



ENVIRONMENT RESOURCES

January 2022

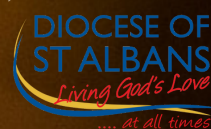


TABLE OF CONTENTS

Hope for creation resources	3
Booklist	5
Prayer Resources	7
Useful online resources	8

For more information please contact

Rachel Johnston. DEO, environment@stalbans.anglican.org

Front cover photo by Jorien Loman on Unsplash

HOPE FOR CREATION RESOURCES

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>

BOOKLIST

A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues

Martin Hodson and Margot R Hodson, 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

How bad are bananas?

Mike Berners Lee, Profile Books Ltd, 2020

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

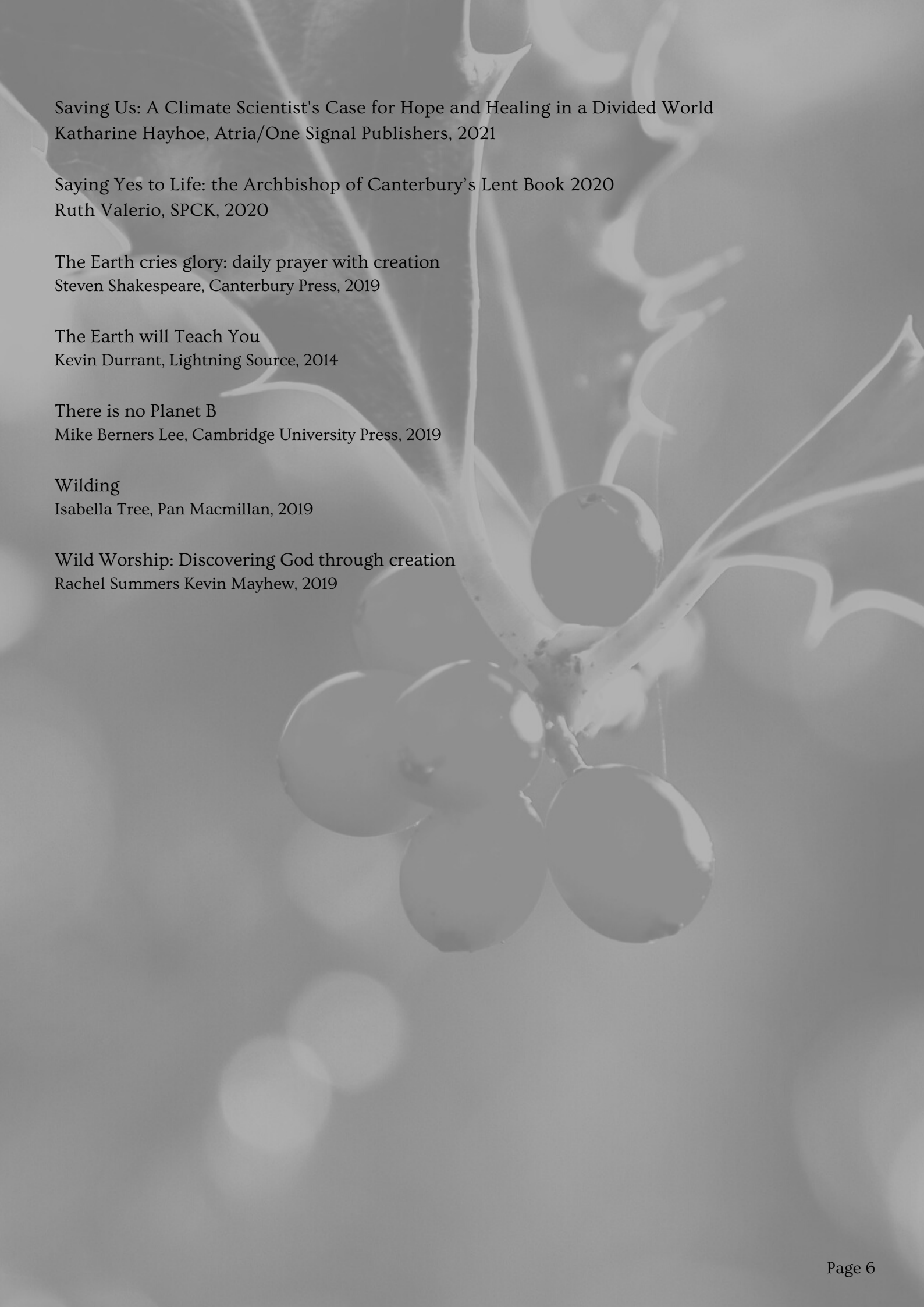
Graham B. Usher, published by SPCK, 2012

