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Saving Creation: Church Environmental Resources List

Here are a series of pointers to useful websites for any Church, Parish Environment Officer or indeed individual to find out more about all things creation care.

A good starting point would be to browse the The Diocese of Leeds Environment pages www.leeds.anglican.org/environment

The following topics are listed alphabetically:

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Books and Films

Diocese of Leeds Environment Book Club. All welcome

<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/eco-book-group/>

Book reviews (scroll down) <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/eco-book-group/>

Carbon Footprints



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For CofE Churches – The Online Parish Return Energy Footprinting Tool

www.churchofengland.org/about/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/about-our-environment/energy-footprint-tool

For all Churches – Climate Steward’s 360Carbon Calculator <https://360carbon.org/en-gb/>

WWF Footprint Calculator - simple footprint tool for personal use <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>

Carbon Net Zero

Diocese of Leeds Saving Creation: Carbon Net Zero resources and case studies

www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/saving-creation

Saving Creation: Six Steps to Carbon Net Zero Church toolkit

www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/Churches%20toolkit%203.pdf

Saving Creation: Six Steps to Carbon Net Zero downloadable template plan for parishes

www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/saving-creation

C of E Net Zero Carbon Church – vision of a Zero carbon Church

www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church

C of E Routemap to Net Zero – information for all areas of the church

www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/net-zero-carbon-routemap

The C of E practical path to net zero - including links to a two page summary guidance note and a self guided checklist any church can use www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church/practical-path-net-zero-carbon-churches

C of E Webinars on Getting to Net Zero – wide range of recorded and live webinar topics

www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/webinars-getting-net-zero-carbon#na and as a playlist

www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PLZwBculXCbbPI9Xz7WvEav03waUzzjBcv&mc_cid=caa6a315c&mc_eid=520498abd7&cbrd=1

Case Studies: Diocese of Leeds Six Steps to Net Zero case studies

www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/saving-creation

Case Study: Towards Carbon Net Zero Churches Craven www.stmaryembay.org.uk/churches-in-craven-carbon-neutral/

Case Studies: C of E Net Zero Carbon and Environmental case studies

www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/towards-net-zero-carbon-case-studies

Case Studies: C of E Towards Carbon Net Zero Churches

www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/our-stories

Climate Emergency Toolkit www.climateemergencytoolkit.com/



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A glossary of Carbon Net Zero Terminology from Crown Commercial Services: [Microsoft Word - Glossary-of-terms -Carbon-Net-Zero-and-Smart-Solutions-.odt \(crowncommercial.gov.uk\)](#)

Carbon Offsetting

Climate Stewards, a Christian carbon offsetting charity www.climatestewards.org/

Children and Youth Resources

Eco Church resources for Kids and Youth – 5 sessions for each age group

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/resources/>

Gloucester Diocese - 1 session for youth on climate change

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2021/new-eco-resource-for-youth-groups/>

Christian Aid Bible Study resources for various age groups <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/climate-justice-youth-resources>

Bath and Wells Diocese – All Seasons Exploring Outdoors (1 session for each season)

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/ministry/children-young-people/resources-and-ideas-for-children-and-young-people/>

Church Buildings Advice

Diocese of Leeds Environment Buildings page www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/buildings

Diocese of Leeds DAC Environmental Policies and Guidance – including Building Materials

www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/DAC%20environmental%20guidance%20October%202021.pdf

Buildings Maintenance Training (including Environmental training) recorded webinars

www.leeds.anglican.org/dac/training

Heating Guidance from the Church of England Church Buildings

Council www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/heating

Renewable Energy Guidance from the Church of England

www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/renewable-energy

Church Buildings Information

Find your church on the Church Heritage Record <https://facultyonline.churchofengland.org/churches>

Historic England listings information <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>

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Churchyards

Diocese of Leeds Environment Churchyard page www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/churchyards

Caring for God's Acre: resources and advice www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/

