**Saving Creation: Action to Care for Creation & to Combat Climate Change**

***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 edited or deleted as 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. Set out below are the steps for the PCC.

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| **Action** | **Objective** |  | **Cost** | **Responsible** | **Date** | **Comments** |
| **Measure and Monitor Carbon** | | | | | | |
| Enter energy data to EFT | Calculate carbon emissions |  | Volunteer Time | Church Treasurer or ANO | Annual (March – July) | EFT = Energy Footprint Tool on Online Parish Returns |
| Add EFT carbon emissions report to annual reports | Accountability on carbon emissions |  | Volunteer Time | PCC Secretary | Annually April | Including APCM reports so church awareness grows |
| Set targets for carbon reduction over the years | Sharpen focus on carbon reduction |  | Volunteer Time but should save money | Church Warden or property person | 2022 | Helps to set focus on objective |
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| **Plan and Prepare** | | | | | | |
| Appoint a Parish Environment Officer or Eco Champion | Someone to direct and monitor progress |  | Volunteer Time | PCC | 2022 | Parish Environment Officer or Eco Champion to sign up to diocesan newsletters by emailing [environment@winchester.anglican.org](mailto:environment@winchester.anglican.org) |
| Register with the Eco Church Award scheme | Have a list of tasks & celebrate our eco success |  | Volunteer Time | Parish Environment Officer / Eco Champion | 2022 | https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/ |
| Complete Eco Church Survey and draw up action list | To achieve bronze award minimum |  | Volunteer Time / low costs | Parish Environment Officer / Eco Champion / Eco Working Group | 2023 | Bronze may well be achievable in 2022 but then we need to work on for silver which will take longer |
| Use the *Practical Path to Net Zero: A checklist for your church* | Assess what actions to take to reduce carbon footprint |  | Volunteer Time | Church Warden or property person | 2022 | *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 in Creationtide or other time | Communicate the reasons for action to the congregation |  | Clergy Time | Vicar | Autumn 2022 | *Creationtide resources* widely available |
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| **Essential Energy Actions** | | | | | | |
| Investigate a renewable electricity tariff | Cut emissions from electricity |  | Neutral | Church Treasurer | 2022 | Parish buying? |
| Investigate age and condition of heating system(s) | Identify its life expectancy |  | None | Church Warden or property person | 2022 | This is key to being prepared to its failure |
| Investigate heating system options well ahead of replacement date | Find the best options for our church |  | Volunteer Time | Church Warden or property person | 2023-9 | Lots of advice on options are available from central church webinars available [here](http://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/webinars-getting-net-zero-carbon) |
| Prepare an outline plan for replacing the heating system | Cut carbon emission from heating |  | Potentially High | Church Warden | 2023-9 | An electric or electric driven system can be run on renewable electricity |
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| **Travel Actions** | | | | | | |
| Hold a walk to Church Sunday | Raise awareness of travel emissions with congregation |  | Neutral | Vicar | 2023 | Often celebrated on second Sunday in May but could be any time (Spring & Summer probably better) |
| PCC and other meetings, better locations, online? | Cut travel miles |  | Saving on petrol/diesel | PCC Secretary | 2023 onwards | Where there is scope for this |
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| **Carbon Offsetting** | | | | | | |
| Investigate offset for any non-renewable carbon used |  |  | £20 per tonne CO2 | Church Treasurer | 2026 | Need to firstly seek to reduce carbon footprint as much as possible. If parish can afford it then do earlier |
| Budget for carbon offsetting | Pay the full, real cost of energy used |  | £20 per tonne CO2 | Church Treasurer | 2027 | 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 | Raise public awareness of being an active and relevant church |  | Volunteer Time | Parish Environment Officer/Eco Champion | 2023 | The Climate Emergency Toolkit for churches  [www.climateemergencytoolkit.com/](http://www.climateemergencytoolkit.com/) |
| Get involved with local community green groups | Raise awareness inside & outside church |  | Volunteer Time | Parish Environment Officer/Eco Champion and clergy |  |  |
| Write to local press with carbon reduction plans | Raise public awareness of being an active and relevant church |  | Volunteer Time | Parish Environment Officer/Eco Champion | 2023 |  |
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