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



Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World
Katharine Hayhoe, Atria/One Signal Publishers, 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, Lightning Source, 2014

There is no Planet B
Mike Berners Lee, Cambridge University Press, 2019

Wilding
Isabella Tree, Pan Macmillan, 2019

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 CofE net zero carbon church landing page [Net zero carbon church | The Church of England](#)
The CofE practical path to net zero - including links to a two page summary guidance note and a self guided checklist any church can use [The practical path to net zero carbon for churches | The Church of England](#)

The Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030 consultation: Net Zero Carbon consultation | The Church of England

[Net zero consultation | 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 (you can also find them as a single YouTube playlist here) [Webinars on getting to net zero carbon | The Church of England](#) [Net Zero Carbon - YouTube](#)

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 Angles, Britain's first Net Zero Carbon church

[Matt Fulford - A Zero Carbon Church, by Matt Fulford - YouTube](#)

Video on the Results from the church energy audits [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](#) and Update paper [GS Misc 1262 EWG update.pdf \(churchofengland.org\)](#) to General Synod - the final net zero definition is attached to this as an appendix, and also included in the Routemap, above.

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 | 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 or heat pumps on the MCS accredited list and/or those who have signed up for the Renewable Energy Consumer Code [Find a Contractor - MCS \(mcscertified.com\)](#) [All - Members - Scheme - Renewable Energy Consumer Code \(RECC\)](#)

Information about individual churches and churchyards

Find your church on the Church Heritage Record [Churches - Online Faculty System \(churchofengland.org\)](#)

Historic England listings information [Search the List - Find listed buildings, monuments, battlefields and more | Historic England](#)

Find your churchyard on the NBN Atlas map (if it has been mapped it will appear on this map, and you can link your records to it) [*: | Search | NBN Atlas Beautiful Burial Grounds](#)

Find churches with solar panels heat pumps etc on the Renewables Map [Renewables - Online Faculty System \(churchofengland.org\)](#)

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](#)

Best practice note for architects and surveyors on building the environment into Quinquennial Inspections [QI_sustainability_BPN_April2021.pdf \(easa.org.uk\)](#)

Best practice note for architects and surveyors on building the environment into their project work [projects_sustainability_BPN_April2021.pdf \(easa.org.uk\)](#)

Faculty rules : List A can be done without faculty in most cases, List B require Archdeacon consultation, if not mentioned then full faculty is needed. [The Faculty Jurisdiction \(Amendment\) Rules 2019 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

Carbon Footprint

C of E churches [Energy Footprint Tool | The Church of England](#)

Any church - 360Carbon - includes energy, transport, food, procurement, and more [The Collaborative Carbon Calculator for Churches, Charities and Small Businesses • 360°carbon.org \(360carbon.org\)](#)

National report on the findings of the Energy Footprint Tool [EnergyFootprintTool2020.pdf \(churchofengland.org\)](#)

Leeds Diocese greenhouse gas emissions report. [Diocese of Leeds Revised 2019 Carbon Emissions Report 2019 v1.pdf \(anglican.org\)](#)

Procurement (Church of England Parish Buying, other denominations have Church Buying) [Home \(churchbuying.org.uk\)](#)

Landing page for net zero on Parish Buying [Parish Buying - Net Zero 2030](#)

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

Transport

Useful carbon footprint transport calculator from Climate Stewards - allows you to compare journeys

[Offset - Climate Stewards](#)

LiftShare 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](#)

Plant Lock bike rack - as one example of what is possible [PlantLock – Front Yard Company Ltd](#)

Frameworks for church / diocesan action

Eco Church, plus their resources, [Resources - Eco Church \(arocha.org.uk\)](#) plus Eco Church case studies and webinars from the CofE. [Eco Church - An A Rocha UK Project](#) [Eco Church | The Church of England](#)

The Eco Church app (where you register and track your progress) :

<https://app.ecochurch.org/dashboard>

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, Eco Schools, Christian Aid, and PECT [UK Climate Change • Let's Go Zero \(letsgozero.org\)](#) [Eco Schools](#) [About Global Neighbours - Christian Aid](#) [Eco Charter - Projects - PECT](#)

For youth engagement: resources from Tearfund, Christian Aid, and ACEN [Burning Down The House - We Are Tearfund Climate Justice Youth Resources - Christian Aid](#) [Young people and the environment \(ecocongregationscotland.org\)](#)

