**Net zero preparation fund:**   
**Application Form**

# Section 1: About the fund

Our net zero preparation fund is intended to kickstart action across the diocese towards decarbonisation, by funding a small cohort of churches to identify scalable solutions, and share the learning so that hundreds of our churches can benefit.

This fund is open to churches who are committed to progressing net zero carbon decarbonisation plans in line with our 2035 target, and who are excited to work in partnership with others to share the learnings. Churches can apply to receive up to £15,000 direct funding, and/or to receive up to £3,000 seed-funding.

The direct funding is intended to support 10 churches become ‘project-ready’ by the end of 2025. This means they will have carried out feasibility studies, surveys and design work, and be progressing planning and faculty permissions where necessary, for a decarbonisation solution. This funding is not for capital works, and therefore successful churches will need to be mindful of how they would then fundraise for the next stage of implementation.

The amount of funding available for these 10 churches is up to the value of £15,000, and any additional funds required will need to be provided by the parish. This funding includes the opportunity to receive support from a technical panel and a fundraising consultant, which will be procured centrally. There will be a requirement that as part of this funding, the selected churches will work alongside a partner, seed-funded church to share learning and will also work to share learning with other parishes, the diocese, and the national church (via the diocese).

The seed-funding (up to £3,000 per church) is for 10 churches at an earlier stage, to help start them on their journey. They will work in partnership with a directly funded church so that they can learn lessons that can be applied to their own project as it develops. A church can apply for both, but only one type of funding will be awarded. Churches are welcome to apply as a partnership (one directly-funded, one seed-funded), if there is already a good and established relationship and both churches are interested in participating. Otherwise, the diocese will work with churches to identify and set up the partnerships. (See appendix 2 for a visual representation.)

All churches will be supported throughout the process by the Environment Action Team, with input from the Church Buildings Team.

The deadline for submitting applications is **Friday 5th April.**

# Section 2: Who is making this application

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| Church and location |  |
| Deanery |  |

Details of the main contact person connected with this application (this is the person we will use to contact and discuss your application).

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| Name |  | | |
| Address |  | | |
| Post code |  | | |
| Telephone number |  | email |  |
| Role |  | | |

# Section 3: About Your Project

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| Which of these criteria does your church fulfil? | 1. Sit within our top 160 high-energy consuming churches according to the Energy Footprint Tool 2022 data (see appendix 1)   Yes  No   1. Has an oil-fired boiler   Yes  No   1. Has a boiler that is likely to fail imminently   Yes  No |
| Which fund are you applying for? | Direct-funding (£15,000, plus match-funding)  Seed-funding (£3,000, no match-funding) |
| If your church doesn’t fulfil any of these criteria, is there another factor you would like us to take into account? (guide: c.100 words) | *Only answer if applicable* |
| What is it about your church that you think would make it a good candidate for the project? (Guide: c.200 words) |  |
| What is the proposed decarbonisation solution for your church, if known? (guide c.100 words) |  |
| How have you arrived at this solution? (guide c.100 words) |  |
| Please confirm the following: | 1. This application has the support of the PCC   Yes  No  Support expected but not signed off:   1. Direct-funding only: Our church can match-fund the remaining costs to become project-ready (anticipated to be a further £5,000, but this will depend on each project)   Yes  No   1. I understand that if we are successful, our church will be expected to work closely with others in order to share the learning   Yes  No |
| If you are applying for direct-funding but are unsuccessful, would you be interested in seed-funding and/or being part of wider learning? | Seed-funding: Yes  No  Wider learning group: Yes  No |
| Are you applying with a partner church in mind? | Yes:  Name of church in mind:  No: |

# Section 4: Completing your application

Before you sign and date this application, note that by signing this you agree to working closely with the Diocese of Oxford’s Environment Team and providing them with regular updates as requested. You also agree to share your learning with a group of churches, with others engaged in similar projects in the Diocese, and nationally. Grant funding is to be spent as indicated in the introduction ‘about the fund’. Any unspent money must be returned to the Diocese. Your project may also feature in our communications, and be shared with the national Church of England Environment Programme.

