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HOPE FOR CREATION SEMINAR RESOURCES

Resource sheets on display at the conference:

A Rocha UK

Christian environmental charity operating world-wide that administers the Eco church and Wild Christian schemes.

<https://arocha.org.uk>

New resources including powerpoints, video clips, poster, printable leaflet and high-resolution logos:

<https://arocha.org.uk/our-resources/>

Bats in Churches UK

Partnership project involving Natural England, Church of England, Bat Conservation Trust, Churches Conservation Trust and Historic England to address issues surrounding bats roosting in churches.

<https://batsinchurches.bats.org.uk>

Caring for God's Acre

National charity promoting the conservation of burial grounds and supporting the volunteers who maintain them. The charity runs training courses and administers the Beautiful Burial Grounds Training Programme and Churches Count on Nature schemes.

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk>

Resources include education packs, management of churchyards for the benefit of biodiversity, churchyards as sites of social and architectural history:

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/resources/>

Useful list of websites:

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Useful-Contacts-v2.pdf>

Church of England

Wide-ranging resources including the Church of England Environment programme webinars, case studies and resources. Every church should have:

The Practical Path to Net Zero Carbon

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/the-practical-path-to-net-zero-carbon-numbered-Jan2020.pdf>

The Practical Path to Net Zero Carbon Checklist

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/PP2NZC_SelfGuidedChecklist_print_version.pdf

Diocese of St Albans

Church Buildings - Diocese of St Albans

Advice and resources on the care and development of church buildings from the expert team of the DAC

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/dac/>

Environment - Diocese of St Albans

Environment pages include information and news on environmental topics, Eco church resources and case studies, the Energy Footprint Tool, booklists etc

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/environment/>

Green Christian

Online community of Christians inspired to work together to care for creation. Resources for prayer, study, campaigning etc.

<https://greenchristian.org.uk>

Hope for the Future

Campaigning group to enable you and your church engage with MPs and others in positions of influence about climate justice. Free training and resources including virtual lobbying guide and guides for churches, schools and constituents on COP26.

<https://www.hftf.org.uk>

Hope in Action

Campaigning group of churches founded by St Luke's St Albans which has grown to incorporate a website, facebook page and e-newsletter. Sign up to receive environmental updates.

<https://www.hopeinaction.uk>

Sustainable St Albans

Charitable trust which campaigns for a more sustainable communities across the St Albans and Harpenden area. Resources, training and thermal imaging cameras for loan

<https://sustainablestalbens.org>

ACTIVITIES IN THE LEAD UP TO COP26

YCCN Relay

The Young Christian Climate Network Relay to COP26 is being supported by the Church of England as they walk from the G7 meeting in Cornwall to the COP26 meeting in Glasgow. The pilgrimage passed through our Diocese from August 9th-12th. Their journey continues, calling for just and fair climate finance for the world's poorest countries

<https://www.yccn.uk/>

The YCCN relay has a number of key dates as it approaches Glasgow:

- Manchester residency – 9, 10, 11 and 12 September
- York residency – 20, 21, 22 and 23 September. ABY is meeting the pilgrims. This date also overlaps with the College of Bishops meeting
- Newcastle residency – 3, 4, 5 and 6 October
- Edinburgh residency – 20, 21, 22 and 23 October
- Arrive in Glasgow – 31 October

Glasgow Multifaith Declaration

A statement ahead of COP26 from senior leaders of all religious faiths across the UK.

Plan to launch on Monday 20 September to coincide with the end of the Scottish Government's Climate Week and Stop Climate Chaos Climate Fringe Week and the start of The Climate Coalition's Great Big Green Week.

There will be a press release nearer the time, and links to share on social media. More details as soon as I have them.

Bishops' Environmental Breakfast

Wednesday 22 September

A briefing for the Bishops about all things environmental during their time together as the College of Bishops, to include information about activities leading up to COP26, progress towards net zero carbon, and the gift of a tree to every Bishop from Forestry England as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, which is encouraging churches and communities to plant a tree (or a hedge) to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year.

