



A framework for action

Help us respond
faithfully to the
climate and
nature crises

- Worship and teaching
- Buildings and energy
- Land and nature
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

Why change the survey?

- **Ever greater urgency:** the new survey better reflects current concerns and hopes for the future state of the planet, ensuring that churches are being encouraged and rewarded for taking the most impactful actions
- **Net zero carbon:** supports the many churches which have made net zero carbon commitments
- **Greater flexibility:** new survey is as agile as possible and caters to the hugely diverse range of churches across the CofE and other denominations/faith groups

Eco Church in the Diocese of Oxford

237 Eco Churches
(c. 30%!)

1 Gold

38 Silver

79 Bronze



Bronze Eco Diocese
(2022)

Aiming for Silver
by 2026

Worship and Teaching

Themes in Worship and Teaching

This category encompasses the following themes:

Theme 1: Worship and Prayer

- Aspects of worship: lament, preaching, prayer/intercession
- Where and how we worship: outdoors, pioneering models
- Worship resources: flowers, candles, wine, etc.

Theme 2: People

- Equipping and training leadership
- Pastoral care responding to environmental concerns
- Affirmation of environmental ministry

Theme 3: Teaching and Discipleship

- Creation care is part of baptism/confirmation/membership preparation
- Creation care is part of children's/youth/schools' work
- Creation care is part of courses and home group study
- Environmental speakers

What's new?

- Worship resources
- Focus on people
- Models of worship



Buildings and Energy



Theme 1: Carbon measuring

- Carbon footprint
- Net Zero Carbon Action Plan
- Eco champion or team and their skills

Themes 2a and b: The building

- Building maintenance
- Double/secondary glazing
- Insulation
- Climate resilience plan
- Lighting
- Energy supply
- Energy generation
- Water

Theme 2c: People and policies

- Building operations
- Climate resilience and building use
- Procurement
- Waste
- Lettings
- Offsetting

What's new?

- Pathways
- Climate resilience
- Net zero focus
- Policies
- No opt out section



Land and nature

Theme 1: Biodiversity

Theme 2: Monitoring and citizen science

Theme 3: People

What's new?

- Pathways
- Climate resilience
- Target 25
- More details
- No opt out section



Community and Global Engagement

Theme 1: Awareness raising – getting people on board

Theme 2: Taking action

- Advocacy, including working with elected representatives
- Engaging individuals

Theme 3: Communication



What's new?

- Measure your impact
- Scope for local interpretation/contexts
- Church finance moved to this section

Lifestyle

90% of the carbon footprint of a church community will come from the actions and choices of congregation members *outside of church*....

Theme 1: Influence

- Sharing of information
- Engagement in campaigning

Theme 2: Carbon footprint

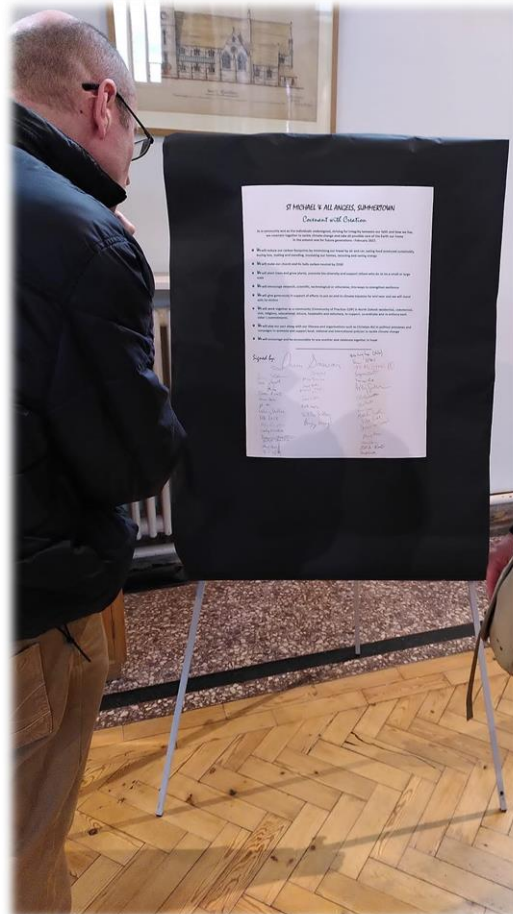
- Personal carbon footprint
- Energy use

Theme 3: Personal choices

- Food
- Transport
- Finance
- Consumption of goods and services
- Waste

Theme 4: Nature

- Appreciation and experience of nature
- Care and protection of nature



What's new?

- Food section
- Personal consumption
- Finance expanded



Filling in the survey

Completed in sections as before, links to helpful resources under each question

1 ✓	2 ✓	3 ?	4 ?	5 ✓	6 ✓	7 ✓	8 ✓
9 ✓	10 ✓	11 ?	12 ?	13 ✓	14 ?	15 ✓	16 ✓
17 ✗	18 ✗	19 ✗	20 ✗	21 ✗	22 ✗	23 ✗	24 ✗
25 ✗	26 ✗	27 ✗	28 ✗	29 ✗	30 ✗	31 ✗	32 ✗

Comments 

✓ answered (positively or negatively)

? need to find out

✗ not answered yet

Our church uses LED lighting.

Question 16 of 32

- Yes
- Partly
- No
- Need to find out

Resources



Resources to support you



EcoHub

Welcome to the EcoHub

The EcoHub is your one-stop shop for information, practical advice and theological reflection on how we can best care for God's creation.

We've entered all the resources - a collection of our own and those from other organisations and groups - into an easy-to-search database. Just enter the term you're looking for into the search box - and you can browse materials that will be relevant to you.

We've also identified seven categories that align with the *Eco Church framework*, which we thoroughly encourage churches to follow. Click on the topic headings below to see related resources - they're a great starting point for individuals too.

Worship and teaching

Resources for delivering sermons, prayers, small group courses, services and sung worship.

Buildings

Resources to support the care and management of our buildings in a way that's better for the environment and works towards net zero carbon.

Churchyards

Resources to help us manage our land for the benefit of wildlife and the environment.

Environment Parish Resource Pack

Easy-to-follow advice on how to improve sustainability, reduce energy consumption and save money for your church, no matter your tradition or location in the diocese.

- Churchyard nature hunt
- Active travel
- Sustainable catering
- Efficient appliances
- Eco-friendly supplies
- DIY lighting
- Heating your church (see also the advice notes at the bottom of this Heating page)



Lifestyle

Resources to support individuals take action to reduce the environmental impact of our daily lives

Advocacy

Resources to support churches, schools and individuals to speak up for local and global climate issues, particularly focusing on climate justice

Fundraising

Resources to signpost to funders, and tips on how to fundraise effectively for environmental projects

Understanding climate, ecology and theology

Greenshoots + FB page
Net zero forums
Annual events
Deanery Leads

oxford.anglican.org/environmental-action



Questions?

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