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| Signature of clergy lead (e.g. incumbent, area dean) |  | Role |  |
| Print name |  | Date |  |
| Signature of Lay leader (e.g. warden, lay chair) |  | Role |  |
| Print name |  | Date |  |

# Section 5: Bank Account Details

Grants will be made by BACS transfer: please provide details of the account to which money should be paid.

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| Name of Treasurer |  | | |
| Telephone |  | Email |  |
| Account name |  | | |
| Sort code |  | Account no |  |

Send your completed form to the Environment Team by email [environment@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:environment@oxford.anglican.org) or post a hard copy to: Church House Oxford, Langford Locks, Kidlington, Oxford, OX5 1GF.

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**DATA PROTECTION**

In order to progress your application, we need your consent to process your data. The General ODBF Privacy Notice at [www.oxford.anglican.org/privacy/](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/privacy/) sets out the basis on which we seek your consent. Please sign below to indicate that you consent. We will be unable to proceed if you do not give consent. You may withdraw your consent by emailing [energy.audits@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:energy.audits@oxford.anglican.org)

**I give consent for my details to be used to allow my application to be processed in accordance with the information given on the Privacy Notice.**

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| **Signed:** | **Date:** |

**Appendix 1 – High-emitting churches (top 20%) based on Energy Footprint Tool data submitted for 2022.**

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| Abingdon: Christ Church |
| Abingdon: St Helen |
| Aldermaston: St Mary the Virgin |
| Aldworth: St Mary the Virgin |
| Amersham: St Mary the Virgin |
| Appleton: St Laurence |
| Arborfield: St Bartholomew |
| Ascot Heath: All Saints |
| Ashbury: St Mary the Virgin |
| Aston Rowant: St Peter & St Paul |
| Aylesbury: St Mary the Virgin |
| Banbury: St Francis |
| Banbury: St Mary |
| Basildon: St Stephen |
| Beaconsfield: St Mary & All Saints |
| Beaconsfield: St Michael & All Angels |
| Bedgrove: Holy Spirit |
| Bierton: St James the Great |
| Binfield: St Mark |
| Blackbird Leys: The Holy Family |
| Bledlow: Holy Trinity |
| Bletchley: St Mary |
| Bloxham: Our Lady of Bloxham |
| Botley: St Peter & St Paul |
| Boyne Hill: All Saints |
| Brill: All Saints |
| Buckingham: St Peter & St Paul |
| Bucknell: St Peter |
| Burford: St John the Baptist |
| Burghfield: St Mary the Virgin |
| Burnham: St Peter |
| Buscot: St Mary |
| Carterton: St John the Evangelist |
| Caversham: St Andrew |
| Chadlington: St Nicholas |
| Chalfont: St Giles |
| Charlbury: St Mary the Virgin |
| Chinnor: St Andrew |
| Chipping Norton: St Mary the Virgin |
| Christ the Servant King |
| Clewer: St Andrew |
| Clewer: St Stephen & St Agnes |
| Cogges: St Mary |
| Cookham Dean: St John the Baptist |
| Cookham: Holy Trinity |
| Crowthorne: St John the Baptist |
| Datchet: St Mary the Virgin |
| Deddington: St Peter & St Paul |
| Dedworth: All Saints |
| Denham: St Mary the Virgin |
| Dinton: St Peter & St Paul |
| Downs Barn: The Cross & Stable |
| Drayton Beauchamp: St Mary the Virgin |
| Drayton: St Peter |
| Earley: St Bartholomew |
