









Reducing Carbon Emissions Across The Whole Of Church Life















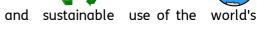
BY 2030























resources, and a concern for the environment are fundamental Gospel commitments.

















human activity is responsible for the degradation of the earth



















of God. It is harming the balance of nature, climate change. This is not the will









and impacting the poorest people of the world.

















The urgency of the climate crisis demands an immediate and rapid, large-scale reduction

















in greenhouse gas emissions. It is vital that societies manage the transition to

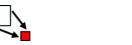








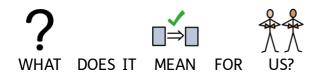








out dependence on fossil carbon economies now and phase



















The URC Environmental Policy updated at General Assembly 2022 states 'urgent action



















should be taken to reduce carbon emissions across the whole of church life, with the











emissions of greenhouse gases

2030'.

















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your congregation to take a

and











scheme https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/





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the URC Environmental

Policy

https://urc.org.uk/environmental-policy/















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NET

ZERO:

means the

emitted is

balanced













measure

carbon footprints https://360carbon.org/





response plan our

https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church/practical-path-net-zero-carbon-churches





reduce our carbon emissions





offset what's left over https://www.climatestewards.org/















everybody what we've been doing;

share

our actions in the





and community





review our

progress

























There are actions that

all churches can take

to















footprint. Every positive action is a step closer

to net

zero

will













encourage a conversation about our own personal carbon footprints.

















momentum will

grow as we

act

together

as churches

individuals.













Maintain

roofs,

gutters, downpipes, drains and









Draught proof windows, doors and floorboards







Insulate pipework, roof spaces.









Carefully think about which spaces are heated at what times.

















Consider creating a smaller (separately heated) space for smaller















your appliances



replace with A+++ appliances















Switch to 100% renewable electricity and 'green'





Replace all light bulbs with LEDs







Install heat/motion sensors to activate







Install thermostatic radiator valves.







Use a smart thermostat system.

















Seek professional advice

if you are considering solar PV panels;

slates;





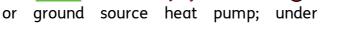








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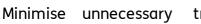
your building is listed, planning consent may be required for certain



changes.















Consider making greater use of video-conferencing for meetings







Use public-transport, where possible. or car-share





INVESTMENTS













Divest your church investments from fossil fuels https://brightnow.org.uk/













Support investment

renewable and clean technologies



www.urc.org.uk/greenerchurch

https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church













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