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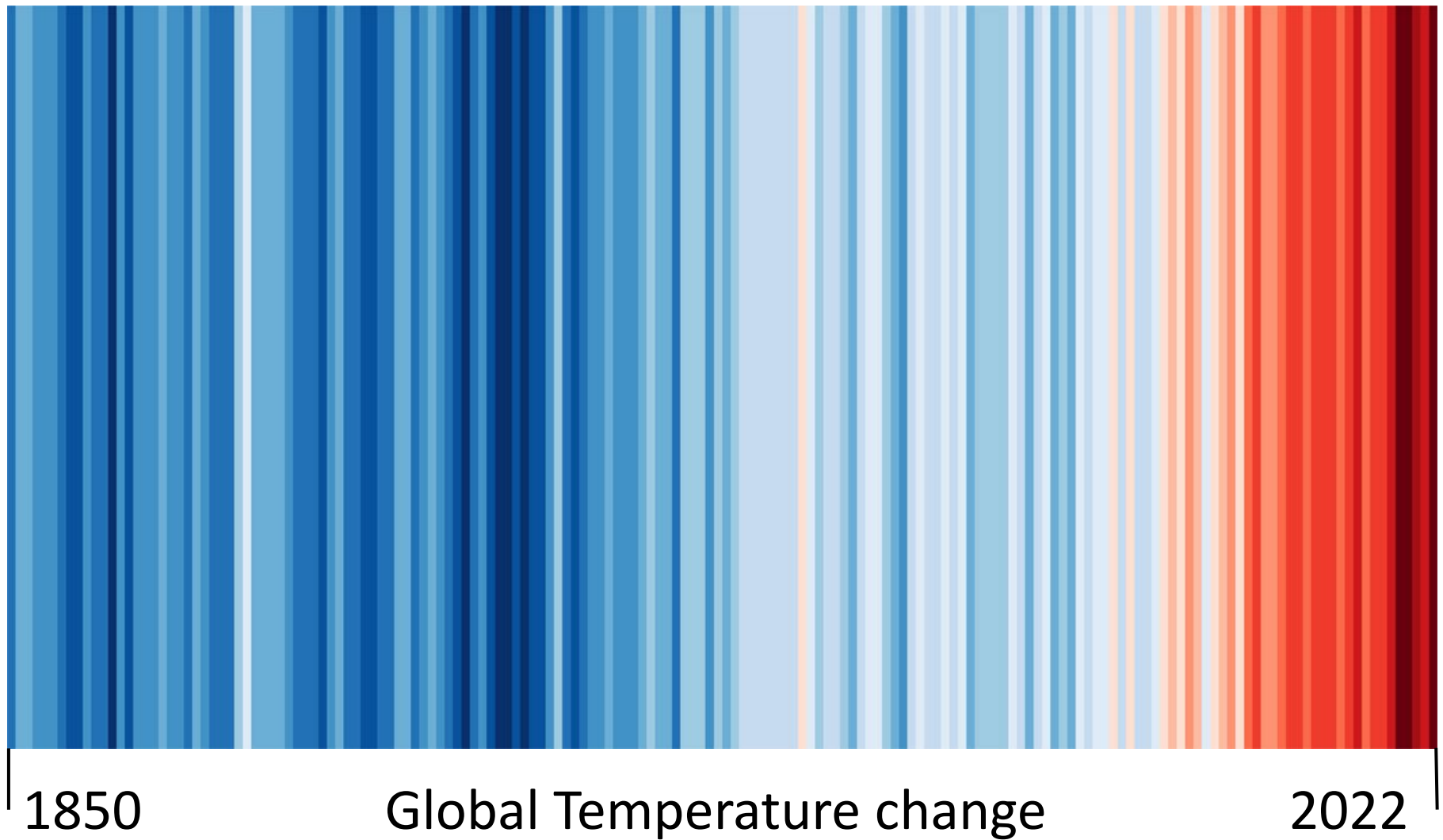
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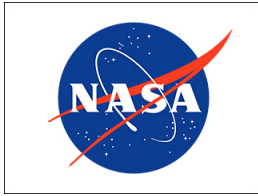
