

## Environment Working Group 3 year plan 2019 – 2022

### Five Marks of Mission in Creation

We aim to support, encourage and enable the whole CofE to pray, speak and act prophetically on environmental issues, which threaten the flourishing of the whole of creation.



Priority reflects whether outcomes can be delivered by others not the importance of the issue

		OUTCOME	POTENTIAL PARTNERS	ACTION for 2019	By Jan 2022	Who leads?
<b>1.To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom</b>  <i>Gospel of Creation (see Laudato Si). Earth is the place to experience the love of God</i>  <i>Release of all life from bondage and captivity (Isaiah vision, Lord's Prayer)</i>  <i>Healing of brokenness (including the Earth – tikkun olam)</i>	1.1	Increased focus on and promotion of Creationtide in prayer & worship	Digital team, Communications Team, Setting God's People Free, Anglican Communion, Season for Creation and ECEN.	Develop further reflection materials and short films for promotion  Add Creationtide pages to the main website  Promote Creationtide anthem  Promote Cathedral Education resources	Increased awareness of Creationtide resources  Increased downloads of materials  Closer link with Season for Creation and at least one major event a year	Vicky Johnson to lead with DEO liturgy group  Dave Bookless to provide link to Season for Creation  MPA/CCB role Environmental Advisor
	1.2	Develop environmental connections throughout liturgical year – Lent, Rogationtide etc.	National Rural Officer & network, Church House Publishing, Ministry team, Global Season of Creation group, ECEN, Lambeth, Digital team, +St Albans.	Produce materials for main liturgy pages of C of E website  Create yearly seasonal and liturgical calendar of reflections for website and promotion  Sustainable preaching website lectionary notes	Environmental elements to each Lent campaign  Sustainable preaching website promoted and well used	Vicky Johnson  Dave Bookless to link with Ruth Valerio work  Environmental Advisor

2. To teach, baptise and <u>nurture</u> new believers		OUTCOME	POTENTIAL PARTNERS	ACTION for 2019	TARGET by Jan 2022	Who leads?
<i>Belief in God as Creator, Jesus as second Adam and Spirit as Sustainer of life</i>  <i>Sharing and caring - core behaviours resulting from belief (Covenantal relationships)</i>  <i>Nurture from and for sacredness of whole Creation</i>	2.1	Promotion and development of pilgrimage and journeying	Green Pilgrimage Network, ECEN, Diocese of Canterbury	Identify suitable partners - link with work from University of York (modern interpretation of pilgrimage links)	To develop the link with pilgrimage – encountering God in creation and Celtic liturgies	Stephen Taylor  Becky Clark  MPA/CCB role
	2.2	Raise profile of environment in education	Education Department, Christian Aid, Diddy Disciples, Eco Schools, Messy Church, Messy Science, Boards of Education	Work with Board of Education to provide good resources  Promote Less CO2 Southwark C of E pilot  Letters for Creation project coordinator appointed  Rachel Neaum to be invited to Sept. EWG	Ensure that creation and environment are part of core curriculum in all C of E schools  Form closer link with Eco Schools	+Richard  MPA role  DEOs
	2.3	Raise profile in Ministry development	MinDiv. Equipping Christian Leadership, Winchester University	Work with MinDiv  Create good materials incl. for Chaplains  Nominated champion on each course  Opportunity to push Durham again but Ministry Div. also accredit courses	Every college & course to be delivering a theology of creation & environment to all as mandatory  Integration into existing streams	+Richard  Stephen Taylor  Dave Bookless  Environmental advisor
	2.4	Raise profile in lay ministry development	MinDiv., National Rural Officer, JRI, Setting God's People Free	Menu item on Soul[food]  Form closer links with JRI & CRES course	All reader training to include creation and environment as core subject	+Kingston Stephen Taylor Dave Bookless Philip Fletcher