The Woodland Trust also support community groups to plant trees via their free tree packs, or you can buy individual trees.

Global action for Climate Justice

17 October and 18 October

Organised by Faiths 4 Climate Justice, which Faith for the Climate is a part of. Some churches in London, Manchester and West Yorkshire are already taking part on 17th with public, religiously symbolic action. Action is being planned by Christian Aid addressing power holders on 18th October. More information on the Faiths 4 Climate Justice website. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Shanon Shah director@faithfortheclimate.org.uk

During COP

Ring out for the Climate

Saturday 30 October, 6-6.30pm

Church bells have traditionally been used as warnings, and this time the danger to humanity couldn't be greater – we are facing a Code Red for humanity.

The Church of England is working with the Central Council for Church Bell Ringers, and if we get their agreement, we will promote this more widely.

Interfaith Vigil

St George's Square, Glasgow, of Sunday 31 October in the afternoon, to receive pilgrims, read out the Glasgow Declaration and other speakers etc. Still waiting for confirmation from Glasgow city council that this can go ahead.

Green Church Showcase

Tuesday 2 November, 5-6pm, St George's Tron and livestreamed.

In partnership with Church Times. Churches were invited to send in their stories of projects they've done to care for the environment and cut carbon and a shortlist has been created. Videos are being made to tell their story, and then an evening will be held to celebrate these stories.

Mass Mobilisation

Saturday 6 November

A mass mobilisation is being planned by the COP26 Coalition (a coalition of civil society organisations) to take place in Glasgow and London. There is likely to be a way for people of faith who want to join in with this to join together as part of a bloc group of faith organisations. More details when they become available.

Other Church of England Environment Programme Events

Season of Creation

1 September – 4 October

There's a whole programme of events being put on by York Minster. Check out their programme. We have a mini-series of webinars for the Season. Forest Church, Monday 13 September, 4-5pm; Theology of Climate Change, Tuesday 21 September, 12-1pm; Let All Creation Sing, Monday 27 September, 4-5pm; Climate Action is Mission, Thursday 30 September, 12-1pm. Details of where to book are on the C of E website.

There's a host of alternative liturgies from around the Anglican Communion on the resource pages of the Season of Creation website.

BOOKLIST

A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues

Martin Hodson and Margot R Hodson, published by the Bible Reading Fellowship
Fully revised and updated second edition, 2021

A Time for Creation: Liturgical resources for Creation and the Environment
Church House, 2020

Caring for Creation: Part of our Gospel calling?
Stella Simiyu and Peter Harris, Grove booklet E149, 2008

COVID-19: Environment, justice and the future
Ruth Valerio et al., Grove booklet E198, 2020

Climate Action as Mission: How to Link the Gospel with Safeguarding Creation
Grace Thomas and Mark Coleman, Grove publication MEv 134, 2021

Creative ideas for Wild church
Mary Jackson and Juno Hollyhock, Canterbury Press, 2016

Just Living: Faith and community in an age of consumerism
Ruth Valerio Hodder & Stoughton, 2017

L is for Lifestyle: Christian living that doesn't cost the earth.
Ruth Valerio Intervarsity Press, 2019

Outdoor Church
Sally Welch BRF, 2016

Places of Enchantment: meeting God in Landscapes
Graham B. Usher, published by SPCK, 2012

Planetwise - Dare to Care for God's world
Dave Bookless, Inter-Varsity Press (IVP), 2008

Renewing the life of the Earth: Christian discipleship and environmental action
Rachel Mash, Grove booklet D2, 2021

Saying Yes to Life: the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2020
Ruth Valerio SPCK, 2020

The Earth cries glory: daily prayer with creation
Steven Shakespeare Canterbury Press, 2019

The Earth will Teach You
Kevin Durrant published by Wide Margin, 90 Sandyleaze, Gloucester, GL2 OPX, UK and printed in Great Britain by
Lightning Source, Milton Keynes 2014

Wild Worship: Discovering God through creation
Rachel Summers Kevin Mayhew, 2019

PRAYER RESOURCES

A Rocha Prayer Diary

Christian conservation charity A Rocha's new weekly prayer diary published every three months covering all the areas of their work.

