

## Net Zero Carbon Progress Report – June 2022

It must be recognised that much work has been done since the Synod Motion of 2020.

Many dioceses, parishes, cathedrals, schools, TEIs and others have actively participated, embracing the challenge, measuring their baselines, creating plans, fundraising, and engaging widely. Twenty-nine diocesan synods have passed a net zero carbon motion, the majority of which are to achieve net zero carbon by 2030. Around 7% of churches are classified as net zero carbon<sup>1</sup>. Some of these dioceses are well along the path to decarbonisation, and the *Routemap* benefitted from their experience. More widely, 100% of dioceses have now registered for Eco Diocese.

The NCIs have:

- **Measurement, reporting, and planning:**
  - Defined the scope of the target, consulted on this, and brought this back to General Synod in November 2020.
  - Launched the Energy Footprint Tool for churches, and then developed a whole ‘energy toolkit’ for different buildings.
  - Commissioned reviews of cathedrals, retired clergy housing, and the first tranche of See Houses, and continued the church energy audits.
  - Commissioned the Wayfinders Project – creating Net Zero Carbon Action Plans for a sample of high-energy-use buildings.
- **Faculty and guidance:**
  - Reviewed the Faculty Rules and successfully brought the revised rules to General Synod in February 2022.
  - Created and shared a wide range of Net Zero Carbon guidance.
- **Capacity-building and engagement:**
  - Delivered Carbon Literacy training and the upcoming Zero Carbon Britain training (free to dioceses and others, through central funding).
  - Created the Net Zero Carbon webinar programme.
  - Included NZC as part of conferences/meetings with many different stakeholder groups, including Historic England and amenity societies.
  - Increased central capacity, through creating a new Net Zero Carbon and Buildings Services committee of the Church Buildings Council.
  - Commissioned video case studies, to be finished in time for Synod in July, demonstrating the powerful link between faith and practical action.
  - The Bishop of Norwich has set up online briefings for Bishops.
- **Funding and procurement:**
  - Created and shared [fundraising resources](#) for parishes.
  - Actively researched funding options, internally and externally, including investment, loans and grants.
  - Submitted a major bid to the Triennium Funding process.
  - Increased the range of centrally procured low-carbon solutions on offer.

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<sup>1</sup> [EnergyFootprintTool2020.pdf \(churchofengland.org\)](#)