

Net Zero Annual Report 2025

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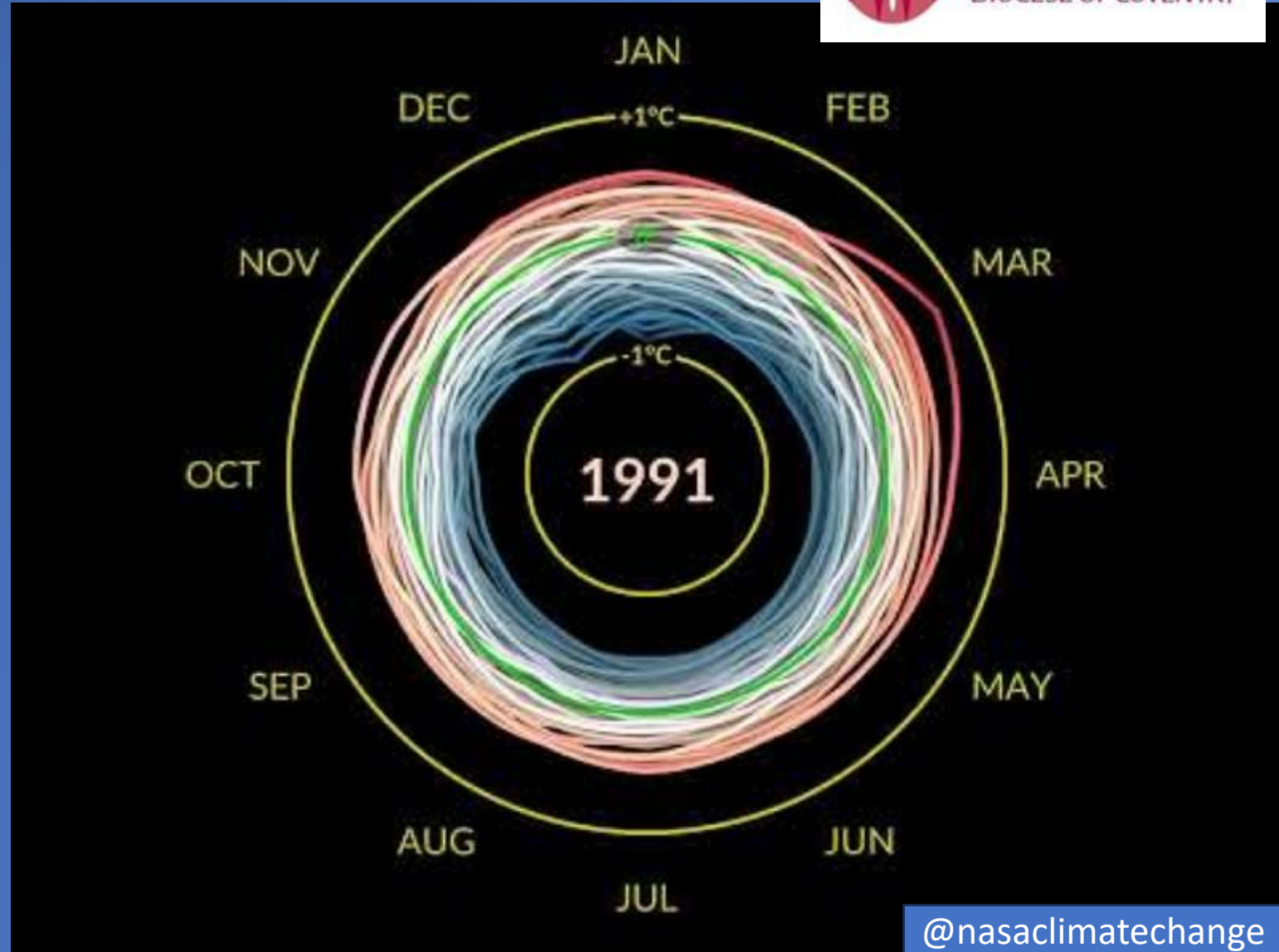
Why are we promoting Net Zero?

Planet Earth is warming,
resulting from
anthropogenic activities.

The CofE accepts that the
fifth mark of mission
conveys responsibilities for
us to steward and care for
God's Creation.

Video Link:

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@nasaclimatechange

Climate Anxiety?

70% of adults in Great Britain are worried about the impact of climate change.

43% felt anxious about the future of the environment during the month before they were surveyed.

Women are more likely than men to worry about the impact of climate change.

