



MARCH 2025 UPDATES

CREATION CARE

A Rocha UK webinar: The Green Heart of Mission

Do you see caring for creation as an integral part of your faith, and core to the mission of the Church? Perhaps *you* do, but meet others who are less convinced that caring for the earth is a key part of the Gospel and missional work. Join us for this webinar as we discuss these themes, with Paul Kunert, author of 'Jesus Died to Save the Planet', stories from Eco Churches and others. We'll explore how creation care is at the heart of mission and how a newly refreshed Eco Church survey helps put this into practice. Please join us for [The Green Heart of Mission webinar](#) on Tuesday 11 of March 2-3pm, [Book your place via Eventbrite](#).

Climate Café Listening Circles

Climate Café Listening Circles are simple, hospitable, empathetic spaces where fears & uncertainties about climate & ecological crisis can be safely expressed. They are led by volunteer facilitators trained through [Climate Psychology Alliance](#) and the [Cornwall Climate Café Community of Practice](#) project. For more information and details of upcoming sessions please see the attached poster or visit [Wellbeing - Cornwall Climate Action Network](#).

- Tuesday 18th March, 2-3.30pm - Wheal Martyn Clay Works, St Austell (Contact Sian Powell, Engagement Officer on engagementofficer@wheal-martyn.com or call on 01726 850362)
- Friday 21st March, 1.15-3.30pm - CobBauge Building, Sustainability Hub, University of Plymouth (<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/naturalwellbeing/1542472>)
- Saturday 22nd March, 1.30-3.30pm - Liskeard Library ([Select tickets - Climate Café Listening Circle - Liskeard - Liskeard Library](#))
- Saturday 29th March, 10am - 12pm - The Snug, Above the Bookshop Cafe, Falmouth ([Climate Cafe Listening Circle -Falmouth Tickets, Sat, Mar 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#))

Show the Love - The Climate Coalition

Show the Love is under way! It's easy to join this nationwide movement to protect the places we love from climate change. Together with [The Climate Coalition](#), you're invited to share a photo of a place you love, or a selfie with your hands forming a heart shape. You can share it by visiting [this dedicated site](#), and then posting it on social media with #ShowTheLove2025. Every contribution will become part of a giant collaborative artwork celebrating the places we cherish most and want to protect for generations to come. For more information click [HERE](#) and see the guide [HERE](#)

Grants launched to help churches with bats

The next round of a 'Living Alongside Bats in Churches' grant is now open. Grants can be awarded to fund things such as:

- Pew covers
- New hoovers
- Telescopic brushes
- Specialist cleaning
- Bat detectors for future events (in addition to cleaning equipment)

Find out more and apply [here](#). If your church wants something more major, or needs a bat survey prior to works which wouldn't be eligible for this grant, please contact the [National Bat Helpline](#).

CUT CARBON

New animation and guide offer tips for churches to reach net zero carbon

Churches can find practical and easy tips to help them reach net zero in a new animation and guide launched this week.

The short two minute [animation](#), using 'claymatian' style characters, highlights steps such as insulating pipes, draught-proofing doors and buying heated seat cushions to help churches on their journey to net zero carbon.

The animation has been launched alongside a [digital practical guide](#) which features a handy flowchart, a list of heating solutions and a checklist.

The new resources, produced by the Church of England's Net Zero programme, are aimed at helping churches lower carbon emissions by 2030 - an ambition set by the Church of England in 2020.

Energy Footprint Tool 2024 (EFT) Portal attachments x 3

The portal to enter your PCC's data for 2024 opened on Monday 13th January and closes 14th June. There is lots of information on the Diocese's website which you can find [HERE](#). If you would prefer to complete the paper form, please return to either info@truro.anglican.org or post to Church House, The Old Cathedral School, Cathedral Close, Truro TR1 2FQ.

The data collected from the tool will help your church understand its carbon footprint and will mean you may be eligible for grants to help kickstart your net zero projects.

SPEAK UP

Christian Aid Week 2025 - 11-17 May

Every year, communities across the UK and beyond unite in an incredible show of generosity and compassion for Christian Aid Week! Together, we make a powerful difference, bringing hope and support to those who need it most. Get ready and download your pack [HERE](#)

Plus, whether you're a Church, a group of friends, or on your own, Christian Aid have created a suite of resources to inspire you to get involved:

- Fundraising toolkits and guides.
- Worship resources such as a daily devotional and an order of service.
- Tabards, stickers and posters to bring your events to life.

Download these resources [HERE](#)

Chew plants not plastic!

Did you know that chewing gum is a single-use plastic? In fact, every single piece of chewing gum contains a drinking straw's worth of hidden plastic ingredients! These plastics are also used to make carrier bags, car tyres and glue.

Plastic chewing gum creates a huge environmental problem, ending up in landfill, waterways and sticking around to pollute our planet forever. Littered plastic gum is stuck to 87% of pavements, creating a *£60 million per year* problem to clean up.

That's why City to Sea and Nuud are calling on the Government to ban on plastic chewing gum for good - and encouraging people to choose plastic-free chewing gum alternatives! Sign the Petition [HERE](#)

Using Fairtrade in your Church

View an excellent guide on using Fairtrade in your church [HERE](#)

Public ownership of Water

Zero Hour have a new campaign and are asking support of our MPs. Zero Hour state:

We all depend on water. It's a basic necessity, a shared resource, and vital to the health of our environment. But right now, we have no say in how it's managed.

For decades, private water companies have put their profits before people and planet—hiking our water bills, polluting our rivers, and failing to invest in our future. The result? A water system in crisis, spiralling debt, and the public left to pick up the tab. But it doesn't have to be this way.

On 28 March, MPs will debate Clive Lewis' Water Bill in Parliament. It's an opportunity to start a long overdue conversation about how we manage this essential resource. Clive's private member's bill calls for a Commission to explore all models of ownership through a citizens' assembly, giving us, the public, a voice in shaping the future of Britain's water system.

We need as many MPs as possible to attend and take this seriously on 28 March. Ask your MP to attend the crucial debate on the future of our water [HERE](#)

Hope for the future March Newsletter

- view [HERE](#)

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