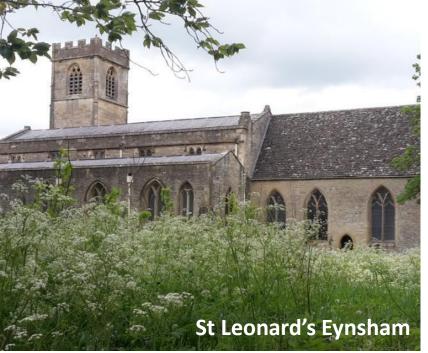
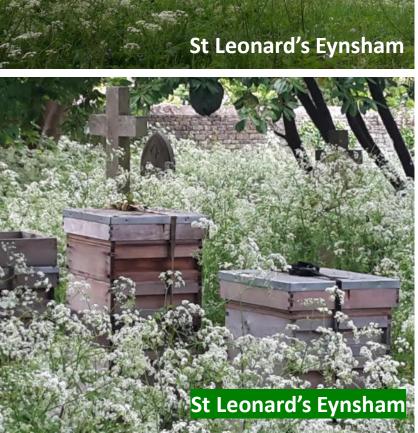
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Churchyard opportunities for wildlife and for mission Diocese of Oxford

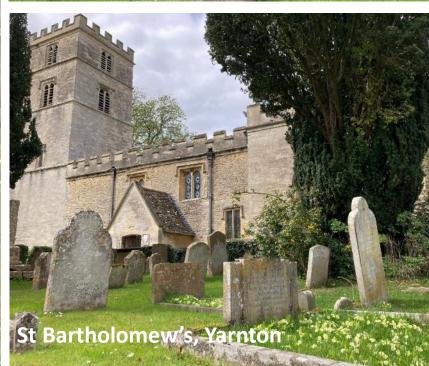












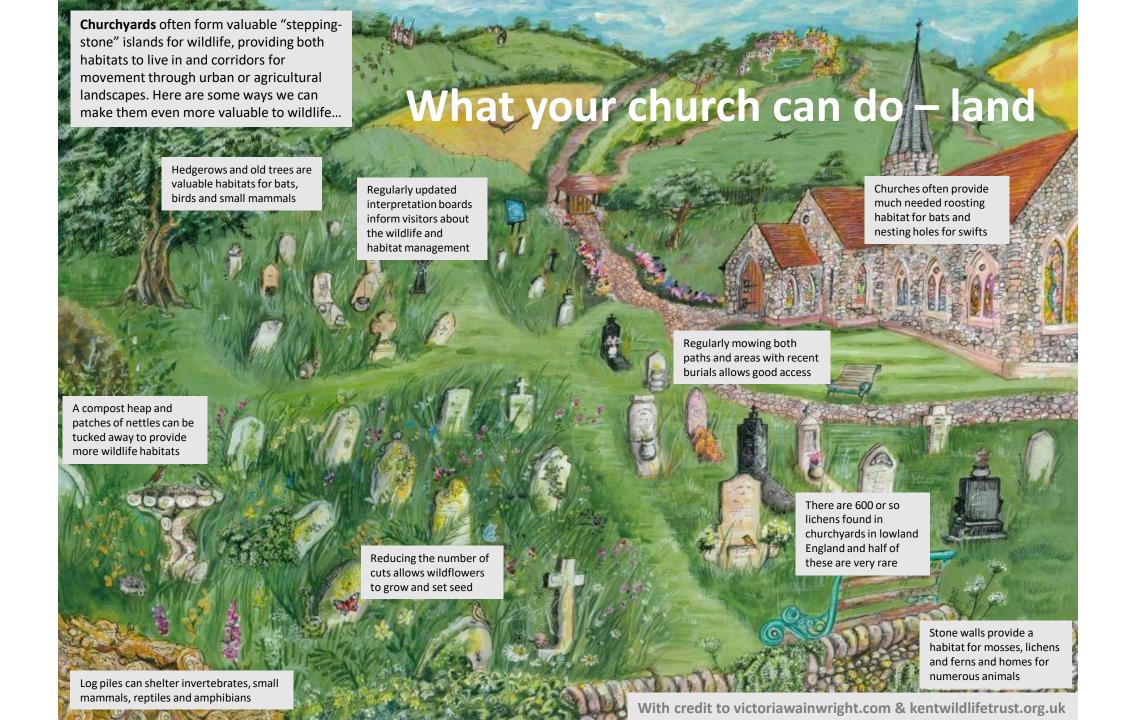
Diocese of Oxford Environmental Action Programme

Working on the Diocese's net zero carbon and wider environmental commitments. We share resources on a variety of pathways for action such as:

- Eco Church award scheme
- Energy Audit programme
- Greenshoots Network
- Gathering of existing resources EcoHub
- Creating resources
- Wilder Churches with BBOWT









Churchyard Scavenger Hunt





Parish Resource Pack

































Churches Count On Nature







Caring for God's Acre Love your burial ground week



























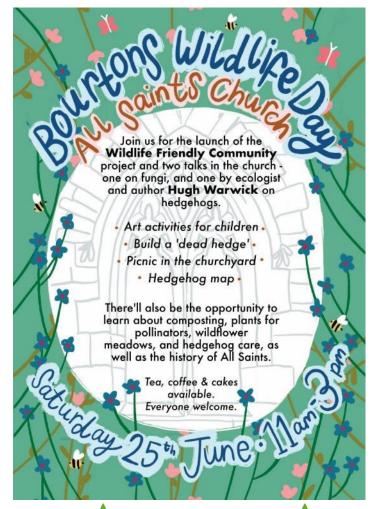








Village Wildlife Day











Holy Trinity, Prestwood waxcap fungi



St Peter's Aylesbury Community Garden (1)

St Peter's purpose is to 'bring wholeness and hope to the people around us through encountering Jesus'.

The Quarrendon community's needs are centred around its markers of deprivation and poverty, with the most prevalent (within the bottom 10% of the country) in:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Loneliness & Isolation
 - Education & Skills
- Poverty affecting older people and children





St Peter's Aylesbury Community Garden (2)













Creativity, Worship & Fun Ideas

- QR Codes helping people to cook and eat healthily
- Use the Seasons (eg Advent)
- Recycling & Reclamation (Carpet tiles, pallets, compostable cups, etc)
- Paint Parties (Wellness, Outreach)
 www.stpa.life/community-garden/



Chinnor Churches Go Wild!

The five churches in the <u>Chinnor Churches Go Wild!</u> project have received support from the Chiltern Conservation Board and BBOWT's Rough Around the Edges project and are an A Rocha UK Partner in Action.

Their aims are:

- to understand the habitats and wildlife in each churchyard
- to improve them for the benefit of wildlife and the local community
- to target at least one declining or threatened species for specific action
- to increase the number of people engaging in nature & the depth of engagement



Churchyard wildlife survey opportunities

- Churches Count on Nature
- Caring for God's Acre species recording
- Butterfly Conservation, <u>Upper Thames Branch</u>
- Bats In Churches
- Plantlife <u>Every Flower Counts</u>
- RSPB <u>Big Garden Birdwatch</u>
- British Lichen Society churchyard survey
- Existing churchyard species records from TVERC via NBN Gateway or BMKERC





Discussion Questions



What one action do you feel you could take with your church?

What would be the ways it would fit with the wider mission of your church?

What obstacles might you come across and how might you tackle them?

What resources / areas of information would be useful to your church?

