow*
- Youth Relay - YCCN organised relay from the G7 in Cornwall to COP26 in Glasgow
- Make COP Count - *the coalition of faith groups with the advocacy calls from COP*

Campaigns by partner organisations

- The Climate Coalition Declaration
- Christian Aid, Tearfund and CAFOD hosting a year of prayer for the climate
Church of England Environment Programme

- Landing page
- Newsletter sign up
- Diocesan Environment Officer map

Methodist Church Environment Programme - Environment and Climate Change

Church of England buildings resources

- Joint statement by the CBC and CFCE
- Gloucester DAC environmental policy
- Updated QI guidance including more on the environment
- Best practice note for architects and surveyors on building the environment into Quinquennial Inspections
- Best practice note for architects and surveyors on building the environment into their project work

Procurement (Church of England Parish Buying, other denominations have Church Buying)

- Green energy basket
- Energy audits (currently closed, likely to reopen after the summer)
- LED lighting
- Solar panels
- https://bigcleanswitch.org/ - for good green and ethical energy broking advice

Ethical Investment

- Church Commissioners
- Pensions Board (including their recent report on the fossil fuel industry)
- CCLA (including article on CCLA fund goes fossil fuel free)
- Methodists

Some very useful external resources:

- Hope for the Future - for engaging with your politicians
- Katharine Hayhoe, a world leading climate communicator, on how to talk about climate
- Project DrawDown, an excellent overview of climate issues and workable climate solutions
- Climate Outreach "Communicating climate change in a crisis" – scroll down to find the video
- Has your council declared a climate emergency? Search the listings of climate emergency declarations here and find their climate plans here.
- Climate Outreach "how to have a climate change conversation"

And finally, lots of things in once place: Diocese of Oxford EcoHub and Lincolnshire Ecumenical Partnership