



# THE DIOCESE OF **SHEFFIELD**

## **Net Zero Report to Diocesan Synod March 2026**

“God will ask us if we have cultivated and cared for the world that he created  
(cf. Gen 2:15), for the benefit of all and for future generations,  
and if we have taken care of our brothers and sisters (cf. Gen 4:9; Jn 13:34).

*What will be our answer?”*

*Pope Leo XIV, Mariapolis Center (Castel Gandolfo)  
Wednesday, 1st October 2025*



“[This] is why the Church of England has committed to strive for net zero by 2030,  
because caring for God’s creation is not optional;  
it is essential if we are to safeguard the earth for those who come after us.”

*+Graham Usher, lead bishop for environmental affairs*

***“If we miss 1.5°C, do we give up?”***

The science doesn’t say “1.5°C or bust.” It says “every bit of warming matters.”

And the progress made in the last decade –

*slowing projected warming from the 4-5°C by 2100 we were headed to just ten years ago to  
the trajectory of 2.7°C by 2100 we’re on now –*

shows that ambitious goals can result in real-world action.

So if we miss 1.5°C, that’s not a reason to quit.

It’s a reason to accelerate.

Because staying below 1.6°C instead of 1.7°C—or even 2°C instead of 2.1°C—will still  
protect lives, food systems, coastlines, and health.”

*Dr Katherine Hayhoe, Chief Scientist, The Nature Conservancy, & Christian*

The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it: the world and its inhabitants too.  
Because God is the one who established it on the seas: God set it firmly on the waters.

*Psalms 24:1-2 CEB*

# Net Zero Progress Report for Diocesan Synod, March 2026

David Castle, Net Zero Programme Manager

## Context

January 2026 has been exceptionally wet. The Environment Agency reports that England as a whole “received 150% of the long-term average (LTA) rainfall for the month”. However, our colleagues in Dorset suffered the worst with 245% of the LTA for their area. February has continued the deluge, and “in Somerset approximately 29 square miles of the Levels and Moors have been flooded” according to the Environment Agency on 18 February. And in the Alps there has been near record-breaking snow-fall this winter with 2.6m falling in Chamonix Valley in 72 hours alone. At least that’s good for the retreating, melting glaciers.

But only last year England experienced the driest spring since 1893, and the UK had the [hottest summer on record](#) according to the Met Office. Furthermore, globally, 2025 was the [third-warmest year](#) on record, according to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The warmest year on record is still 2024, with 2023 coming in second. In addition, “the study found the global mean sea surface temperature in 2025 was ... the third-warmest year on record.”

And the last 11 years are also the 11 warmest years on record. All these events are part of a rapid directional and global change in our climate. It’s here, it’s happening all around us and to each of us.

Globally there is a resurgence of state-led Climate Change Denial in a few key nations. We have witnessed the reversal of critical policies, wholesale dismantling of scientific institutions, defunding of important research, and wilful, blatant and cynical distribution and promotion of wrong “information”. And a “Me First” attitude that spreads like a virus across continents, poisoning and dividing societies and nations in so many aspects of life, including, sadly, some parts of the global Christian Church.

*So what must our response be?*

Should we just give in and give up?

Turn up the heating, drive bigger cars, fly more miles, eat more meat? Bury our heads in the sand?

No.

*As Christians we are called to live in hope.* Hope in the future. Hope for the future. Hope in each other. With hope comes motivation, determination and action. For us that may seem a small contribution towards an overwhelming problem, just a drop in the ocean, a grain of sand on the shore. But the ocean is made up of lots of drops, the shore lots of grains of sand. And in our world, lots of individual people whose every action counts either for or against our environment. For or against the Earth, our home.



So, Earth’s future is in our own hands. We can make a difference. We have the technology, but we must continue to work quickly to overcome the numerous obstacles. With every project we gain more experience about what works best, how to achieve it and how to fund it. Every kg of carbon reduced is a step back towards Eden and the Earth that God created, which we hold in trust for our descendants.

And the most important thing each of us can do is to talk about it. Saving Creation is not just for you and me, it’s for everyone. When everyone is on board, all the drops are in the same ocean, all the grains of sand are on the same shore, everything is working together. So talk about why this mission is crucial, why it matters to you, how you yourself are part of the solution, not part of the problem. Talk about the small things as well as the big things. Talk about how to make things better.

