We believe that responding to the climate crisis is an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation and achieve a just world. Climate change hits hardest the poorest countries and poorest people of the world. Meantime, the widespread destruction of the natural world is a crisis for creation.

Our Environment Programme exists to enable the whole Church to address this in faith, practice and mission. This includes tackling our own carbon emissions (aiming for Net Zero Carbon by 2030) and our wider work.

**Tackling our carbon emissions (Net Zero Carbon by 2030)**

**Case studies & NEW videos**

Get inspired and see what is possible.

Watch our new videos, and browse our bank of case studies. They show practical action around the country by churches, schools, cathedrals, and on clergy housing.

Projects include solar panels, heat pumps, pew heating, and far more, with many on listed buildings.

[Explore the case studies](#)

**Routemap to Net Zero Carbon**

The national Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030 shows our direction of travel as a Church, towards [General Synod's landmark motion](#).

General Synod will be asked to endorse the Routemap in July 2022.

Reading it will help guide your own plans.

[Read the Routemap](#)

**Church guidance**

Our Net Zero Carbon Church landing page is where to find guidance on how to tackle your church's energy use.

Make a start with the Practical Path to Net Zero Carbon for Churches. Use our interactive diagram to find advice on solar panels, heating, LED lighting, and more.

[Find guidance for your church](#)

**Other useful Net Zero Carbon pages**

- Book onto our series of [Net Zero Carbon webinars](#), or watch the videos of past topics (heating, solar panels, EV car charging, and far more).
- Read about [Net Zero Carbon schools](#)
Find our Environmental Fundraising resources

Read the joint statement by the Church Buildings Council and Cathedral Fabric Commission of England on how these issues will inform its decisions and guidance.

Read the best practice notes for architects and surveyors, describing how to integrate environmental matters into Quinquennial Inspections and into project work.

Go to Parish Buying for help with getting green electricity and gas, energy audits, solar panels, and pew heating.

Find your local Diocesan Environment Officer.

Carbon Footprint tools and reports

Use the Energy Footprint Tool to help you work out the carbon footprint of your church.

Read the latest report from the EFT, showing the carbon footprint of churches, including the averages for different kinds of church.

Use the wider Energy Toolkit for your school, cathedral, TEI, clergy housing, or office.

Read the latest report from the Energy Toolkit, showing the total carbon footprint of churches, schools, housing, and other buildings, broken down by type and by diocese.

Use the wider 360Carbon footprinting tool from Climate Stewards (covering energy, water, transport, food, and purchases).

Our wider work

Eco Church

The Eco Church scheme is a great way to get all parts of your church life working to care for creation. It helps you to engage practically and spiritually, with people in your church and the community beyond.

Start by filling in the Eco Church survey and see how close you are to winning an award already.

Sign up today

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a time when churches all over the world celebrate God’s gift of creation. To help you and your church get involved in this global movement, we’ve got ideas for churches, communities, and children and young people.
The Season runs from 1 September to 4 October, so find a date to suit you and join in.

Join in

**Land and nature**

The crisis affecting nature is as great as the climate crisis. Caring for creation means looking after our land for the benefit of nature and people.

These case studies will give you ideas of how you can look after the land around your church to encourage biodiversity.

Be inspired

**About the Environment Programme**

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**The National Environment Working Group**

The National Environment Working Group is the main national committee on the environment, setting direction and reviewing progress.

Membership:

- Rt Revd Graham Usher (chair) - Bishop of Norwich
- Rt Revd Olivia Graham - Bishop of Reading
• Rt Revd John Thompson - Bishop of Selby
• The Ven Stephen Taylor - Archdeacon of Maidstone
• Revd Canon Giles Goddard - Vicar and chair Faith for the Climate
• Revd Canon Dr Victoria Johnson - Canon at York Minster and member of Mission & Public Affairs Council
• Revd Dave Bookless - Director of Theology for A Rocha International
• Dr Robyn Pender - Senior Architectural Conservator at Historic England and member of the Cathedral Fabrics Commission for England
• Jemima Parker - Diocesan Environment Officer, Leeds
• Hannah Malcolm - ordinand, theologian and member of Young Christian Climate Network
• Dr Ruth Valerio - Director of Global Advocacy and Influencing at Tearfund
• Becky Clark - Director of Cathedral and Church Buildings Division
• Malcolm Brown - Director of Faith and Public Life Division
• Bess Joffe - Head of Responsible Investment Church Commissioners
• Mark Betson - National Rural Officer, MPA
• Robyn Ford - Estates and Policy Officer, Education Office

Secretariat:
• Jo Chamberlain - Environment Officer, Faith and Public Life
• Catherine Ross - Open and Sustainable Churches Officer, Cathedral and Church Buildings Division

Lead Bishop for the Environment

Bishop Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich, is the lead bishop on the environment. He shares his vision and priorities here.
The Bishop of Norwich on a garden bench
Sign up for our Newsletter

Sign up to our newsletter for quarterly news updates and monthly webinar listings.

Amazing work is already taking place in churches, cathedrals, schools and dioceses across the country and we are well placed to share news, tips and resources. Please contact us to share your news.

Find your local Diocesan Environment Officer

Scroll down below the map to find your local DEO.

Latest news

Find environmental news stories by scrolling down here.

Contact us

Email the Environment Programme staff team.

"Reducing the causes of climate change is essential to the life of faith. It is a way to love our neighbour and to steward the gift of creation."

Archbishop Justin Welby

Learn more

Take action

Take real steps to reduce your carbon footprint

Celebrate creation
Find prayers, hymns and songs that celebrate the environment.

Climate resilience

Take action to protect your church & community from climate risks.

Environmental fundraising

Use our resources to help raise money for your environmental projects.

Why you should act

Learn the facts about climate change and our duty to God’s Earth.

Parish Buying

Centrally procured green energy, energy audits, solar panel & more.

Parish Buying logo

Church Commissioner for England.

Stewardship - Church Commissioners

Read the Church Commissioners approach to responsible investment.
Stewardship - Pensions Board

Read the Pensions Board approach to responsible investment.

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