

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](#)