Diocese of Leeds DAC Environmental Policies and Guidance – including Churchyard biodiversity, trees and paths/hardstanding
www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/DAC%20environmental%20guidance%20October%202021.pdf

Land and Nature CofE webinar series recorded www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/recordings-webinars-land-and-nature-churches-count-nature and as a YouTube playlist www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PLcc_HT5TeqjpwXmnMDjMyC1-dbeZPCJOK&mc_cid=caaa6a315c&mc_eid=520498abd7&cbrd=1

Case Studies: C of E Biodiversity www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/our-stories

Caring for your Churchyard: Diocese of Leeds conference recorded (scroll down)
www.leeds.anglican.org/dac/training

Churches Count on Nature – annual recording of species www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/thank-you-for-taking-part-in-love-your-burial-ground-week/

C of E Biodiversity Guidance www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/biodiversity

C of E Trees Guidance www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/trees

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) <https://burialgrounds-places.nbnatlas.org/search?q=#tabs-2>

Climate Resilience

C of E Climate Resilient Church Advice www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/climate-resilient-church

Community and Global

Community and Global: Diocesan Environment pages
www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/community-global

Show the Love campaign www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love

The Big Green Week – Annual celebration of climate and eco action <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>

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Climate Justice

Christian Aid Climate Justice Campaign www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/climate-justice-every-moment-matters

Tearfund Climate Justice Campaigns www.tearfund.org/campaigns/climate-campaign

Faith for the Climate <https://faithfortheclimate.org.uk/>

Political Engagement

Hope for the Future – helping you work with your politicians www.hftf.org.uk/faith

Communications

God's Green Fingers Environment e-news from the Diocese of Leeds (back copies and sign up link) www.leeds.anglican.org/environment

Facebook: Environment – Diocese of Leeds www.facebook.com/groups/1759903187656868/?inviter_id=100015242734600&is_new_user=1

Forum: Diocese of Leeds Learning community <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/community/environment/>

Magazine Magic: Ready to print magazine articles www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/magazine-magic

C of E newsletter sign up www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/environment-programme-news

Eco Church

Eco Church Webpage <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

Diocese of Leeds Eco Church page www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/eco-church-awards

Resources and Tips for your Eco Church Journey [www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/Becoming%20an%20Eco%20Church%20\(3\).pdf](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/Becoming%20an%20Eco%20Church%20(3).pdf)

C of E webinars on Eco Church www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PLcc_HT5Teqjo5uiMJIFAj0vplUFFaYznT&mc_cid=caaa6a315c&mc_eid=520498abd7&cbrd=1

Case Studies: C of E Eco Churches – Bronze, Silver and Gold www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/our-stories

Eco Church App <https://app.ecochurch.org/>

Eco Church Resources page <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/resources/>

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Sign-up for the Eco Church Connect newsletter <https://arocha.org.uk/join-us/>

Find a local Eco Church to you here <https://app.ecochurch.org/map>

Contact email for questions and enquiries: ecochurch@arocha.org

Energy Audits

Church Energy Audits from the Green Journey www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/energy-audits

Church Energy Audits from Parish Buying www.parishbuying.org.uk/categories/energy/energy-basket/audit

Energy Efficiency

C of E Guidance on Energy Efficiency Measures

www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/energy-efficiency-measures

Historic England guidance on energy efficiency in heritage buildings

<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/technical-advice/energy-efficiency-and-historic-buildings/>

Energy Procurement

The Green Journey: Purchasing renewable electricity and carbon offset gas

www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/green-journey

Funding for environmental projects

The Diocese of Leeds Environment Funding page. A list of potential grant funders is available here

www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/funding

C of E Environment Fundraising page www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/fundraising-for-net-zero-carbon#na

C of E webinars on fundraising for environmental projects

www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PLcc_HT5TeqjqWpAe5J1Peexc2WoV5UxL6&mc_cid=caaa6a315c&mc_eid=520498abd7&cbrd=1

