ECO CHURCH: WORKING TOGETHER TO NET ZERO

AN ONLINE CONFERENCE for churches of all denominations to learn how Eco Church can help them cut their carbon and care for creation.

SAT 10 OCT, 10am-4pm
Hosted virtually from All Saints’, Leighton Buzzard
Run by St Albans Diocese and A Rocha UK
BEFORE THE CONFERENCE BEGINS, why not join us for a virtual tour of All Saints’ beautiful churchyard? Plan your day at the conference over virtual coffee and croissants in the conference café, and browse the selection of environmental books in our conference bookshop.

Full details of the events and speakers in the programme can be found below, together with links for you to discover further information and resources.

Once you have booked your ticket, details on how to register for your preferred workshop and all the information you need to access all the events will be available in due course via the online conference tab of the eventbrite page.

PROGRAMME

10:00-10:20am Welcome followed by worship event
Our conference begins with a Welcome from Bishop Alan, followed by Forest Church worship, recorded in the beautiful churchyard of our host church, All Saints’, Leighton Buzzard

10:20-10:30am Welcome from All Saints’, Leighton Buzzard
Rev’d Cate Irvine, Vicar of All Saints’ Leighton Buzzard and Esther Clarke, Co-ordinator of the Leighton Linslade Green Christian Local Group

10:30-10:55am Webinar
What is Eco church? Helen Stephens, A Rocha UK’s Church Relations Manager explains the principles behind Eco Church, how to get started, progress along your journey and how the Eco Church programme can help your church reduce its carbon footprint.

BREAK (5 MINS)

11:00 – 11:30am Webinar recording
Eco church in practice: panel event chaired by Esther Clarke
Members of the Leighton-Linslade Christian Ecology Group and the Leighton-Linslade Low Carbon Town initiative will share their experiences and ideas on how church and communities can work together and build partnerships towards net zero.

BREAK (15 MINS) Virtual café and a chance to browse the conference bookshop
### 11:45am-12:30pm

**Zoom webinar**

*Reaching net zero by 2030: the national picture at the Church of England*

*Catherine Ross*, Open and Sustainable Buildings Officer and *Jo Chamberlain*, Environment Policy Officer for the Church of England.

Catherine and Jo will talk practically on how the Church of England’s ambitious “net zero” commitment to reduce carbon emissions can be approached.

### LUNCH BREAK (30 MINS)

**Lunchtime fellowship**

*Agape with music* - Led by *Canon Tim Lomax*

### 1:00-1:20pm

**Recommended viewing.**

Links to videos will be available a few days before the conference.

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<td><em>Bishop Alan</em> introduces this year’s Harvest Appeal to raise money for a Tearfund project providing beehives for communities in Nepal.</td>
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<td><strong>Bedfordshire Swift group</strong> explain why churches can play an important part in restoring the habitats of one of our best-loved birds.</td>
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### BREAK (10 MINS)

### 1:30-2:20pm

**Zoom webinar**

*A practical path to net zero for your church building* with *Catherine Ross*, Open and Sustainable buildings officer for the Church of England.

**Zoom webinar**

*Building effective relationships with your MP*

Get an overview of national climate policy as it stands, what it means for the UK to host COP26, and hear how Hope for the Future can help you engage with what is happening in Parliament with *Rachel Mander* from *Hope for the Future*.

**Zoom webinar**

*Eco church in practice: award winning eco churches discuss their experiences while working on the eco church programme followed by Q & A.* Panel event chaired by *Helen Stephens* from A Rocha UK.

**Zoom webinar**

*Churchyard trees – plant or fell?*  
With *Judith Evans*, Living Churchyards Officer for the Diocese of St Albans.
BREAK (10 MINS)

2:30-3:15pm

Zoom webinar
Climate Change: an issue of social justice.
Our global neighbours in some of the world’s poorest communities are suffering first and worst from the impacts of climate change. Having previously worked for Christian Aid, Jo will share some international stories and discuss how your church can raise its voice with the global South.
With Jo Chamberlain, National Environment Officer for the Church of England.

Zoom webinar
360 degrees carbon footprint tool – a whole church approach.
Learn about the basics of carbon footprint tools – what they include, why they matter and how they are calculated. With Caroline Pomeroy and Adrian Frost from Climate Stewards

Webinar recording
Energy question time – your questions answered on energy saving, either at church or at home
Panel event with James Hoare, Consultant Engineer at LHW Partnership LLP a renewable energy engineering consultancy, David Harnett - chair of Community Energy Leighton Linslade, Neil Witney - a Senior Policy Advisor in the Department for Business Energy and the Industrial Strategy’s Business Insight team, and chaired by Emma Critchley, Pastoral and Advisory Secretary to the Diocese of St Albans.
Questions are welcomed in advance. Email them to ecoconf@stalbans.anglican.org or post on our Facebook page @ecochurchcon

BREAK (15 MINS)

3:30-4:00pm Closing worship event
With music from Resound Worship

After the conference please join us in the conference café for chat and discussion on the conference events.

WHAT NEXT? Register for the Eco church programme: https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/

KEEP IN TOUCH Let us know about your activities and ideas to reach net zero. Contact us on facebook www.facebook.com/ecochurchcon and join our mailing list: ecoconf@stalbans.anglican.org