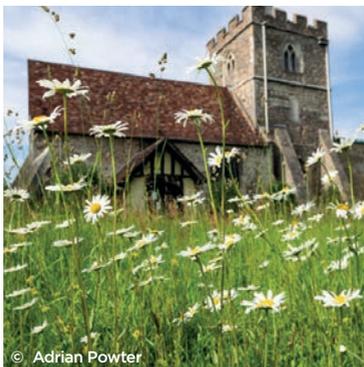


ECO CHURCH: WORKING TOGETHER TO NET ZERO

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



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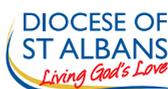


SAT 10 OCT, 10am-4pm

Hosted virtually from All Saints', Leighton Buzzard

Run by St Albans Diocese and A Rocha UK

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



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.

Documentary

Creating a Buzz in Nepal

Bishop Alan introduces this year's Harvest Appeal to raise money for a Tearfund project providing beehives for communities in Nepal.

Documentary

St Mary's Baldock explain how their Bee and Butterfly Garden has developed to become a source of peace and beauty in the heart of the town, and a valuable habitat for nature.

Documentary

Encouraging swifts to your church

Bedfordshire Swift group explain why churches can play an important part in restoring the habitats of one of our best-loved birds.

Documentary

Beekeeping at All Saints' Leighton-Buzzard

Discover the skills of keeping bees and producing honey, one of nature's superfoods.

BREAK (10 MINS)

1:30-2:20pm

Register for a workshop via the online event link from your booking confirmation email. Zoom links will be available a few days before the conference.

Zoom webinar

A

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

B

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

C

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

D

Churchyard trees – plant or fell?

With **Judith Evans**, Living Churchyards Officer for the Diocese of St Albans.

BREAK (10 MINS)

2:30-3:15pm

Register for a workshop via the online event link from your booking confirmation email. Zoom links will be available a few days before the conference.

Zoom webinar

AA

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

BB

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

CC

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 Linlade, **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](https://www.facebook.com/ecochurchcon)

Zoom webinar

DD

Making the change: practical architectural issues

With **Mark Eddison**, Architect for the DAC Chaired by **David Bevan**, Historic Buildings Support Officer for the Diocese of St Albans.

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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:

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