



The Church of England  
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Diocese of Chelmsford

# Caring for God's creation

Resources to support parishes and worshipping communities in Chelmsford Diocese in their mission to care for God's creation.

A key part of our mission is caring for God's creation. We believe that God has entrusted humanity with safeguarding all life on earth, and that the two commandments of Christ - to love God and to love our neighbour - are inherent in protecting our environment.

We also believe that human beings have sometimes failed to safeguard the earth, that human-made climate change poses a serious threat to the flourishing of God's creation, and that there are fundamental issues of justice involved in the choices we make day-to-day.

This leaflet signposts resources to support parishes and worshipping communities in Chelmsford Diocese in caring for God's creation.

## Visit our environment webpages where you will find:

- **What's happening in the diocese** – the Diocesan Environment policy, Net Zero Action plan and more about key contacts and groups.
- **Worship and Theology resources** – prayers, liturgy, training opportunities and ideas for church services including special days/seasons.
- **What can my church do? and Get involved** – opportunities for your church to engage with activities related to the Environment, including Eco Church.
- **What can I do?** - resources & suggestions for action to care for creation.

[www.chelmsford.anglican.org/environment](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/environment)



## Subscribe

Subscribe to our Climate Action Now newsletter which highlights upcoming events and resources to support parishes in their response to the climate crisis.



## Key Groups

The **Diocesan Environment Group** is responsible for developing and updating environment-focused policy, strategy and plans as appropriate, and ensuring our environmental work covers a wide range of relevant areas.

**The Net Zero Carbon Management Board** has overall responsibility for implementing and monitoring the Net Zero Carbon Action Plan.

## Join the conversation

The Greening the Church Facebook group is a forum to share ideas and learning about how to make our churches greener. Join by scanning the QR code.



## Key contacts



**The Rt Revd Roger Morris,  
Bishop of Colchester**

Diocesan lead for the environment

Bishop Roger has oversight of all of our environment-focused work. He chairs both the Diocesan Environment Group and the Net Zero Carbon Management Board.

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**Paul Thomson**

Net Zero Carbon Officer

Funded by the national Church of England, Paul's primary role is to support the Diocese's journey to Net Zero Carbon.

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**The Revd Sandra Eldridge**  
Diocesan Environmental Officer

In this volunteer role Sandra works with our parishes, worshipping communities and church schools across Chelmsford Diocese to address practical, justice and theological issues related to the environment.

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## Deanery Environmental Advocates

We have a network of volunteer Deanery Environmental Advocates who encourage churches in their deaneries with Eco Church and on their paths to carbon net zero.

A list of the advocates can be found on the diocesan website.