The CofE net zero carbon schools webinars [Net Zero Schools - YouTube](#)

Letters for Creation, a joint project with Christian Aid. Resources include an assembly, lesson plans, and resources to help produce creative letters and art. [Letters for Creation School Resources - Christian Aid](#)

Funding

Watch the recordings of two CofE webinars on environmental fundraising for environmental projects

[Webinars on getting to net zero carbon | The Church of England](#)

CofE 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

Land and nature

Land and nature webinar programme - [Recordings of webinars on land and nature, for Churches Count on Nature | The Church of England](#) A great place to start, with lots of videos offering practical advice on a wide range of topics from bats to biodiversity, trees to Forest Church, and managing your grass. (You can also find them as a single YouTube playlist here - [land and nature webinars - YouTube](#))

The 2021 Churches Count on Nature partnership project (2022 dates are 4-12 June) [Thank you for taking part in Love your Burial Ground Week - Caring For God's Acre \(caringforgodsacre.org.uk\)](#)

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

[Resources - Caring For God's Acre \(caringforgodsacre.org.uk\)](#)

- Grass cutting advice sheet [A2-Caring-for-Grassland-v2.pdf \(caringforgodsacre.org.uk\)](#)

- Second advice sheet here, on long grass [A3-Cutting-Long-Grass-and-Dealing-with-Grass-Cuttings-v2.pdf \(caringforgodsacre.org.uk\)](#)

- Botanical Companion which has a list of the species most often found in churchyards [Burial-Ground-Botanical-Companion-2019.pdf \(caringforgodsacre.org.uk\)](#)

- Minifilms CfGA TV - [Caring For God's Acre \(caringforgodsacre.org.uk\)](#)

- Information sheet on the Five Steps for good church yard management [A1-5-Steps-to-Churchyard-Burial-Ground-Care.pdf \(caringforgodsacre.org.uk\)](#)

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

Devon Living Churchyard Project - loads of guidance notes / habitat action plan template etc [Devon Living Churchyards - overview and guidance notes - Google Drive](#)

Have you been taking records of what is in your churchyards? Please do share them;

- Option 1 = email your records to wildlife@cfga.org.uk

- Option 2 = post to address on the CFGA website [Contact Us - Caring For God's Acre \(caringforgodsacre.org.uk\)](#)

- Option 3 = Add your records via iRecord - [Caring For God's Acre \(caringforgodsacre.org.uk\)](#)

Specific external advice

“Seek” app to help you identify species [Seek by iNaturalist · iNaturalist](#)

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 scroll down for booklets on different species and on ponds [homepage | Wild About Gardens](#)

Find your Local Environmental Records Centre for help with species identification and recording [LERC-finder \(alerc.org.uk\)](#)

British Lichen Society for advice and lichen surveys [The British Lichen Society | Promoting the Study, Enjoyment and Conservation of Lichens](#)

RHS plants for pollinators [Plants for Pollinators advice and downloadable lists / RHS Gardening](#)

Local groups from Swift Conservation [Local Help & Assistance \(swift-conservation.org\)](#)

Local badger groups map [Get Involved with a badger group near you | Badger Trust](#)

Bats

Bats in Churches project [Home - Bats In Churches](#)

You can take part in this summer's Bats in Churches volunteer survey [Bats In Churches](#)

You may have a local bat group with volunteers who may be able to lead a bat walk for you.

[Contact your local bat group - Support Bats - Bat Conservation Trust](#)

If you don't have a local group, try the National Bat Helpline [National Bat Helpline - Our Work - Bat Conservation Trust \(bats.org.uk\)](#)

Faculty rules - look for 'churchyard' and 'trees' under List A and List B :

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/1184/made>

Training

The CRES (Christian Rural & Environmental Studies) courses [Courses – CRES](#)

Scythe Association to find trainers in scything [The Scythe Association – Stay sharp!](#)

Climate Resilience

The Climate Resilient Church landing page [Climate resilient church | The Church of England](#)

Campaigns by partner organisations

The Climate Coalition Declaration and their Show the Love campaign for the first few weeks of 2022. [Our Declaration – The Climate Coalition](#) [Show The Love – The Climate Coalition](#)

Right at this moment, most organisations are re-grouping and working out what happens next, especially how to turn some of the pledges and promises from COP26 into actual actions that will make a difference. Check out reflections from COP26 from Christian Aid, Tearfund and Faith for the Climate. [Climate Justice: Every moment matters - Christian Aid](#)