Together we can change our small part of the world for the better, and eventually all those small parts will coalesce and the Earth will be restored a little, closer to Eden, closer to God.

## Progress in 2025 and plans for 2026

+Sophie, who chaired the Net Zero Steering Group, moved to Coventry in 2025, and we are very pleased to have welcomed +Leah in her place. We look forward to her support and commitment to our efforts as we press ahead with this vital ministry across the diocese.

It is now just over 2 years since this Diocesan Synod adopted our Diocesan Net Zero Action Plan in November 2023, and there has been significant progress over that time

All across the diocese we have been busy meeting our priority actions for this period (2023-2025), and we will continue this in the years ahead. In summary:

- **Finance and Funding:**

Funding from the Church Commissioners via the central Net Zero Programme, aimed specifically at de-carbonising our buildings and operations, comes in several forms.

The period 2023-2025 was characterised by piloting a range of funding models. They were limited in spread, being designed to test what works best to support progress. These funding models have been refined and now emerge as widely available funding opportunities, providing more support for a wider range of projects and buildings in the next 3 years, 2026-28, as shown below.

In order to access these grants in the future, Parishes will need to complete the Energy Footprint Tool for the relevant building and be signed up for EcoChurch.

Grant		Purpose	Administered by	Value 2024-25	Value 2026-28	Comment
Capacity building		NZ Programme Manager Environment Project Officer Parish energy audits	Diocese	£111,000 £55,500 pa	£142,000 £47,333 pa	Real-terms reduction
Quick Wins		Small grants to parishes for energy improvements	Diocese	£58,850 £29,425 pa	£90,700 £30,233 pa	
Give to Go Green		Match funding for small – medium projects for church decarbonisation	Diocese		Up to £10,000/parish	
Boiler Replacement Hardship	New - Decarbonising Churches grant fund	Help to fund low carbon heating for urgent replacements	Net Zero Programme	Up to £45,000 per building	Up to £45,000 per building	Now will include failed electric as well as fossil-fuelled systems
Energy Audit		Enhanced energy audit, fully funded Round 1 also had £3k each capital grant for 15 buildings	Net Zero Programme	In kind £3,000 ea Total £45,000	In kind	For high emitters and strategic parishes.  Capital grant for ready to deliver projects
Technical advice		Technical/design fees, plus advice from CofE technical panel	Net Zero Programme		£15,000 max plus in kind	
Demonstrator capital grant		Access to professional fundraising support Capital grants	Net Zero Programme	£80,000 max	£80,000 max	
Clergy Housing Grant		Help to fund building improvements incl heating and insulation	Diocese		£75,000 £37,500 pa for 2 years	
Regional Fundraising Officer		New position for group of 5 dioceses for strategic fundraising support	Dioceses (Newcastle is our lead diocese)	N/A	£52,833 pa Total £158,500	