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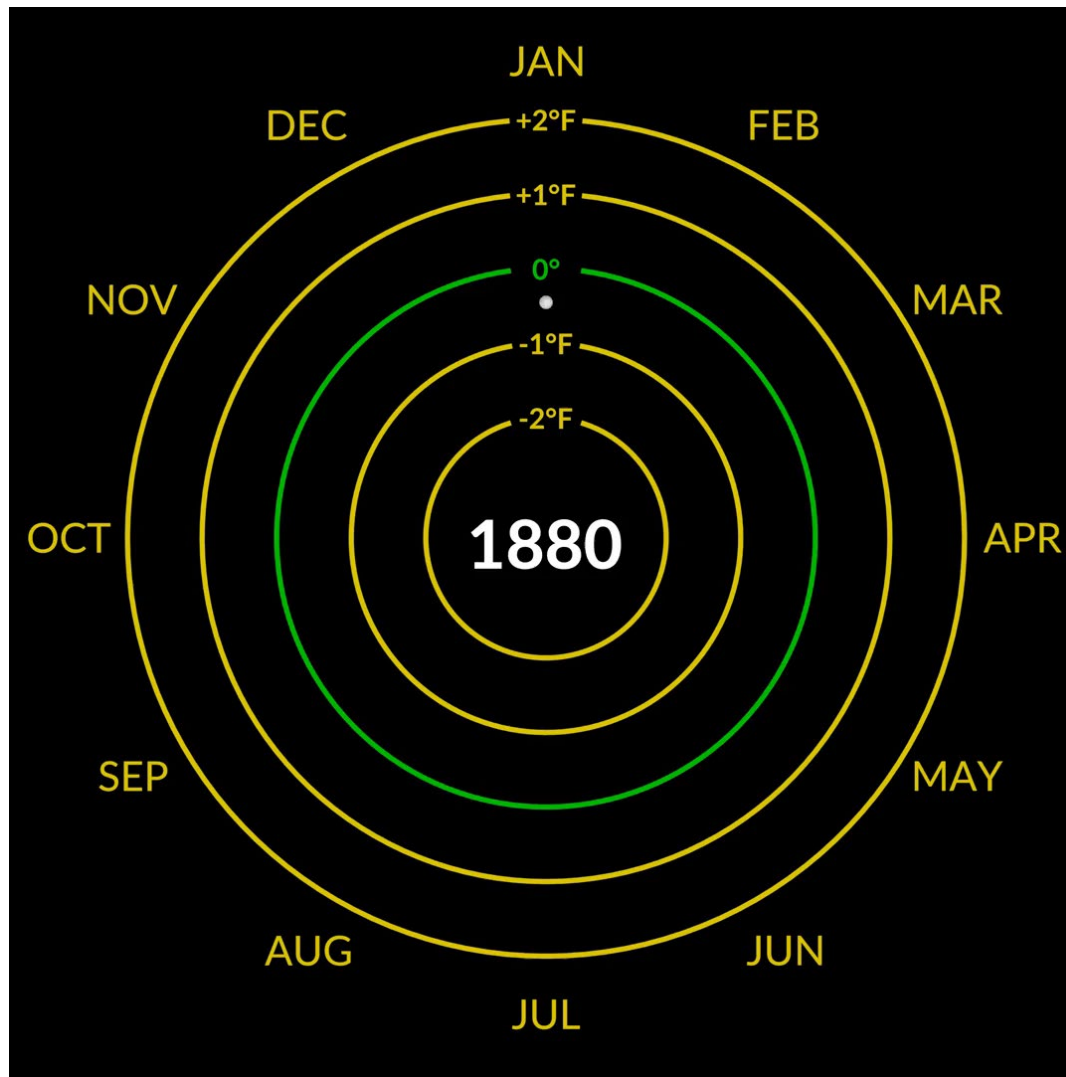
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# Climate Stripes – Professor Ed Hawkins