	2.5	Raised profile of Church work	Communications, Digital, Bishops Environment Group, ECEN, ACEN	Produce film, successes card & debate at Synod  Creationtide resources  Newsletters & continued communications  High level statement at UN Climate Summit	Environmental awareness and action across parishes  Press coverage increase  Increased downloads of materials and engagement on social media	+Graham  Environmental Advisor  DEOs
<b>3. To respond to human need by <u>loving</u> service</b>  <i>Love and service expressed through sustainable lifestyle and community living</i>  <i>Justice and care for environmentally vulnerable people and places</i>  <i>Preferential option for those whose lives are environmentally at risk – ‘Planetary hospice workers’</i> <i>Development of sustainable communities and churches to preserve and replenish life of whole world</i>		<b>OUTCOME</b>	<b>POTENTIAL PARTNERS</b>	<b>ACTION for 2019</b>	<b>TARGET by Jan 2022</b>	<b>Who leads?</b>
	3.1	Focus on issues of climate justice, ensuring advocacy for those most affected by climate change	CA, Cafod, Tearfund, Lambeth, USPG, Anglican Communion, Faith for the Climate and Anglican Alliance  UK based refugee bodies, Greener UK, Farming welfare	Identify and improve working with partners, especially development agencies  Take active part in Speak Up Week  Letter for Creation campaign with schools and parishes  Make links to Ruth Valerio Lent book  Tree planting partnership project (ECEN)  Maintain and grow links with Government. Advocate for net zero emissions target  Grow links and joint working with Investments, Pensions and EIAG work	New and stronger links created with Anglican Communion through Letters for Creation and Lambeth Conference. Legacy created  International Ecumenical work – combined statement on the environment – ARCIC 3 (Walking in the way)  Join with ecumenical partners Road to 2030 work	Environmental Advisor  +Nick  Giles Goddard

	3.2	Empower and encourage parishes and church congregations to support action on justice and climate change	NGOs, Hope for the Future, Faith for the Climate, Climate Coalition, A Rocha, +Oxford	<p>Links with Evangelism &amp; Mission + Common Good (for all creation)</p> <p>Lifestyle – promotion of Good Money Week, Beach Clean, Spring Clean, Lent Challenge, Earth Day, Creationtide actions</p> <p>Support for the Love of</p> <p>Speak Up mass lobby of Parliament - 26 June</p>	<p>Encourage work with affected Link Dioceses/Provinces</p> <p>New and stronger links created through Letters for Creation and Lambeth Conference</p> <p>Promote and support Climate Coalition campaigns</p>	<p>Comms</p> <p>Environmental Advisor</p> <p>Giles Goddard</p> <p>+Graham</p>
	3.3	Increased use of Church land for the benefit of mental, physical and spiritual health	Guild of St Raphael, Church Times, Caring for God's Acre, Bats in Churches project team, Conservation Foundation, +Carlisle	Green Health film and event on 5 June	<p>Social prescribing partnerships widespread and links with NHS commissioners</p> <p>Increase in creative use of church land &amp; better management of churchyards</p>	<p>Environmental Advisor</p> <p>CCB role</p>
	3.4	Stronger Ecumenical/interfaith partnerships	Faith for the Climate, Lambeth, Catholics Bishops Conference, Board of Deputies, EIN	<p>UN Statement with Pope and Ecumenical Patriarch for Climate Summit</p> <p>Form closer links with Catholic Bishops office</p> <p>Support interfaith events at Speak Up event (26 June) and London Climate Week (1-8 July)</p>	<p>Updated Lambeth Declaration and action partnership</p>	<p>Environmental Advisor</p> <p>Giles Goddard</p> <p>Lambeth</p>

<p><b>4. To <u>transform</u> unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation</b></p> <p><i>Challenging links between loss of land/home/habitat and conflict – displaced peoples, destroyed species, desecrated space</i></p> <p><i>Pervasive economic injustice in trade and industry with damaging environmental consequences (travel miles, resource depletion, pollution)</i></p> <p><i>Affirming human interdependence in world's ecosystems and to reduce violent impacts on other species by making peace with the planet</i></p>	4.1	Stronger Anglican Communion partnership	ACEN (Renew our World aligned), USPG, CA, ECEN, Lambeth Design Group, Ruth Valerio & Rachel Mash, Jack Palmer-White, John Kafwanka	Letters for Creation project underway with schools and touring exhibition created  Lent book link - Ruth Valerio & member of design group to attend May EWG	Better linking with the AC – every church is the local church  Increased profile at Lambeth 2020  Lambeth rep link to EWG  Long term links with Anglican Communion including sharing of stories & Season for Creation	CCB/MPA role  Environmental Advisor  +Nicholas  +Graham
	4.2	Promotion and expansion of Transition Pathway Initiative and associated Church Commissioner work	NIBs, CCLA, +Manchester, Loretta Minghella, Edward Mason & Adam Matthews	Exploration of Impact investment opportunities in relation to church infrastructure – Church Energy Trust	Closer relationship and opportunities for revolving investment embraced	+Nicholas  Giles Goddard
<p><b>5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and <u>renew</u> the life of the earth</b></p> <p><i>Recognising our wholeness and connectedness to God's Earth (culture of solidarity)</i></p> <p><i>Acknowledging the damage of excessive burning of fossil fuels</i></p>	5.1	Promotion and expansion of Eco Church	A Rocha, DEO Energy Group	Encouraging Eco Dioceses and Eco Churches to share knowledge and work collaboratively  Promote diocesan Eco Church events  Enabling diocesan list of Eco churches to every DEO yearly  Eco Church reinforced with C of E content on website	2000 C of E churches and 30 Eco Dioceses with 10 awards  Forums established between Eco Churches to share best practice  NCI shared environmental objectives established to reinforce Eco Church	CCB/MPA role  Environmental Advisor  Robyn Pender