- **Capacity building:** £142,000 has been allocated for the second Triennium, for 2026-2028. This represents a major reduction in real income per year and means that the number of subsidised energy audits will be significantly reduced after 2026.
  - **Quick Wins:** £90,700 funding has been allocated to us for 2026-28. This is to help parishes to make small improvements that increase comfort and reduce energy use in churches and church halls.  
In 2024-25 we distributed £39,500 to 21 parishes, as well as £100 each to 50 parishes to upgrade to LED bulbs. A further £13,700 was spent on emergency heaters for the diocese to lend out to churches with boiler failures.
  - **Give to Go Green:** This local fundraising initiative was piloted with 8 dioceses in 2023-25, and is now extended to all dioceses, including Sheffield, from 2026 onwards. It provides up to £10,000 of match funding per parish for short fundraising campaigns for specific parish-based decarbonisation projects.
  - **Decarbonising Churches Fund:** This is a new grouping of continuing and expanding grants that includes:
    - **Boiler Replacement Hardship Fund:** previously for churches that had failed fossil-fuelled boilers, and now extended to include electric systems, and which have very limited funds. Up to £45,000 is available (depending on the parish's deprivation index score) to bridge the gap between like-for-like boiler replacement and a low carbon alternative.
    - **High emitters:** For buildings with emissions over a certain annual emissions threshold, roughly 11 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e, or else seen as a strategic diocesan priority, a full energy audit, technical advice and capital funding up to £80,000 can be applied for. This is the successor to the previous Demonstrator funding.
  - **Clergy Housing Grants:** Following on from the previous Housing Demonstrator funding that we received, we have been allocated a further £75,000 for 2027-28 to subsidise a specific range of interventions, such as adding insulation, replacing gas and oil boilers with heat pumps, and fitting solar panels.
  - **Regional Fundraising Manager:** Working with the North-East Cluster dioceses of Newcastle, Durham, York and Leeds, we have been allocated funding for a full-time strategic fundraising position for 3 years, 2026-28. This role, which starts in April 26, will work to open up new strategic funding channels across the cluster, and to support each diocesan team to make the most of the opportunities available. This will open up new avenues for funding that would otherwise be unavailable or hard to win, and will help both large-scale projects and small individual parishes.
- **Capacity and training:**
    - **Carbon training**  
We trialled a new 1-hour Carbon Confidence short course at Church House in 2025. Written by the CofE Net Zero Programme it provides a basic understanding of the science and impacts of climate change, and what our response can be, all in just over an hour. This will be offered more widely in the future, both in person and on line.
    - **Planning:** Forward planning for when a church boiler reaches the end of its useful life is very important to avoid sudden failures and subsequent long periods of cold conditions. In many cases a professional energy audit is the best starting point for this process, as it gives an outline for decarbonising the building over time which supports subsequent applications for permission through the Faculty process.
    - **Energy audits:**
      - 47 audits have been carried out so far since 2023, of which
        - 21 fully subsidised energy audits, funded centrally from the Net Zero Programme, have been completed by Greener Edge on our most energy intensive churches. 15 of these

audits also came with a grant of £3,000 for each of these churches to go towards interventions identified. Several of these have already been implemented.

A further 6 audits were carried out on church and church hall buildings.

- 18 audits have been delivered by our diocesan partner LEDA, as part of a subsidised programme funded by the Capacity Building grant, mentioned above, which enables a 70% discount on the total cost. These audits are prioritised on the basis of the energy footprint of buildings and the reported age of the boiler, and where an audit is deemed necessary because of the building's particular circumstances.
- 8 audits were supplied by other routes
- For 2026-2029 further subsidised energy audits will be available, subject to conditions including completion of the Energy Footprint Tool.

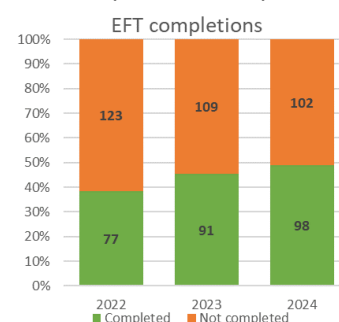
- **Engagement and events:**

- The level of engagement by parishes across the diocese continues to increase, and there is a high level of commitment to protecting the environment as much as possible. There is also a growing understanding of the range of options for decarbonising churches whilst maintaining or improving comfort.
- As we complete more projects we learn more about the technologies and their characteristics. We learn more about how to specify them and install them. And we gain more opportunities to showcase them and demonstrate how they operate.
- The team is very happy to visit Deanery Synods and Chapter meetings to explain and answer questions. Invitations can be via the Environment Team or DAC.
- There was no Diocesan NZ Open Meeting in 2025, but from January 2026 we are running monthly NZ & Energy Q&A drop-in on-line sessions. The aim of these sessions is to be available to provide guidance on specific questions and situations, in a way which enables these questions and answers to be shared easily.  
Anyone can join a session and ask anything related to energy and decarbonising.
- Church Building Officers and the NZ Programme Manager continue to work closely with individual parishes on their specific plans. This includes arranging and interpreting energy audits and helping to formulate deliverable decarbonisation action plans.
- Switching to a renewable tariff is an important way to reduce the carbon footprint of a building, especially if the heating is electric. But it's not always easy to navigate the difference between truly green and just greenwashed tariffs.  
A renewable energy tariff switching campaign will be launched in 2026 to aid and facilitate switching to lower carbon energy sources.

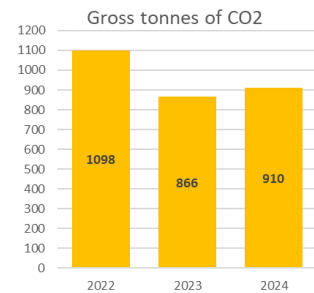
- **Energy Footprint Tool completions:** Measuring the energy use and carbon emissions from our activities continues to be an essential part of developing and implementing decarbonisation plans, both for individual parishes and buildings, and for the Diocese as a whole.

