The Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher, the Church of England’s lead bishop for the environment, said: “The message of today's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Sixth Assessment Report is loud and clear: ‘Wake up world!’

“It is time to stop playing political games and take action now.

“We are already seeing the effects of the climate emergency around the world - and it is the world's economically poorest people who are already suffering the most.

“So it is our moral duty and a Christian calling to do all we can to try to turn the tide.

“In just a few months at COP26 there will be an opportunity to act, our leaders must seize this moment and deliver real and impactful change for the future of God's creation.

“We don't have a spare Earth – this is our precious home.”