C of E General Advice Funding page www.parishresources.org.uk/resources-for-treasurers/funding/funding-guides-capital-fundraising/

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Getting Started

Getting Started: How to start on a church eco journey www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/getting-started

Find your Area Environment Champion to help you www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/

Heating

Diocese of Leeds Toolkit: sustainable Heating in your church

www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/DAC%20Heating%20Toolkit.pdf

Diocese of Leeds Church Heating Checklist

www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/Heating%20checklist%20July%202022.pdf

Diocese of Leeds DAC Environmental Policies and Guidance – including heating

www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/DAC%20environmental%20guidance%20October%202021.pdf

C of E comprehensive guidance on church heating including options appraisal

www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/heating

Case Studies: C of E Net Zero Carbon and Environmental case studies including multiple renewable Church Heating options www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/towards-net-zero-carbon-case-studies

Find churches with heat pumps etc on the Renewables Map

<https://facultyonline.churchofengland.org/renewables>

Find an accredited installer for heat pumps on the MCS accredited list <https://mcs-certified.com/find-an-installer/>

Investments

Church Commissioners Responsible Investment page with Principles for Responsible Investment

www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/church-commissioners-england/how-we-invest/responsible-investment-1

The Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI) is a global, asset-owner led initiative which assesses companies' preparedness for the transition to a low carbon economy. Set up by the Church Commissioners. www.transitionpathwayinitiative.org/

CCLA Environment Policy www.ccla.co.uk/about-us/policies-and-reports/policies/environmental-policy

Lifestyles



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Diocese of Leeds Environment Lifestyle page www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/lifestyles

Climate Vision 10 Pledges

[www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/21_09_30%2010%20Pledges%20\(2\)\(1\).pdf](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/21_09_30%2010%20Pledges%20(2)(1).pdf)

Climate Vision 10 Pledges – Youth Version

[www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/Youth%20Pledges\(1\).pdf](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/Youth%20Pledges(1).pdf)

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

<https://creationcare.org.uk/>

Count us in - 16 high impact steps which individuals can take to cut carbon www.count-us-in.org/

WWF Footprint Calculator - simple footprint tool, and an informative process

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>

Ethical Consumer, website and magazine (like Which?), research into products and services to help you purchase more sustainably <https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/>

Lighting

Diocese of Leeds DAC Environmental Policies and Guidance – including Lighting

www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/DAC%20environmental%20guidance%20October%202021.pdf

Lighting Guidance from the Church of England

www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/lighting

Case Study: Truro Cathedral switching off floodlighting www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cornwall-60200164

People

Find your Area Environment Champion www.leeds.anglican.org/environment

Diocesan Environment Group: downloadable list of advisors on this page

www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/getting-started

Template role description for a Parish Environment Officer downloadable from this page

www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/getting-started

Policies

Template Parish Environment Policy downloadable from this page

www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/getting-started

Diocese of Leeds Environment Policy

[www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/Youth%20Pledges\(1\).pdf](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/Youth%20Pledges(1).pdf)

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Leeds Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) Sustainability Policy and Guidance
www.leeds.anglican.org/dac/sustainability

Schools

Diocese of Leeds Saving Creation: Toolkit for Schools
<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/about/education/education-saving-creation/>

C of E webinars on environmental action for schools
www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PLcc_HT5Teqjrm0kQ8A2qcRvRJxgkeTi3&mc_cid=caa6a315c&mc_eid=520498abd7&cbrd=1

Solar

Diocese of Leeds DAC Environmental Policies and Guidance – including Renewable generation
www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/DAC%20environmental%20guidance%20October%202021.pdf

C of E Guidance of solar panels www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-09/Solar_Panels_and_Faculty_Guidance_0.pdf

Case Studies: C of E Net Zero Carbon and Environmental case studies including Church Solar case studies www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/towards-net-zero-carbon-case-studies