Those over the age of 70 are less likely to report being very worried (24%) than those aged 25-34 years (34%).

All stats: ONS Opinions and Lifestyle survey, Oct 2021



*Part of our
'Carbon Confidence'
entry-level training.*

*61 people have
completed the
course.*

Commitment to Creation Care is an essential backdrop for Net Zero initiatives.

Eco Church registrations and awards are now at levels required for Coventry to lift accreditation to Silver Diocese.

64 church visits by NZC-PO in 2025 to consider or advance specific ideas.

Thank you to clergy and lay-leaders for their time, commitment and support.



Net Zero Headlines



There is still
time to act and
every small step
is a step towards
curbing carbon
emissions.

Video link:

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Net Zero –
small steps

Net Zero loan equipment being borrowed constantly through heating seasons (schools and churches)

36 church Energy Audits obtained

two more due in 2025 – all fully funded.

Extension of Capacity Grant from Archbishops Council for Net Zero posts in the dioceses

extended to June 2026 (plus an indication of 2026 to 2028.)

Surge in Q4 NZ grant applications from churches

keen to implement Quick Wins and other decarbonisation proposals



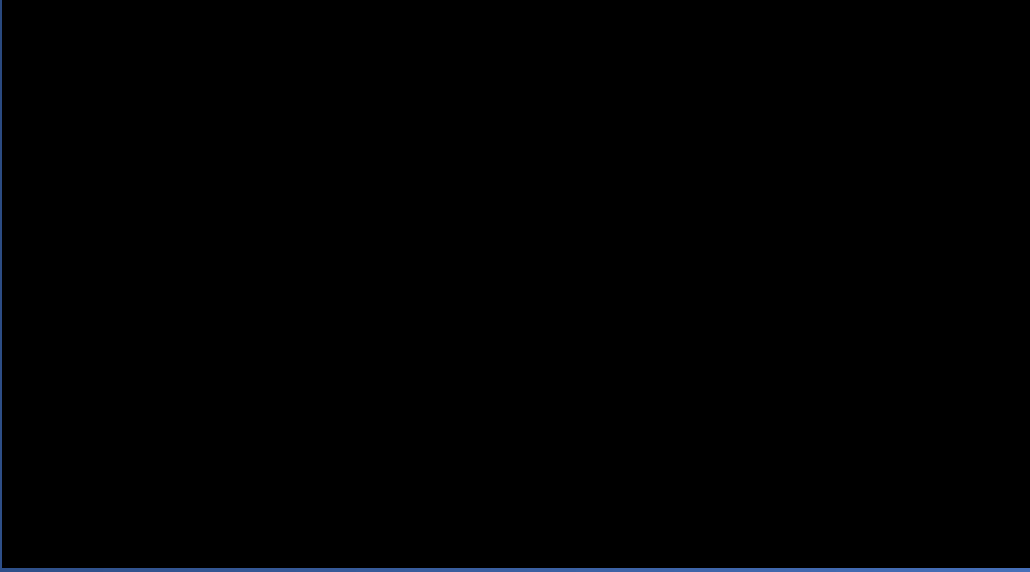
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Conversations with Heathcote Church Centre and St James Southam



Video Link:

<https://vimeo.com/1136432474/f624e94c73?&login=true#> =

Is the commitment intact?

‘Our 2030 net zero commitment was an act of faith – a target that has driven extraordinary progress that perhaps wouldn’t have been made otherwise.

While we recognise that not every building will reach net zero by 2030, we will, in working together, continue to make significant, measurable progress toward that goal.

... we now have a strong national network of Net Zero Officers leading this work across dioceses and cathedrals...’

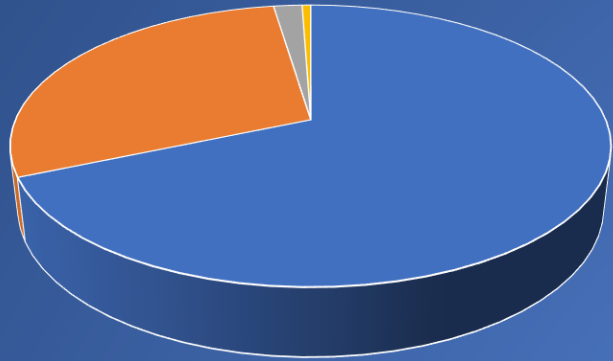


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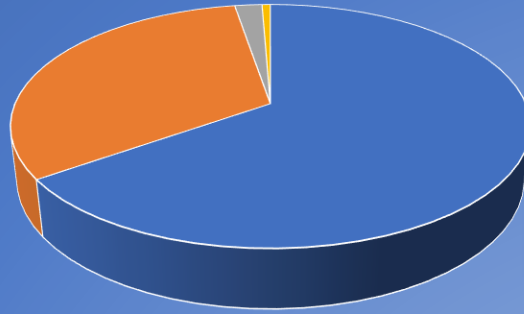
*CofE Environment
Programme*

