**Saving Creation: Strategic Action to Combat Climate Change**

**Template: Carbon Net Zero Parish Plan**

***This template is a designed as a starting point for you to use and adapt as you like. The actions on the chart in grey are examples and can be deleted if they are not appropriate for your parish.***

Acknowledging that we are living in a climate emergency, our church is seeking to act in love to become carbon net zero by 2030, in line with the Church of England and the Diocese of Leeds.

Set out below are the steps that the PCC will be taking over the coming years.

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| **Action** | **Objective** | **Likely CO2 reduction** | **Cost** | **Responsible** | **Date** | **Comments** |
| **Measure and Monitor** |
| Enter energy data to EFT | Calculate carbon emissions | Informs Action | Volunteer Time  | Church Treasurer | Annual (March – July) | EFT = Energy Footprinting Tool on Online Parish Returns |
| Add EFT carbon emissions report to annual reports | Accountability on carbon emissions | Influences Change | Volunteer Time  | PCC Secretary | Annually April |  |
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| **Plan and Prepare** |
| Use the *Practical Path to Net Zero: A checklist for your church* | Assess what actions to take | Informs Action | Volunteer Time | Church Warden | Autumn 2021 | *Practical Path to Net Zero: A checklist for your church*[www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/PP2NZC\_SelfGuidedChecklist\_onscreen\_version.pdf](http://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/PP2NZC_SelfGuidedChecklist_onscreen_version.pdf) Net Zero Carbon Church interactive advice picture [www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church](http://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church) |
| Hold a Climate Sunday | Communicate the reasons for action to the congregation | Influences Change | Clergy Time | Vicar | Autumn 2021 | *Climate Sunday* [www.climatesunday.org/](http://www.climatesunday.org/) Other Worship resources [www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/worship-teaching](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/worship-teaching)  |
| Appoint a Parish Environment Officer | Someone to direct and monitor  | Equips for change | Volunteer Time  | PCC | Autumn 2021  |  |
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| **Essential Energy Actions** |
| Investigate a renewable electricity tariff | Cut emissions from electricity | All electric emission | Neutral | Church Treasurer | ASAP | The Green Journey scheme offers a 100% renewable electric tariff especially negotiated with SSE [www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/green-journey](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/green-journey) |
| Investigate an renewable heating system | Find the best options for our church  | Informs change  | Volunteer TimeArchitects costs  | Church Warden | 2023 | Seek advice from the DAC and explore options using the C of E guidance and webinars [www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/webinars-getting-net-zero-carbon](http://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/webinars-getting-net-zero-carbon)   |
| Install a renewable heating system  | Cut carbon emission from heating | Potentially all heating emissions | Potentially High | Church Warden  | 2025 | An electric or electric driven system can be run on renewable electricity  |
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| **Essential Travel Actions** |
| Hold a walk to Church Sunday | Raise awareness of travel emission with congregation | Personal emissions for congregation | Neutral | Vicar | 2022 |  |
| Schedule PCC and other meetings in convenient locations or online | Cut travel miles | 0.22Kg CO2 per mile | Saving on petrol/diesel | PCC Secretary | 2021 onwards |  |
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| **Carbon Offsetting** |
| Investigate carbon offset gas tariff | Offset for heating emissions | Offset all gas emission | £20 per tonne CO2 | Church Treasurer | 2021 | The Green Journey scheme offers a carbon offset gas tariff with Crown [www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/green-journey](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/green-journey) |
| Budget for carbon offsetting | Pay the full price of energy used by the church | Offset all remaining emissions | £20 per tonne CO2 | Church Treasurer | 2023 | Climate Stewards is a Christian carbon offsetting charity [www.climatestewards.org/](http://www.climatestewards.org/) |
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| **Stepping Out and Up** |
| Use the Climate Emergency Toolkit to recognise or declare | Raise public awareness of being an active and relevant church | Influences change in the community  | Volunteer Time  | Parish Environment Officer  | Autumn 2021  | The Climate Emergency Toolkit for churches [www.climateemergencytoolkit.com/](http://www.climateemergencytoolkit.com/)  |
| Hold a Climate Sunday | Communicate the reasons for action to the congregation | Influences Change | Clergy Time | Vicar | Autumn 2021 | *Climate Sunday* [www.climatesunday.org/](http://www.climatesunday.org/)Other Worship resources [www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/worship-teaching](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/worship-teaching) |
| Write to local press with carbon reduction plans | Raise public awareness of being an active and relevant church | Influences change in the community  | Volunteer Time | PCC Secretary | 2022 |  |
| Register with the Eco Church Award scheme  | Celebrate our eco success  | Encourages change  | Volunteer Time  | Parish Environment Officer  | 2022 |  |
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