<i>and move urgently and deeply to renewable technologies and a low carbon future)</i>	5.2	Improved energy efficiency of C of E assets and exploration of opportunities	DEO Energy Group, Parish Buying, 2Buy2, Historic England, DAC Advisors, CCB, CFCE, Research & Stats. Schools Education Boards facilities managers, Ashden, Fit for the Future Network	CBC guidance on including sustainability advisor on the DAC  Historic England support officers links  Central footprint tool developed  Specialist support from HE for architect & advisor training & targeted help for highest emitting churches	Strategic framework for assisting churches including audits, advice, preferred suppliers list, implementation grants signposting  DAC/DEO Conference in 2020 Church Energy Trust  Completion of DEO Energy Group three year plan	CCB role  Robyn Pender  DEO Energy Group
	5.3	Increased promotion of churchyard value and management for biodiversity	Caring for God's Acre, Buglife, Woodland Trust, Kew, Conservation Foundation, Bats in Churches team	Promotion of new materials from CfGA and Grow Wild  Promotion of Bats in Churches project and work  Churchyard survey application submitted by Conservation Foundation  Millenium Yew survey with Church Times	Churchyards surveyed and recorded under the Church Heritage Record  Promotion of best practice from CfGA work  Database and mapping of biodiversity in churchyards	Environmental Advisor  CCB role  Bats in Churches team
	5.4	Integrate sustainability into National Church Institution structures	Church Commissioners, Pensions Board, Central Services, Research & Stats, General Synod environment group, DEO Energy Group	Regular stock take meeting across NCIs established  Carbon footprint of NCIs completed  Wording of shared environmental objectives drafted for NCI consideration	Establish single National Church Institution Environment Policy and procurement strategy  Increase numbers in and activity of General Synod Environment Group	Becky Clark  Malcolm Brown  Philip Fletcher  Giles Goddard  Catherine Grylls

	5.5	Improve local environmental action and awareness	DAC, CCB, DEOs, Eco Church	<p>Promote appointment of new DEO in 3 vacant dioceses &amp; support network</p> <p>Suggest template for diocesan level EWGs e.g incl. education rep</p> <p>DEO conference in Chester Diocese (30-31 Oct)</p>	<p>Local link on environment in every diocese</p> <p>Sustainability advisor on every DAC</p> <p>2020 shared DEO/DAC conference day</p>	<p>CCB role</p> <p>Environmental advisor</p> <p>Becky Clark</p>
	5.6	Engage in the public square on environment and climate change. Increased links with civil society leaders & bishops	Greener UK, NGOs, Government departments incl. BEIS & Defra, +Derby	<p>Bishops Breakfast and formalising of Bishops Environment Group</p> <p>Loretta Minghella presentation to House of Bishops</p> <p>World Environment Day prayers</p> <p>Top table discussion between relevant NGO directors, Ministers, scientists &amp; bishops</p>	<p>Creation of high-level network of information sharing and advocacy for Church &amp; environment</p> <p>Each bishop able to speak with confidence on environmental issues</p> <p>Environmental issues integrated into the work and advocacy of the Church across other areas such as education, rural, refugees, conflict resolution</p>	<p>Environmental Advisor</p> <p>+Nicholas</p> <p>+Graham</p> <p>+Richard</p> <p>Giles Goddard</p>