

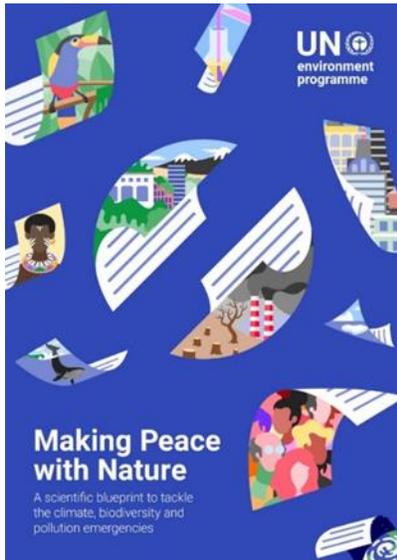
Environment updates 28th February 2021



New Bishop for the Environment appointed

The Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher will become the lead Bishop for the Environment on the retirement of the Bishop of Salisbury, Nicholas Holtam, this autumn. His task will be to lead the Church of England's response to the climate and biodiversity crises, oversee the work towards the net zero by 2030 target and actions ahead of COP26.

[New bishop for the environment appointed by Archbishops | The Church of England](#)



Making Peace with Nature: a scientific blueprint to tackle the climate, biodiversity and pollution emergencies

A new report, 'Making Peace with Nature', issued on 18th February by the United Nations Environment Programme lays out the gravity of the Earth's triple environmental emergencies – climate, biodiversity loss and pollution – by presenting the combined evidence from major global assessments. It discusses the linked environmental and development challenges that must be addressed if we are to create a sustainable future and outlines a pathway 'to fairer societies and circular economies' as we tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and global pollution.

[Making Peace With Nature | UNEP - UN Environment Programme](#)



Happy 5th Birthday Eco church!

Across the country there are now more than 3,200 churches registered for Eco church, and to mark the 5th birthday of this programme, A Rocha UK will be holding a celebration service on Friday March 26th, 11-12.15pm. All supporters of

A Rocha, members of Eco churches or anyone from churches interested in registering are

welcome to join and hear about A Rocha UK's plans for the next 5 years of Eco church. [Eco Church - Fifth Anniversary Online Celebration Service Tickets, Fri 26 Mar 2021 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)



All churches are invited to take part in the *Climate Sunday* campaign which links to the Community and Global engagement section of the Eco church programme. The aim is to encourage many more churches to take action on climate change themselves and also contribute to a strong, unified Christian voice calling for change ahead of

COP26. On 5th September there will be a national Climate Sunday event at which all the pledges and actions from churches will be presented to the UK government. Further information and resources can be found at:

[Climate Sunday | Home | Worship | Commit | Speak Up](#)



'**Churches count on Nature**' is a new project taking place this year from June 5th-13th, a week in which local people are encouraged to discover and record the wonderful plants and wildlife in their local church yard. Sightings will then be verified and for the first time, added to the national Church Heritage database. This is an ecumenical partnership project between A Rocha UK, the Church of England Environment Programme, and Caring for God's Acre. Further details of how to take part will follow shortly. Register your interest on the Caring for God's Acre website:

[Expression of interest in 'Churches Count on Nature 2021' — Caring For God's Acre](#)

Other dates for the diary:

Webinars:

16th March, 12-1pm: To Replace or Not Replace? Church of England free webinar with Susan Logan from EcoTeric. Susan is a Chartered Building Services Engineer with 40 years experience designing and advising on energy efficiency and carbon efficient solutions and adviser for the Diocese of Worcester. [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

23rd March, 6-7pm: Solar PV Panels: Church of England webinar explaining the applications, usage and ongoing benefits of solar panels, from initial assessment, surveys and technical/electrical engineering design to battery storage, ongoing care and maintenance. Guy Hewitt from Treadlighter has 11 years experience in designing and installing solar PV systems across all property types including many churches and listed buildings. [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

24th March, 11am: Nature and climate: 'Nature-based solutions to climate change' is a UK government priority on the agenda of COP26. But what does this mean? A Rocha UK webinar to inform action leading to COP26 and beyond. Please register via Eventbrite [here](#).

27th March, 10-4.30pm: Compost toilets live online CAT online course for anyone with an interest in the compost toilet as a water-saving soil-making technology, anyone looking to install or commission a public or private cost-effective low-maintenance amenity in an urban or remote location, or anyone needing to replace or upgrade a current system. [Compost Toilets: Live online - Centre for Alternative Technology \(cat.org.uk\)](#)