

**Useful online resources,**

**to support environmental action by churches**

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**Net Zero**

* [The CofE net zero carbon church landing page](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church)
* [The CofE practical path to net zero](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church/practical-path-net-zero-carbon-churches) - *including links to a two page summary guidance note and a self guided checklist any church can use*
* [Case studies](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/towards-net-zero-carbon-case)
* [Webinars](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/webinars-getting-net-zero-carbon#na) *- including heating, lighting, solar panels, EV car charging, and more*
* [Heating](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/heating) – *including new case studies*
* [Energy efficiency](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/energy-efficiency-measures) *– 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkuFn7zF_9o&t=3s)
* Video on the [Results from the church energy audits](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3YYgo9_KPds&t=2s)
* [Journey to Net Zero](http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/journeytonetzero/) *- 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](https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/environment-and-climate-change/take-action-carbon-reduction-tips/) from the Methodist Church website
* Church of England [Declaration by General Synod in February](https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/news/general-synod-sets-2030-net-zero-carbon-target) and [Update paper to General Synod](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-11/GS%20Misc%201262%20EWG%20update.pdf) - *the final net zero definition is attached to this as an appendix*

**Carbon footprint**

* CofE churches - [Energy Footprint Tool](https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/energyfootprinting)
* Any churches - [360Carbon](https://360carbon.org/) - *includes energy, transport, food, procurement, and more*

**Buildings advice**

* [Historic England guidance](https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/technical-advice/energy-efficiency-and-historic-buildings/) and [webinar programme](https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/training-skills/online-training/webinars/)
* [SPAB](https://www.spab.org.uk/advice/knowledge-base) - Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings
* For CofE churches, [your DAC](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/church-buildings-council/how-we-manage-our-buildings/diocesan-advisory)
* Find a Building Services Engineer, e.g. for heating guidance, from the [CIBSE Directory](https://www.cibse.org/building-services/find-a-specialist)
* Find an [accredited installer for solar panels](https://mcscertified.com/find-an-installer/)

**Funding**

* CofE grants [funding guide from Parish Resources](https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Charitable-Grants-for-Churches-Jul-2020.pdf)
* And a suite for [“how to” guides from Parish Resources](https://www.parishresources.org.uk/resources-for-treasurers/funding/funding-guides-capital-fundraising/).
* Community Energy England [funding opportunities](https://communityenergyengland.org/pages/funding-opportunities-2)
* 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](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/webinars-getting-net-zero-carbon#na))
* [Small grants to take part in Great Big Green Week](https://greatbiggreenweek.com/funding/) (September 18-26) with the Climate Coalition

**Transport**

* Useful carbon footprint [transport calculator](https://www.climatestewards.org/offset/) from Climate Stewards - *allows you to compare journeys*
* [LiftShare UK](https://liftshare.com/uk)
* [OZEV](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-grants-for-low-emission-vehicles) - grants for EV car charging posts
* EV charging posts [Zap Map](https://www.zap-map.com/charge-points/)
* (Plus the church webinar programme - above - includes a webinar on EV car charging.)
* For the keen cyclist - [the cathedral cycle route challenge](https://www.cyclinguk.org/cathedrals-cycle-route-challenge)

**Land and nature**

* [Land and nature webinar programme](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/webinars-land-and-nature-churches-count-nature-week)
* [Churches Count on Nature](https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/expression-of-interest-in-churches-count-on-nature-2021/) partnership project
* [Caring for God’s Acre free resources](https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/resources/) - *including starter pack which they can post you*
* CofE [Biodiversity page](https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/biodiversity)and [Trees page](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/trees)
* Find your local [Wildlife Trust](https://www.wildlifetrusts.org), who are often very open to joint working to support community action
* [Wild About Gardens](https://www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk/) scroll down for booklets on different species and on ponds
* Find your [Local Environmental Records Centre](https://www.alerc.org.uk/lerc-finder.html) for help with species identification and recording

**Frameworks for church / diocesan action**

* [Eco Church](https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/), plus their [resources](https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/resources/), plus [Eco Church case studies and webinars](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/our-stories/eco-church) from the CofE.
* [Eco Dioceses page on A Rocha website](https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/denominational-awards/eco-diocese/) and on [CofE website](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/our-stories/eco-diocese)
* The [climate emergency toolkit](https://www.climateemergencytoolkit.com/)

**Frameworks for individual / household action**

* [Creation Care](https://creationcare.org.uk/), a framework for households which congregations can follow together
* [Count us in](https://www.count-us-in.org/) - 16 high impact steps which individuals can take to cut carbon
* [WWF Footprint Calculator](https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/) - simple footprint tool, and an informative process

**Frameworks for schools and youth**

* For schools: resources from [Let’s Go Zero](https://letsgozero.org/), [Eco Schools](https://www.ecoschools.global/), [Christian Aid](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/schools/global-neighbours/about-accreditation-scheme), and [PECT](https://www.pect.org.uk/projects/eco-charter/)
* For youth engagement: resources from [Tearfund](https://weare.tearfund.org/burning-down-the-house/), [Christian Aid](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/climate-justice-youth-resources), and [ACEN](https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/materials/ideas-for-action/spiritual-living/tread-gently-go-green/)

