

Diocese of London



The Environmental Challenge – work so far

- Addresses by the Bishop of London, interventions in Parliament, also as Chair of the National 'Shrinking the Footprint' campaign
- 'Shrinking the Footprint' Steering Group; full-time Head of Environmental Challenge
- Advice to parishes on changing lightbulbs, turning down thermostat by 1°C, switching to Green Energy supplier
- Renewable energy deal with 'Good Energy': electricity – now also gas for small users
- Energy consumption figures with parish annual returns – 12% savings 2005-2008
- 36 Causton Street – environmental audit and upgrades, Display Energy Certificate (Band C)
- Recycled paper for Causton Street
- Energy-saving IT systems, reconditioning of used computers for Africa
- Diocesan Board for Schools environment policy and action
- Climate Action Programme – Environmental Audits, Generic Building Solutions, Energy-saving Benchmarking (grant aided through the London Archdeaconry and the Carbon Trust)
- Parish projects for solar panels – St James Piccadilly, St Mary Spring Grove, St Aldhelm Edmonton, St Silas Pentonville (solar slates), St Mary Finchley Primary School; other renewable energy systems eg biomass boiler at St Giles Cripplegate, boreholes for cooling system at St Martin-in-the-Fields
- Advice upon energy-saving and sustainability, many other parish building projects
- Numerous parish audits and policies, local green initiatives eg in saving energy, lightbulbreplacement, water and waste reduction, ethical food
- Eco-congregations awards to St Thomas Finsbury Park and the Ascension Hanger Hill
- Participation by local churches in budding 'Transition Towns'
- Home energy surveys and upgrades to parsonages
- Low carbon parsonage development projects
- Diocesan risk analysis eg on flooding
- Low carbon budgeting
- Collaboration with Climate Justice Fund

- Collaboration with national C of E in relation to International Year of Biodiversity
- Eco-twinning via ALMA (Angola London Mozambique Association), Lent Appeal for water projects
- Support for Lent Carbon Fast, Environment and Education Sundays, Creation Time
- Interfaith cooperation on climate change and the environment, with national Church and Lambeth Palace, Alliance of Religions and Conservation, the UN Secretary-General and the C of E's 'Church and Earth' long-term plan
- Website and published information and advice
- DAC study day for quinquennial inspectors on energy conservation
- DAC advice on wildlife in churchyards
- Diocesan Chancellor's guidance on trees in churchyards
- Presentations to Synods and Councils, DAC, parish meetings
- Policy and engagement on Heathrow airport expansion (now abandoned)
- Synod motion (in support of deanery motion) upon recycling of waste from churches
- Participation in London Churches Environment Network
- Engagement with national and local government bodies, NGOs and educational charities
- Media and communications programme