# NASA Climate Spiral 1880-2022







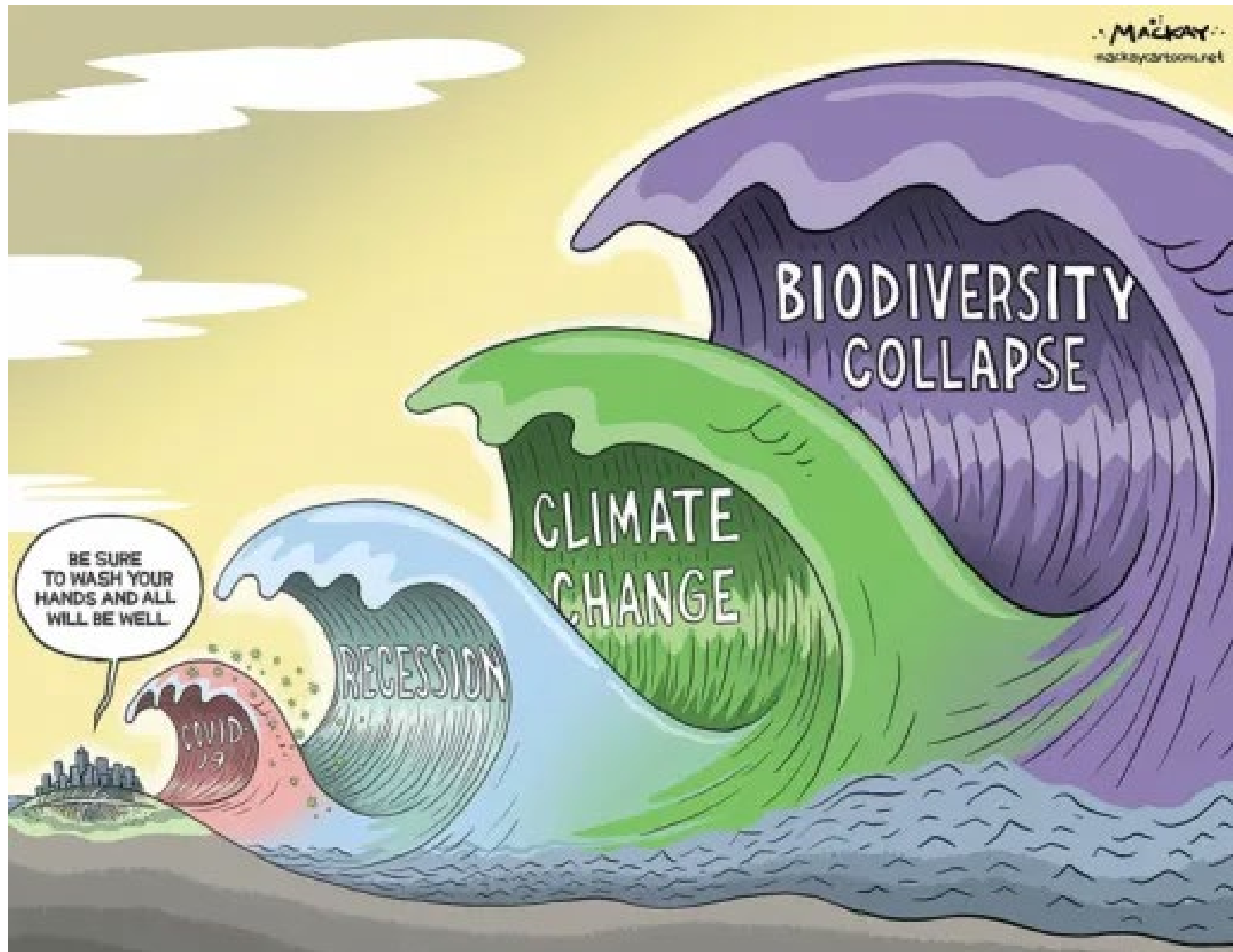
Maui



Pakistan

Multiple  
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globally









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“We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organise and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win.....”