| Earley: St Nicolas |
| Earley: St Peter |
| Emberton: All Saints |
| Emmanuel Church Bicester |
| Emmer Green: St Barnabas |
| Englefield: St Mark |
| Enstone: St Kenelm |
| Eynsham: St Leonard |
| Fawley: St Mary the Virgin |
| Flackwell Heath: Christ Church |
| Fulbrook: St James the Great |
| Furzton: The Servant King |
| Goring: St Thomas of Canterbury |
| Great Brickhill: St Mary |
| Great Kimble: St Nicholas |
| Great Missenden: St Peter & St Paul |
| Greenham: St Mary the Virgin |
| Grove: St John the Baptist |
| Hambleden: St Mary the Virgin |
| Harpsden: St Margaret |
| Headington: St Andrew |
| Henley-on- Thames: St Mary the Virgin |
| High Wycombe: All Saints |
| High Wycombe: St Andrew |
| Highfield: All Saints |
| Horton: St Michael's |
| Hughenden: St Michael |
| Hungerford: St Lawrence |
| Islip: St Nicholas |
| Iver Heath: St Margaret |
| Iver: St Peter |
| Ivinghoe: St Mary the Virgin |
| Kidlington: St Mary the Virgin |
| Kintbury: St Mary the Virgin |
| Kirtlington: St Mary the Virgin |
| Lambourn: St Michael & All Angels |
| Little Brickhill: St Mary Magdalene |
| Little Missenden: St John the Baptist |
| Long Crendon: St Mary the Virgin |
| Longcot: St Mary the Virgin |
| Loudwater: St Peter |
| Lower Heyford: St Mary |
| Maidenhead: St Andrew & St Mary Magdalene |
| Maidenhead: St Luke |
| Marlow: All Saints |
| Milton Keynes: Christ the Cornerstone |
| Monks Risborough: St Dunstan |
| Newbury: St John the Evangelist |
| Newbury: St Nicolas |
| Newport Pagnell: St Peter & St Paul |
| Oxford: St Aldate |
| Oxford: St Andrew |
| Oxford: St Barnabas |
| Oxford: St Mary the Virgin |
| Oxford: St Matthew |
| Oxford: St Michael at the North Gate |
| Oxford: St Thomas the Martyr |
| Pangbourne: St James the Less |
| Prestwood: Holy Trinity |
| Quainton: Holy Cross & St Mary |
| Reading: All Saints |
| Reading: Greyfriars |
| Reading: St Giles |
| Reading: St John the Evangelist & St Stephen |
| Reading: St Laurence |
| Reading: St Luke |
| Reading: St Mark |
| Rotherfield Peppard: All Saints |
| Shaw-cum-Donnington: St Mary |
| Shrivenham: St Andrew |
| Slough: St Paul |
| South Ascot: All Souls |
| South Kidlington: St John the Baptist |
| Southlake: St James |
| Sparsholt: Holy Cross |
| Stadhampton w Chislehampton: St John the Baptist |
| Stanford-in-the-Vale: St Denys |
| Steventon: St Michael & All Angels |
| Stewkley: St Michael & All Angels |
| Stoke Poges: St Giles |
| Stony Stratford: St Mary & St Giles |
| Summertown: St Michael & All Angels |
| Sunningdale: Holy Trinity |
| Sunninghill: St Michael & All Angels |
| Sutton Courtenay: All Saints |
| Taplow: St Nicolas |
| Thame: St Mary the Virgin |
| Thatcham: St Mary |
| Tilehurst: St Catherine of Siena |
| Tilehurst: St George |
| Tilehurst: St Michael |
| Twyford: St Mary the Virgin |
| Upton: St Laurence |
| Wallingford: St Mary le More & All Hallows |
| Waltham: St Lawrence |
| Wargrave: St Mary the Virgin |
| Water Eaton: St Frideswide |
| Waterside: Christ Church |
| Watlington: St Leonard |
| West Hanney: St James the Great |
| West Wycombe: St Paul |
| Wing w Grove: All Saints |
| Wingrave w Rowsham: St Peter & St Paul |
| Witney: St Mary the Virgin |
| Wokingham: St Paul |
| Wokingham: St Sebastian |
| Woodstock: St Mary Magdalene |
| Yarnton: St Bartholomew |
| **Appendix 2- Sharing the learning diagram**  A diagram of a church  Description automatically generated |