[COP26 climate summit - Tearfund](#) faithfortheclimate.org.uk [COP26: Was It All Worth It?](#)

Ethical Investment

Church Commissioners including their Stewardship Report [Responsible Investment | The Church of England](#)

[The Church Commissioners for England Stewardship report 2020 \(frc.org.uk\)](#)

Pensions Board including their recent report on the fossil fuel industry [Stewardship and responsible investment | The Church of England 60.pdf \(transitionpathwayinitiative.org\)](#)

Transition Pathway Initiative and some of their reports: [Home - Transition Pathway Initiative](#)

- State of Transition Report [82.pdf \(transitionpathwayinitiative.org\)](#)

- The launch of the Energy Report is on their website, but not the report itself yet. Look out for it here.

[Publications and news - Transition Pathway Initiative](#)

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

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

Worship and music

Many resources have been compiled by [Climate Sunday](#) and by Christian Concern for One World [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 \(sustainable-preaching.org\)](#) and Greening the Lectionary [Home - www.greeningthelectionary.net](#)

A Rocha International - YouTube channel - search for Dave Bookless New Wine talks NL 2020 [A Rocha International - YouTube](#)

Forest Church Grove Booklet - a good place to start if you want to know about Forest Church [MEv 127 Forest Church: Earthed Perspectives on the Gospel \(2019\) - Grove Books](#)

Forest Church Facebook group [Forest Church | Facebook](#)

Wild church page [Wild Church - Woodbridge Group of Churches](#)

Some very useful external resources

[Climate Sunday | Home | Worship | Commit | Speak Up](#) – this was a really valuable ‘entry point’ for many churches as we approached COP26. The project group is ending, but the website will remain live with all its resources, and we’d love it if churches continued to hold Climate Sunday services

[Faith – Hope for the Future \(hftf.org.uk\)](http://hftf.org.uk) - for engaging with your politicians

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

Climate Outreach - [Communicating climate change during the Covid-19 crisis - Climate Outreach](#) – scroll down to find the video - and [Talking climate handbook - how to have a climate change conversation - Climate Outreach](#)

Has your council declared a climate emergency? Search the listings of climate emergency declarations here [Map of Local Council Declarations | Declare a Climate Emergency](#) and find their climate plans here. [Tracking the UK's journey towards carbon zero - Climate Action Plan Explorer \(climateemergency.uk\)](#)

Climate Stewards offsetting - <https://www.climatestewards.org/>

The fuel mix of all UK Domestic Energy Providers [Fuel Mix of UK Domestic Electricity Suppliers \(electricityinfo.org\)](#)

[edie - empowering sustainable business](#) – good for sustainability news, free webinars and an e-newsletter

[Ecosia - the search engine that plants trees](#) – if you aren’t using a charity search engine this one is a good alternative – it’s a B-Corp that uses profits to plant trees

[Resources | Grantham Institute - Climate Change and the Environment | Imperial College London](#) – Nine things you can do about climate change – leaflet or interactive guide to personal actions

[MAGIC \(defra.gov.uk\)](http://defra.gov.uk) – interactive map with over 300 datasets including designated sites and priority habitats

Briefings and Newsletters

Carbon Brief [Home - Carbon Brief » Clear on climate](#) will send you a daily or weekly round-up of carbon related articles and papers - science and policy. Also check out Cropped, their new briefing on land, food and nature.

[ECIU | Energy & Climate Intelligence Unit](#) also send a daily briefing, a bit more Euro-focused and a bit shorter than Carbon Brief

The [Anglican Communion Environmental Network](#) joins us up with environmental action across the global Anglican church. You can sign up to their newsletter here. [Anglican Communion Environmental Network \(list-manage.com\)](#)

The big picture on the climate and ecological crises, and required action

Find the UKCCC recommendations for required climate action (UK Committee on Climate Change) [Sixth Carbon Budget - Climate Change Committee \(theccc.org.uk\)](#)

Global Biodiversity Outlook 5 and the Dasgupta report give perspective on the biodiversity crisis
[Global Biodiversity Outlook 5 \(cbd.int\)](#) [Final Report - The Economics of Biodiversity: The Dasgupta Review - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Lots of things in once place

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

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

and Leeds Saving Creation [Saving Creation: Carbon Net Zero Church | The Diocese of Leeds, Church of England \(anglican.org\)](#)