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.

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<td>1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom</td>
<td>1.1 Increased focus on and promotion of Creationtide in prayer &amp; worship</td>
<td>Digital team, Communications Team, Setting God’s People Free, Anglican Communion, Season for Creation and ECEN.</td>
<td>Develop further reflection materials and short films for promotion</td>
<td>Increased awareness of Creationtide resources</td>
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<td>Add Creationtide pages to the main website</td>
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<td>Promote Creationtide anthem</td>
<td>Closer link with Season for Creation and at least one major event a year</td>
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<td>Promote Cathedral Education resources</td>
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<td>1.2</td>
<td>Develop environmental connections throughout liturgical year – Lent, Rogationtide etc.</td>
<td>National Rural Officer &amp; network, Church House Publishing, Ministry team, Global Season of Creation group, ECEN, Lambeth, Digital team, +St Albans.</td>
<td>Produce materials for main liturgy pages of C of E website</td>
<td>Environmental elements to each Lent campaign</td>
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<td>Create yearly seasonal and liturgical calendar of reflections for website and promotion</td>
<td>Sustainable preaching website promoted and well used</td>
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2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

**Belief in God as Creator, Jesus as second Adam and Spirit as Sustainer of life**

**Sharing and caring - core behaviours resulting from belief (Covenantal relationships)**

**Nurture from and for sacredness of whole Creation**

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<td>2.1</td>
<td>Promotion and development of pilgrimage and journeying</td>
<td>Green Pilgrimage Network, ECEN, Diocese of Canterbury</td>
<td>Identify suitable partners - link with work from University of York (modern interpretation of pilgrimage links)</td>
<td>To develop the link with pilgrimage – encountering God in creation and Celtic liturgies</td>
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<td>Raise profile of environment in education</td>
<td>Education Department, Christian Aid, Diddy Disciples, Eco Schools, Messy Church, Messy Science, Boards of Education</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>Ensure that creation and environment are part of core curriculum in all C of E schools, Form closer link with Eco Schools</td>
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<td>2.3</td>
<td>Raise profile in Ministry development</td>
<td>MinDiv. Equipping Christian Leadership, Winchester University</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>Every college &amp; course to be delivering a theology of creation &amp; environment to all as mandatory, Integration into existing streams</td>
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<td>Raise profile in lay ministry development</td>
<td>MinDiv., National Rural Officer, JRI, Setting God’s People Free</td>
<td>Menu item on Soul[food], Form closer links with JRI &amp; CRES course</td>
<td>All reader training to include creation and environment as core subject</td>
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### 2.5 Raised profile of Church work

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### 3. To respond to human need by loving service

**OUTCOME**

Focus on issues of climate justice, ensuring advocacy for those most affected by climate change

**POTENTIAL PARTNERS**

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

**Who leads?**

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 | Links with Evangelism & Mission + Common Good (for all creation) 
Lifestyle – promotion of Good Money Week, Beach Clean, Spring Clean, Lent Challenge, Earth Day, Creationtide actions 
Support for the Love of Speak Up mass lobby of Parliament - 26 June | Encourage work with affected Link Dioceses/Provinces 
New and stronger links created through Letters for Creation and Lambeth Conference 
Promote and support Climate Coalition campaigns | Comms Environmental Advisor 
Giles Goddard +Graham |
| 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 | Social prescribing partnerships widespread and links with NHS commissioners 
Increase in creative use of church land & better management of churchyards | Environmental Advisor 
CCB role |
| 3.4 | Stronger Ecumenical/interfaith partnerships | Faith for the Climate, Lambeth, Catholics Bishops Conference, Board of Deputies, EIN | UN Statement with Pope and Ecumenical Patriarch for Climate Summit 
Form closer links with Catholic Bishops office 
Support interfaith events at Speak Up event (26 June) and London Climate Week (1-8 July) | Updated Lambeth Declaration and action partnership | Environmental Advisor 
Giles Goddard 
Lambeth |
### 4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation

Challenging links between loss of land/home/habitat and conflict – displaced peoples, destroyed species, desecrated space

Pervasive economic injustice in trade and industry with damaging environmental consequences (travel miles, resource depletion, pollution)

Affirming human interdependence in world’s ecosystems and to reduce violent impacts on other species by making peace with the planet

| 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 | CCB/MPA role Environmental Advisor +Nicholas Giles Goddard |

### 5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Recognising our wholeness and connectedness to God’s Earth (culture of solidarity)

Acknowledging the damage of excessive burning of fossil fuels

| 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 |
and move urgently and deeply to renewable technologies and a low carbon future)

| 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 | Promote appointment of new DEO in 3 vacant dioceses & support network  
Suggest template for diocesan level EWGs e.g incl. education rep  
DEO conference in Chester Diocese (30-31 Oct) | Local link on environment in every diocese  
Sustainability advisor on every DAC  
2020 shared DEO/DAC conference day | CCB role  
Environmental advisor  
Becky Clark |
| 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 | Bishops Breakfast and formalising of Bishops Environment Group  
Loretta Minghella presentation to House of Bishops  
World Environment Day prayers  
Top table discussion between relevant NGO directors, Ministers, scientists & bishops | Creation of high-level network of information sharing and advocacy for Church & environment  
Each bishop able to speak with confidence on environmental issues  
Environmental issues integrated into the work and advocacy of the Church across other areas such as education, rural, refugees, conflict resolution | Environmental Advisor  
+Nicholas  
+Graham  
+Richard  
Giles Goddard |