<https://arocha.org.uk/prayer-diary/>

Christian Aid

Prayer Chain for climate justice:

Resources available to download at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/prayer-chain/resources>

Harvest outdoor service guide:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/appeals/harvest-outdoor-service>

River of Prayer (resource for climate justice):

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/appeals/river-prayer-resource>

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI)

CTBI resources include links to the materials for the Season of Creation and Climate Sunday

<https://ctbi.org.uk/category/resources/>

Climate Sunday

Resources including prayers for services on climate justice, meditations,

<https://www.climatesunday.org/service-resources>

Green Christian Monthly Prayer Guide

Daily prayers on current environmental issues

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/resources/prayer-guide/>

Pray and Fast for the Climate

Christians are praying for climate justice and climate action on the first day of each month.

Monthly prayer points with links.

<https://prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk/resources/>

USEFUL ONLINE RESOURCES

Net Zero

The C of E net zero carbon church landing page [Net zero carbon church | The Church of England](#)
Case studies towards "Net Zero Carbon" : [Case studies | The Church of England](#)
Webinars-including heating, lighting, solar panels, EV car charging, and more
[Webinars on getting to net zero carbon | The Church of England](#)
Heating – including new case studies [Heating | The Church of England](#)
Energy efficiency–created by the DEO Energy Group [Energy efficiency measures | The Church of England](#)
Conference video of Matt Fulford talking about St Michael and all Angels, Britain’s first Net Zero Carbon church
[\(70\) Matt Fulford - A Zero Carbon Church, by Matt Fulford - YouTube](#)
Video on the Results from the church energy audits
[\(70\) Findings from the energy audit programme, by Catherine Ross - YouTube](#)
Journey to Net Zero-introduction to net zero from the The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) (Baptists, Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church) [Journey to Net Zero | Joint Public Issues Team](#)
Useful carbon reduction tips from the Methodist Church website [Take action: carbon reduction tips \(methodist.org.uk\)](#)
Church of England Declaration by General Synod in February [General Synod sets 2030 Net Zero carbon target | The Church of England](#)
Update paper to General Synod [GS Misc 1262 EWG update.pdf \(churchofengland.org\)](#)

Carbon Footprint

C of E churches [Energy Footprint Tool | The Church of England](#)
[The Collaborative Carbon Calculator for Churches, Charities and Small Businesses • 360°carbon.org \(360carbon.org\)](#)
includes energy, transport, food, procurement, and more

Buildings Advice

Historic England guidance and webinar programme
[Energy Efficiency and Historic Buildings | Historic England](#) [Webinars | Historic England](#)
Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings Knowledge Base | [www.spab.org.uk](#)
For CofE churches, your DAC [Diocesan Advisory Committees map | The Church of England](#)
Find a Building Services Engineer, e.g. for heating guidance, from the CIBSE Directory
[CIBSE - Building Services - Find a Specialist](#)
Find an accredited installer for solar panels [Find a Contractor - MCS \(mcscertified.com\)](#)

Funding

C of E grants funding guide from Parish Resources [Charitable-Grants-for-Churches-Jul-2020.pdf \(parishresources.org.uk\)](#)
And a suite for “how to” guides from Parish Resources. [12 Guides: Fundraising for Capital Appeals - Parish Resources Parish Resources](#)
Community Energy England funding opportunities [Funding Opportunities | Community Energy England](#)
For local grants, find out whether you have a local CVS (Council for Voluntary Services). If so, they generally have a free searchable grants directory. Also contact the sustainability or community engagement officer at your local authority
Two CofE webinars on ‘green’ fundraising for environmental projects are coming up in September
[Webinars on getting to net zero carbon | The Church of England](#)
Small grants to take part in Great Big Green Week (September 18-26) with the Climate Coalition
[Funding - Great Big Green Week](#)