President John F Kennedy,  
12<sup>th</sup> September 1962



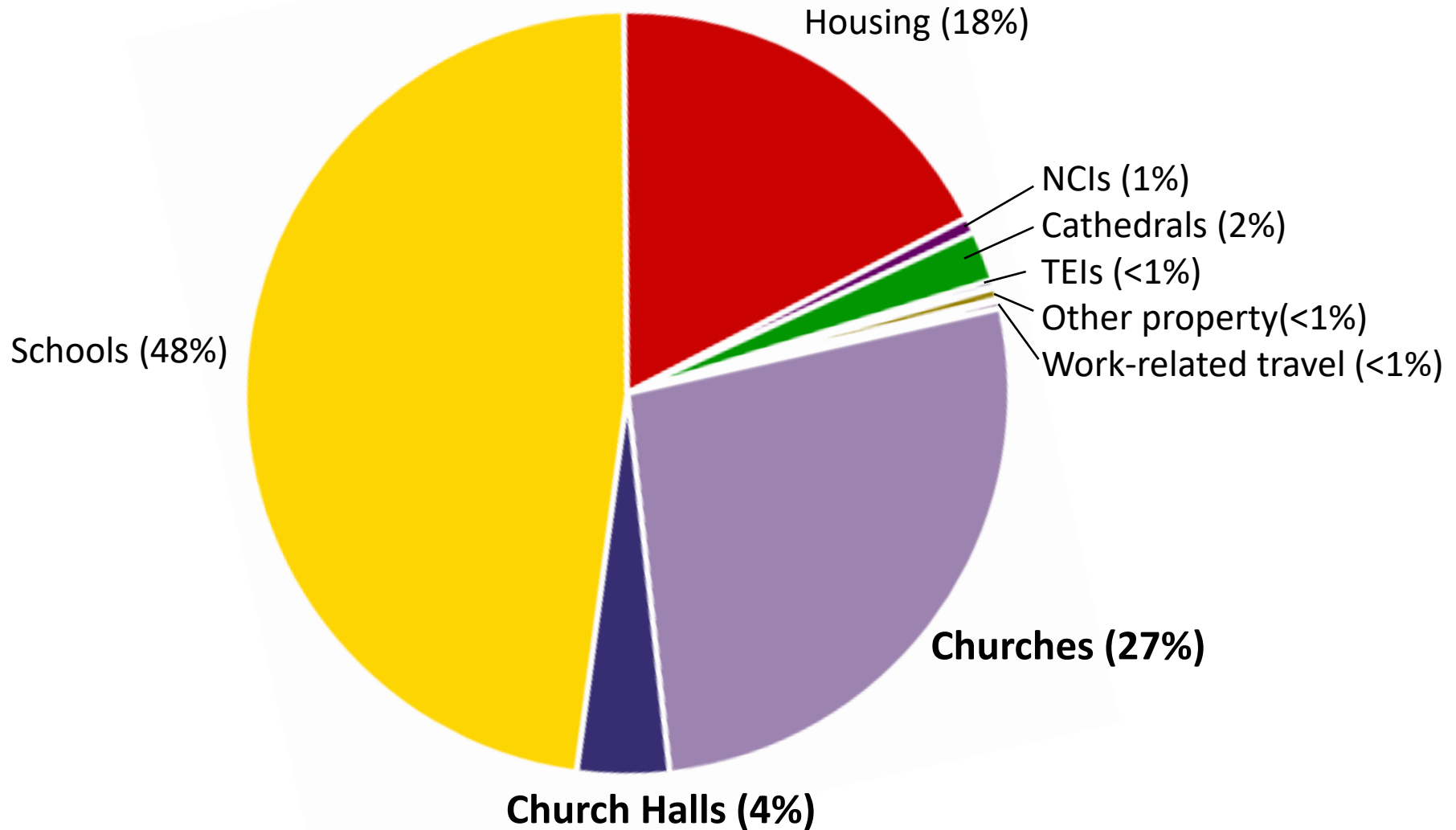
# Headline figures

- The church of England's carbon footprint in 2021 is estimated at 411,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e)
- This is slightly lower than our estimated carbon footprint in 2020, which was 415,000 tonnes
- We cannot say whether any of the apparent increases or decreases from 2020's estimate are a result of any material change or simply a better estimate from a more complete sample

Building Type	Number of Buildings	Total Estimated Net CO <sub>2</sub> e (2020)	Total Estimated Net CO <sub>2</sub> e (2021)
<b>Churches</b>	<b>15,500</b>	<b>118,000</b>	<b>110,000</b>
<b>Church Halls</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>16,000</b>
Schools	4,000	195,000	196,000
Housing	9,500	69,000	72,000
NCIs	3	2,500	2,800
Cathedrals	42	9,500	8,700
TEIs	22	N/A	1,100
Royal Peculiars	8	700	340
Diocesan Offices	75	3,000	1,900
Other diocesan property	84	600	600
Work-related travel	n/a	Not collected	1,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,234</b>	<b>415,000</b>	<b>411,000</b>