2024 Carbon emissions (Gross)



- Churches 2,527
- Clergy Homes 1,070
- Cathedral 67.4
- DBF offices 20.6

2024 Carbon emissions (Net)



- Churches 2,172
- Clergy Homes 1,070
- Cathedral 67.4
- DBF offices 20.6



*We are in discussions with
ecotricity to offer direct supply
terms across Coventry diocese
from Jan 2026*

What are our
emissions? (tCO₂e)

2023 returns were

1,897 (403) churches
1,070 clergy homes
74 cathedral
24 (11) DBF office*

** 74% EFT return rate*

What is the DBF's response for 2026?

Extended Capacity Grant Net Zero funding is until June
DBF to sustain NZC-PO for the remainder of 2026.

Net Zero Grant for churches £100k
plus fundraising support for external grants

Clergy Homes Net Zero Quick Wins £115k
Expected to fund works in 40 homes

External Quick Wins fund likely to be £98k
(£32.8k/yr over three years)

Launch of Creation Care Steering Group
incorporating Biodiversity in Churchyards, Diocesan
Environment Officer and Net Zero activities



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*Included within
proposed
2026 budget.*

How can I help?



Net Zero
Carbon
2030
THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Working together to care
for God's creation.



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NET ZERO

On your journey towards Net Zero carbon emissions, what resources can you access?

CHURCH AND SCHOOL VISITS

The context for each church is different. Heating and (to a lesser extent) lighting often represent the greatest energy costs, but the way your church or school buildings are used greatly affects your energy needs and the CO₂ emissions you produce. During my visit, I will look around your site, listen to questions and the ideas you have. I aim to offer workable suggestions.



TRAINING

Carbon Confidence in an Hour is a locally delivered special course developed by the Church of England Environment Programme. When you complete the course you will have a greater appreciation of the challenges facing God's creation, as well as ideas about how to respond with integrity.

A series of dates is available for your bookings. No charge is being made for delegates to attend.

CASE STUDIES AND OTHER RESOURCES

We have published a few Case Studies based on local people's recent experience of Solar PV systems, heat pump solutions and Infra Red heating systems. We're going to add LED lighting systems and Cavity Wall insulation soon.

Loan Equipment

Available to churches and schools for two to three weeks, we now have four loan kits, each with an Infra Red thermal imaging camera and up to 6 x digital thermo/hygrometers. These will help you better understand how effective your heating system may be and where heat losses are greatest.

Resource Documents

We have compiled two separate Resource documents, one for churchwardens and one for householders. These describe many energy savings ideas and low carbon options that people are looking to introduce into churches and homes. We also direct readers to more detailed information via hyperlinks in the documents.

AT A GLANCE

Grants

- Net Zero initiatives are being supported at several levels with **up to £25k** available for successful applicants. (for churches)

Priorities

- easily assess energy use and identify where savings can be made
- plan towards replacing heating systems at the end of their useful life, switching from fossil fuel dependency to low carbon technologies. Develop your own **heating resilience plan** based on a simple template.
- We want to recruit volunteers to support our **Deanery Environmental Representatives** (DER) or to become a DER where the current position is in vacancy.

HOW CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION?
In the first instance, please contact
colin.angus@coventry.anglican.org

Carbon Confidence
in an Hour Course



Further details about our local resources are here:
<https://www.coventry.anglican.org/info-for-parishes/renewing-our-relationship-with-the-environment/net-zero/>

What we're learning is that each small step is a small step towards curbing Carbon emissions that slow the Climate crisis.

When many people are inspired to take small steps, we will take a giant leap forwards.

As people who are inspired by the life of Jesus, we bear a responsibility to His church world-wide.

Can we inspire each other and our communities to love and steward God's creation, as He asks us to?



How can we talk about this?



If you have any feedback or questions,
please contact me.

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Certified Carbon Literate



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Six
episodes