Transport

Useful carbon footprint transport calculator from Climate Stewards -[Offset your carbon footprint | Climate Stewards](#)
Lift Share UK [Car share with trusted, reviewed and rated Liftshare.com members](#)
OZEV- grants for EV car charging posts
[Grant schemes for electric vehicle charging infrastructure - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
EV charging posts Zap Map [Guide to electric car charging - EV charging for beginners \(zap-map.com\)](#)
(Plus the church webinar programme - above - includes a webinar on EV car charging.)
For the keen cyclist -the cathedral cycle route challenge [Cathedrals Cycle Route challenge | Cycling UK](#)

Land and nature

Land and nature webinar programme Recordings of webinars on land and nature, for Churches Count on Nature | The Church of England

Caring for God's Acre free resources-including starter pack which they can post you

[Downloadable resources to help you manage your burial ground, cemetery and graveyard \(caringforgodsacre.org.uk\)](http://caringforgodsacre.org.uk)

C of E Biodiversity page and Trees page [Biodiversity | The Church of England](#) [Trees | The Church of England](#)

Find your local Wildlife Trust, who are often very open to joint working to support community action

[The Wildlife Trusts | The Wildlife Trusts](#)

Wild About Gardens [homepage | Wild About Gardens](#)

Find your Local Environmental Records Centre [LERC-finder \(alerc.org.uk\)](http://alerc.org.uk)

Frameworks for church/diocesan action

Eco Church, plus their resources [Eco Church - An A Rocha UK Project](#) [Resources - Eco Church \(arocha.org.uk\)](#)

Eco Church case studies and webinars from the C of E. [Eco Church | The Church of England](#)

Eco Dioceses page on A Rocha website and on CofE website [Eco Diocese - Eco Church \(arocha.org.uk\)](#)

[Eco Diocese | The Church of England](#)

The climate emergency toolkit [Church Climate Resources | Climate Emergency Toolkit](#)

Frameworks for individual / household action

Creation Care, a framework for households which congregations can follow together

[Welcome to Creation Care | Creation Care](#)

Count us in- 16 high impact steps which individuals can take to cut carbon

[Protect What You Love | Count Us In \(count-us-in.org\)](#)

WWF Footprint Calculator- simple footprint tool, and an informative process [WWF Footprint Calculator](#)

Frameworks for schools and youth

For schools: resources from

Let's Go Zero, [UK Climate Change • Let's Go Zero \(letsgozero.org\)](#)

Eco Schools, [Eco Schools](#)

Christian Aid, [About Global Neighbours - Christian Aid](#)

PECT [Eco Charter - Projects - PECT](#)

For youth engagement: resources from

Tearfund, [Burning Down The House - We Are Tearfund](#)

Christian Aid, [Climate Justice Youth Resources - Christian Aid](#)

ACEN [Young people and the environment \(ecocongregationscotland.org\)](#)

Worship and music

Many resources have been compiled by Climate Sunday and by Christian Concern for One World

[Climate Sunday | Service Resources | Worship | Commit | Speak Up](#)

[Creation - God's gifts, our responses - Christian Concern for One World \(ccow.org.uk\)](#)

Outdoor worship guidance page [Outdoor worship | The Church of England](#)

Creation-themed liturgy [A Time for Creation A time for creation | The Church of England](#)

Liturgy for the Agricultural Year [The Agricultural Year | The Church of England](#)

Doxecology by Resound worship [Doxecology - Resound Worship](#)

