

Steps for churches



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WORKING TOWARDS NET ZERO

Get Help

Find a few people who are willing to work together. Get in contact with others who have previous experience via your Deanery Environment Champion or the Diocesan Environment Officer.

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Cost: A phone call

Pray

Consider setting up a small group for bible study and prayer on net zero. Many of CofE case studies have videos and discussion questions. [Net Zero Carbon and Environmental case studies](#)

Cost: Your time and some refreshments

Measure and Report

Find previous energy bills and complete the Energy Footprint Tool on Parish Returns. This really helps us to understand what the carbon footprint is across the diocese and nationally. [Parish Returns Online](#)

Open 1st January - 31st July 2023

Cost: Your time

Join

Sign up for Eco Church and start working towards an award. You'll probably find you are doing more already than you had realised!

[Eco Church - An A Rocha UK Project](#) with lots of good resources.

Cost: Your time

Read & Learn

A really useful start is to carry out your own **heating walk-round** of your building. This checklist will provide some useful tips to help you make energy savings [heating_checklist.pdf](#)

Cost: Your Time

Watch **webinars and case studies** from the National Environment Programme. They are really encouraging, inspiring and informative. [Webinars on getting to net zero carbon](#) and [Webinars on getting to net zero carbon](#)

Cost: Your Time

Read the **Diocesan Advisory Committee's Environmental Guidance** at an early stage of planning works in your church. [Lincoln DAC Environmental Guidance](#)

Cost: Your Time

Get a professional **Energy Audit** through [Parish Buying](#) or [Green Journey](#) - this will give you a list of actions and measures which can reduce your carbon footprint. The audit is essential for working out which measures are most effective for your own church. [Parish Buying - Energy Audit](#) - you have to be logged into Parish Buying for the link.

Cost: £200- £300

Take Action:

Work through the [CofE Practical Path to Net Zero for Churches](#) checklist. This will take you through the actual energy reduction measures needed. Review the CofE [National Routemap 2030, Milestones for churches](#). Make a plan for your church based on this guidance. *Cost: Your Time and cost of change*

Connect:

Which sustainability, climate action or community energy groups are in your area? Can they share expertise with you or your church?

Cost: A new friendship

For Environment Matters

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