# Where our emissions come from:



# Church Commissioners' triennium funding £190m to Net Zero programme over 9 yrs

- One-off investment in the **transition towards a lower carbon future**
- Demonstrating **leadership** in responding to the **Climate Emergency**
- **Routemap to Net Zero 2030** identifies immediate priority investment areas
- Sharing **learning**, raising **additional funding**, working in **partnership**, and harnessing new **technologies**
- Net Zero goal is also supported by **Buildings for mission** funding



# As well as the main Routemap, there are tailored summaries for each main group



## Cathedrals

Milestones for cathedrals to achieve net zero carbon by 2030.

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## Churches

Milestones for churches to achieve net zero carbon by 2030.

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## Dioceses

Milestones for dioceses to achieve net zero carbon by 2030.

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## Schools

Milestones for schools to achieve net zero carbon by 2030.

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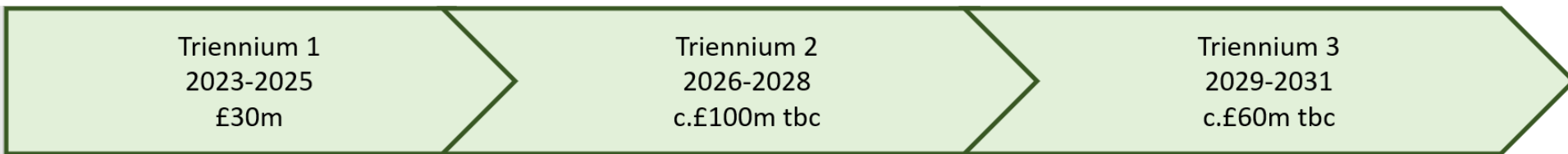
## Theological education institutions

Milestones for theological education institutions to achieve net zero carbon by 2030.

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# The NZC triennium funding is c.£190m over 9 years, with £30m in 2023-2025. These are the priorities:



## 1. People

- Capacity building
- Hearts & minds

## 2. Preparation / learning

- Net Zero Carbon Action plans
- Demonstrator projects (stage 1 preparation, stage 2 capital works)
- Innovation / pilots
- Procurement

## 3. Quick wins

- Small energy-saving grants
- Electrical grid connection
- Stop-gap heating solutions
- Switching campaign
- Create and share resources

## 4. Fundraising and investment models

## 5. Strategic partnerships

## 6. Programme management

Evaluation

Continue those elements which are still needed

Capital programmes (packages of grant & lending)

Scale-up successful approaches

Evaluation

2029/2030

- Continue those elements still needed
- Capital programmes (packages of grant & lending)
- Develop measures for next phase of emissions, after 2030
- Develop approach to offsetting

2031

- Measure, evaluate, review and report

c.415,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e pa of carbon emissions to be reduced to net zero over 8 years.

To achieve this will require the £190m to be used as leverage to source far more funding from other routes.

# Progress so far:

- Every Diocese has benefited from the starter capacity building grants (£15k)
- 14 Dioceses have applied successfully for larger capacity building grants (£127k average)
- 2 collaborative bids from Dioceses wishing to work together on net Zero
- Preparatory work underway on Cathedrals, Clergy Housing and Schools workstreams



# Church Milestones

**By End 2023**

- Consider **registering for Eco Church status** and aim for **Bronze** as a minimum.
- Complete **the Energy Footprint Tool**





# Church Milestones

## By End 2024

**Switch to 100% green electricity tariff** at contract renewal, or

switch to a green gas tariff if no alternative,

## By End 2025

- **Ensure efficient lighting**
- **No new oil boilers installed**
- **Consider installing EV charging points.**



# Church Milestones

## By End 2026

- **Register for Eco Church status and aim for Silver.**
- 40% of churches in every diocese to be registered with Eco Church.
- 20% to have achieved Bronze
- 10% to have achieved Silver or better



# Church Milestones

## By End 2027

- Top 20% of churches by energy consumption to have written a **Net Zero Carbon Action Plan**

## By End 2030

- Complete all actions in your **Net Zero Carbon Action Plan**.