Sermon resources at Sustainable Preaching and Greening the Lectionary

[Sustainable Preaching \(sustainable-preaching.org\)](#)

[Home - www.greeningthelectionary.net](http://www.greeningthelectionary.net)

A Rocha International - YouTube channel - search for Dave Bookless New Wine talks NL 2020

(73) A Rocha International - YouTube

COP26

Climate Sunday—the main focus for churches in the run up to COP26 in Glasgow

[Climate Sunday | Home | Worship | Commit | Speak Up](#)

Youth Relay-YCCN organised relay from the G7 in Cornwall to COP26 in Glasgow [Relay Home | YCCN](#)

Make COP Count-the coalition of faith groups with the advocacy calls from COP faithfortheclimate.org.uk [Home](#)

Campaigns by partner organisations

The Climate Coalition Declaration [Our Declaration — The Climate Coalition](#)

Christian Aid, Tearfund and CAFOD hosting a year of prayer for the climate [Climate Prayer Chain - Christian Aid](#)

Church of England Environment Programme

Landing page [Environment and climate change | The Church of England](#)

Newsletter sign up [Environment programme news | The Church of England](#)

Diocesan Environment Officer map [Diocesan Environmental Officers map | The Church of England](#)

Methodist Church Environment Programme - [Environment and Climate Change \(methodist.org.uk\)](#)

Church of England buildings resources

Joint statement by the CBC and CFCE [Microsoft Word - CCB statement on sustainability April 2020 FINAL after review by Chairs \(churchofengland.org\)](#)

Gloucester DAC environmental policy [DAC-Environmental-Policy-2020.pdf \(anglican.org\)](#)

Updated QI guidance including more on the environment [Quinquennial inspections | The Church of England](#)

Procurement (Church of England Parish Buying, other denominations have Church Buying)

Green energy basket [Parish Buying - Energy Basket](#)

Energy audits (currently closed, likely to reopen after the summer) [Parish Buying - Energy Audit](#)

LED lighting [Parish Buying - LED Lighting](#)

Solar panels [Parish Buying - Solar PV](#)

<https://bigcleanswitch.org/>-for good green and ethical energy broking advice

Ethical Investment

Church Commissioners [Responsible Investment | The Church of England](#)

Pensions Board(Including their recent report on the fossil fuel industry)

[Stewardship and responsible investment | The Church of England](#) [60.pdf \(transitionpathwayinitiative.org\)](#)

CCLA (including article on CCLA fund goes fossil fuel free) [Environmental policy | CCLA](#) [CCLA Investment Management launches fossil free fund \(brightnow.org.uk\)](#)

Methodists [Ethical investment \(methodist.org.uk\)](#)

Some very useful external resources:

Hope for the Future- for engaging with your politicians [Faith — Hope for the Future \(hftf.org.uk\)](#)

Katharine Hayhoe, a world leading climate communicator, on how to talk about climate [Forecasting our Future: A conversation with Dr Katharine Hayhoe \(leeds.ac.uk\)](#)

Project Draw Down, an excellent overview of climate issues and workable climate solutions ([73\) Drawdown 101 -- An Introduction to the Science of Climate Change Solutions - YouTube](#)

Climate Outreach “Communicating climate change in a crisis”

[Communicating climate change during the Covid-19 crisis - Climate Outreach](#)

Has your council declared a climate emergency? Search the listings of climate emergency declarations here and find their climate plans here. [Map of Local Council Declarations | Declare a Climate Emergency](#)

Climate Outreach “how to have a climate change conversation”

[Talking climate handbook - how to have a climate change conversation - Climate Outreach](#)

Ecclesiastical.com [Green Churches | Insights \(ecclesiastical.com\)](#)

And finally, lots of things in once place:

Diocese of Oxford Eco Hub [EcoHub Homepage \(anglican.org\)](#)

Lincolnshire Ecumenical Partnership [Resources | Mysite \(faithenvlincs.org\)](#)