Find churches with solar panels etc on the Renewables Map
<https://facultyonline.churchofengland.org/renewables>

Find an accredited installer for solar panels on the MCS accredited list <https://mcs-certified.com/find-an-installer/>

Training

Diocese of Leeds Environment Training Page www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/training-opportunities

Diocese of Leeds Saving Creation: Ministry Pathway- Bronze, Silver and Gold Level training
<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/ministry/eco-discipleship-enabling-and-mission/>

Bronze Course: Eco Discipleship for All <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/saving-creation-bronze/>

Silver Course: Parish Environment Officer <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/saving-creation-silver/>

Gold Course: Eco Missioner <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/saving-creation-gold/>

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The CRES (Christian Rural & Environmental Studies) courses <https://cres.org.uk/courses/>

C of E Webinars on Getting to Net Zero – wide range of recorded and live webinar topics
www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/webinars-getting-net-zero-carbon#na

Travel

Diocese of Leeds DAC Environmental Policies and Guidance – including Travel and Access
www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/DAC%20environmental%20guidance%20October%202021.pdf

Carbon footprint transport calculator from Climate Stewards - allows you to compare journeys
www.climatestewards.org/offset/

LiftShare UK <https://liftshare.com/uk>

OZEV - grants for EV car charging posts www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-grants-for-low-emission-vehicles

EV charging posts Zap Map www.zap-map.com/charge-points/

Water

Diocese of Leeds DAC Environmental Policies and Guidance – including Water Management
www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/DAC%20environmental%20guidance%20October%202021.pdf

Worship and Preaching

General

Diocese of Leeds Environment Worship page www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/worship-teaching

Climate Sunday Resources www.climatesunday.org/service-resources

Christian Concern for One World worship resources www.ccow.org.uk/creation-gods-gifts-our-responses/

Outdoor

C of E Outdoor worship guidance page www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/outdoor-worship

Case Studies: C of E Outdoor Worship www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/our-stories



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Forest Church Grove Booklet - a good place to start if you want to know about Forest Church
<https://grovebooks.co.uk/products/mev-127-forest-church-earthed-perspectives-on-the-gospel>

Forest Church facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/forestchurch/

Liturgy

Creationtide – 1st September to 4th October C of E resources <https://creationtide.wordpress.com/>

A Time for Creation booklet of Creation-themed liturgy www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/time-creation

Liturgy for the Agricultural Year www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/times-and-seasons-4

Music

Diocese of Leeds Creation Care Hymns and Worship Song Bank (download)
[www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/22_04%20Hymns%20and%20Songs%20for%20Worship%20-%20Creation%20Care\(1\).docx](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/22_04%20Hymns%20and%20Songs%20for%20Worship%20-%20Creation%20Care(1).docx)

“Doxecology” new creation themed worship songs by Resound worship
www.resoundworship.org/projects/doxecology and Spotify (registration is free)
<https://open.spotify.com/album/3XRJLyos1a1BXKsRsXgHjr>

“Climate Vigil Songs” Porter’s Gate – diverse album available on Spotify (registration is free)
<https://open.spotify.com/artist/3lFjLxwdFzhGr9fhWzE0SW/discography/all?pageUri=spotify:album:2WHh6TmX4BFuPLBsPwaWff>

Prayer

Pray and Fast for the Climate – monthly prayer points for intercessions
<https://prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk/>

Climate Intercessors – prayer guides and global online prayer meetings
www.climateintercessors.org/

Diocese of Leeds Environment Prayer Bank (download)
[www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/Prayers%20for%20Creation%20Care\(2\)%20\(1\).docx](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/sites/default/files/files/Prayers%20for%20Creation%20Care(2)%20(1).docx)

Preaching

Preaching for God’s World - Weekly creation care themed sermon resources at
<https://preachingforgodsworld.org/>

Greening the Lectionary – archived weekly sermon pointers
www.greeningthelectionary.net/441901152