**Worship and music**

* Many resources have been compiled by [Climate Sunday](https://www.climatesunday.org/service-resources) and by [Christian Concern for One World](https://www.ccow.org.uk/creation-gods-gifts-our-responses/)
* [Outdoor worship](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/outdoor-worship) guidance page
* Creation-themed liturgy [A Time for Creation](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/time-creation)
* Liturgy for the [Agricultural Year](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/times-and-seasons-4)
* [Doxecology](https://www.resoundworship.org/projects/doxecology) by Resound worship
* Sermon resources at [Sustainable Preaching](http://sustainable-preaching.org/) and [Greening the Lectionary](https://www.greeningthelectionary.net/)
* [Bishop Olivia of Reading’s theological reflections](https://www.oxford.anglican.org/mission-ministry/making-a-difference/environment/theology-and-liturgical-resources/) (+Olivia chairs the Oxford net zero taskforce)
* [A Rocha International - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/c/ArochaOrg/videos) channel - search for Dave Bookless New Wine talks NL 2020

**COP26**

* [Climate Sunday](https://www.climatesunday.org/) – *the main focus for churches in the run up to COP26 in Glasgow*
* [Youth Relay](https://www.yccn.uk/) - *YCCN organised relay from the G7 in Cornwall to COP26 in Glasgow*
* [Make COP Count](https://faithfortheclimate.org.uk/getting-ready-for-cop26) - *the coalition of faith groups with the advocacy calls from COP*

**Campaigns by partner organisations**

* [The Climate Coalition Declaration](https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/declaration)
* Christian Aid, Tearfund and CAFOD hosting a [year of prayer](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/prayer-chain) for the climate

**Church of England Environment Programme**

* [Landing page](https://www.churchofengland.org/environment)
* [Newsletter sign up](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/environment-programme-news)
* [Diocesan Environment Officer map](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/diocesan-environmental-officers-map)

**Methodist Church Environment Programme -** [Environment and Climate Change](https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/environment-and-climate-change/)

**Church of England buildings resources**

* [Joint statement by the CBC and CFCE](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-05/CCB_statement_on_sustainablity.pdf)
* [Gloucester DAC environmental policy](https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/DAC-Environmental-Policy-2020.pdf)
* [Updated QI guidance](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/quinquennial-inspections) including more on the environment

**Procurement (Church of England Parish Buying, other denominations have** [**Church Buying**](https://www.churchbuying.org.uk/)**)**

* [Green energy basket](https://www.parishbuying.org.uk/categories/energy/energy-basket)
* [Energy audits](https://www.parishbuying.org.uk/categories/energy/energy-basket/audit) (currently closed, likely to reopen after the summer)
* [LED lighting](https://www.parishbuying.org.uk/categories/led-lighting)
* [Solar panels](https://www.parishbuying.org.uk/categories/net-zero-2030/45-categories/net-zero-2030/230-solar-pv)
* <https://bigcleanswitch.org/> - for good green and ethical energy broking advice

**Ethical Investment**

* [Church Commissioners](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/church-commissioners-england/how-we-invest/responsible-investment-1)
* [Pensions Board](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/church-england-pensions-board/pensions-board-investments-0) (Including their recent report on the [fossil fuel industry](https://www.transitionpathwayinitiative.org/publications/60.pdf?type=Publication))
* [CCLA](https://www.ccla.co.uk/our-policies/environmental-policy) (including article on [CCLA fund goes fossil fuel free](https://brightnow.org.uk/news/ccla-fossil-free-fund/))
* [Methodists](https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/environment-and-climate-change/ethical-investment/)

**Some very useful external resources:**

* [Hope for the Future](https://www.hftf.org.uk/faith) - for engaging with your politicians
* Katharine Hayhoe, a world leading climate communicator, on [how to talk about climate](https://mymedia.leeds.ac.uk/Mediasite/Play/842d41104f4549e2b04c1374b033e5a41d)
* Project DrawDown, an excellent overview of [climate issues and workable climate solutions](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOTLtrt6OIE&t=3719s)
* Climate Outreach “[Communicating climate change in a crisis](https://climateoutreach.org/reports/communicating-climate-during-covid-19/)” – scroll down to find the video
* Has your council declared a climate emergency? Search the [listings of climate emergency declarations](https://www.climateemergency.uk/blog/map-of-local-council-declarations/) here and [find their climate plans here](https://data.climateemergency.uk/).
* Climate Outreach “[how to have a climate change conversation](https://climateoutreach.org/reports/how-to-have-a-climate-change-conversation-talking-climate/)”

And finally, **lots of things in once place**: [Diocese of Oxford EcoHub](https://www.oxford.anglican.org/mission-ministry/making-a-difference/environment/ecohub/) and [Lincolnshire Ecumenical Partnership](https://www.faithenvlincs.org/resources)