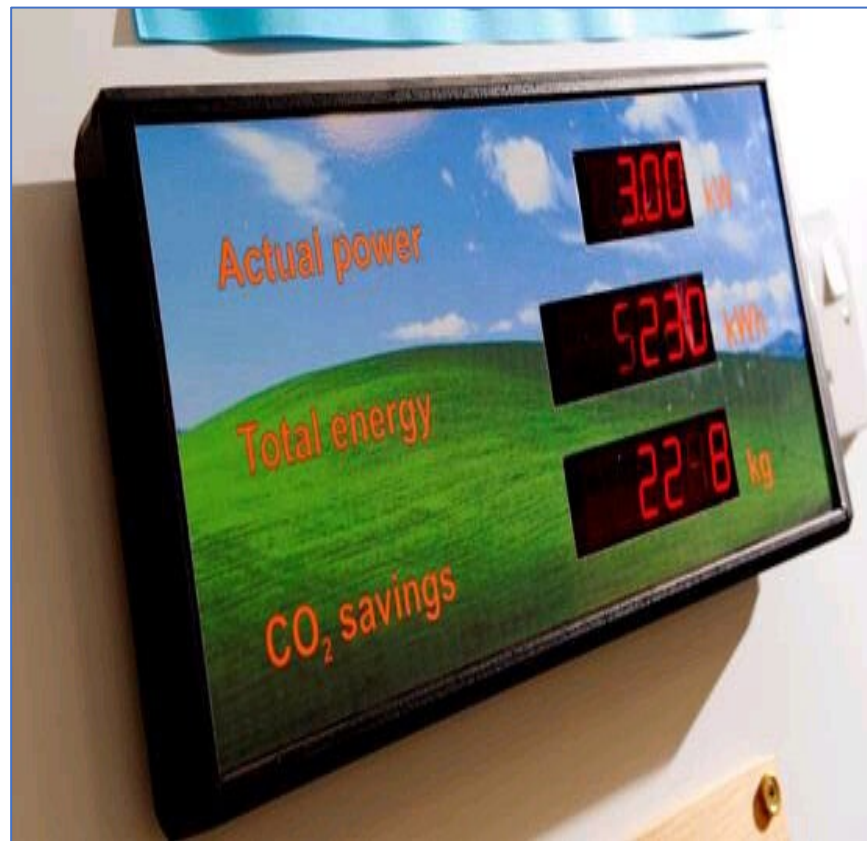
# Church Decarbonisation Workstream:

1. **Support through Parish Buying for Energy Audits**
2. **Demonstrator Churches Project**
3. **Quick Wins Fund**
4. **Pilot and Evaluation Fund**
5. **Parish Match Funding Campaign**



# Parish Buying support for Energy Audits:

- Aimed at the highest emitting churches
- Energy Footprint Tool returns will be a key criterion
- 600 fully funded Energy Audits for the highest emitters
- 1000 partially funded Audits
- Up to £3k match funding to help with implementation



# Demonstrator Churches Project:

- Support available for up to 70 churches.

## Two Strands:

- Stage 1: Preparatory Grants
- Stage 2: Capital Grants for up to 60 churches (up to 25% of project costs)
- DACs identifying the longlist of churches by the end of September
- Aim is to have a Demonstrator Church 'near you'.





# Quick Wins Fund:

- Support fund to help parishes implement small scale net zero projects.
- Solutions in scope include:
- Energy efficient lighting
- Pew heating
- Insulation
- Electrical upgrades
- Stop gap heating solutions
- Scoped to support 1000 churches



# Pilot and Evaluation Fund :

- Support for 8-12 trials of new net zero technologies per year.
- Learn from successes and failures and share learnings.
- Emphasis is on brand new technology or existing NZ technology not used in a church before.
- The fund can also support the testing of existing legislative powers which help facilitate the wider adoption of net zero solutions.



# Parish Match Funding Campaign:

- **Delivered in partnership with the Giving Team and the Give a Little platform.**
- **Match funding offer to match - pound for pound - local fundraising undertaken by parishes in support of net zero projects.**





# Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2022:

- **Require churches to have due regard to the Church Building Council's advice on net-zero carbon**
- **Require applications to include an explanation setting out how due regard has been given to the net zero guidance.**
- **Require DACs to determine whether or not:**
  - **the explanation submitted is adequate,**
  - **and if not, to clearly state the reasons why it is inadequate.**



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