The Energy Footprint Tool, EFT, is the most accurate and consistent way of monitoring our progress, and I am very grateful for the efforts of the diocesan team and those in the parishes who have engaged with this. However, we have struggled to significantly increase the number of parishes that complete this each year, and would encourage all parishes to complete this important survey in the coming years. Indeed, from now on it will be a pre-condition for any funding to parishes from in-house environmental grants that the EFT has been submitted.

- Of roughly 200 churches in the diocese, against a national target of 90%:
  - 77 (38%) completed the EFT for 2022,
  - 91 (46%) for 2023
  - 98 (49%) for 2024



- For the 54 churches and church halls that completed the EFT for 2022, 2023 and 2024 the EFT shows a reduction in *gross* carbon emissions from energy used, from 1,098 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> to 910 tCO<sub>2</sub>. This is a 17% reduction over 3 years.
- Of the roughly 200 churches in the diocese, 127 have completed the EFT in at least one of the last 3 years (63%), and this helps to give a good baseline for emissions



### Notable Projects:

- **Demonstrator Project, Masborough, St Paul:** The DAC nominated one church to be a Demonstrator Project in 2024, 43% funded by the NZ Programme and Benefact Trust. Under-pew heaters were installed during summer 2025 as phase one, but the project was delayed by a very slow response to our application for the Demonstrator funding. Notification finally came through in December, and installation of the final elements of the scheme is due to start in March 2026.



- **Air Source Heat Pumps at Kilnhurst, St Thomas:** The main church boiler failed in 2024, and a project started to identify how to decarbonise and restore heating to the building. Following an energy audit which recommended an air-to-air heat pump system, quotations were obtained. In November 2024 a new grant from the NZ Programme, the Boiler Replacement Hardship Grant, suddenly became available, and an application for £45,000 was swiftly despatched, and approved soon after.

Further work continued during 2025, including drawing up detailed specifications, submitting a planning application and finally installing the new equipment in December 2025.

The church now benefits from much quicker warm-up times and a good level of comfort, and the vestry can be kept at a suitable temperature separately from the rest of the building. In addition, carbon emissions are projected to be almost zero with a Green electricity tariff.



- **Lodgemoor, St Luke:** After their energy audit recommended improvements to their heating zoning and controls, they investigated various different control systems for their complex building. They decided on a system that links directly to their bookings calendar, controlling the heating in the different rooms more accurately according to the requirements and so reducing energy use and carbon emissions. This work was funded by a grant from the NZ Programme that came with their energy audit.
- **Rotherham, Chapel on the Bridge:** the four existing electric fan heaters were in a poor condition and were replaced with the latest model of the same heater. At the same time the controller was replaced with a programmable smart thermostat that also allows remote setting and monitoring of the temperature and humidity. The system also allows users of the building to override the heating but only within limits that are set remotely. Now the heating can be controlled better, ensuring the

building is warm when needed and eliminating the possibility of a user inadvertently turning it off completely. This project was partially funded by a Quick Wins Grant via the diocese, with the balance kindly donated by Friends of the Chapel on the Bridge.

- **Broomhill, St Mark:** The parish installed additional secondary double glazing to reduce heat loss and improve comfort in their upstairs meeting room. This work was funded by a grant from the NZ Programme that came with their energy audit. In addition, the failing gas boiler for that area was removed and heating is now provided by overhead electric radiant panels.
- **Emergency heaters:** In November 2024 the diocese used a Quick Wins grant to purchase 15 portable infrared heaters to be loaned to churches who's heating suddenly fails. So far these have been deployed in 10 churches to provide a useful level of comfort on a temporary basis. Whilst they are not a replacement for a fully operational heating system, they have ensured that activities can continue in many cases.
- **Other projects in planning or in process include:**
  - **Manor, St Aiden:** Refurbishment of the building, redesign and replacement of the failed heating system with 3 types of heating for the different rooms prior to re-opening the building.
  - **Askern, St Peter:** Replacement of failed gas boiler with low carbon Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) alternative.
  - **Crookes, St Timothy:** Insulation and replacement of gas heating with low carbon alternatives and possible solar PV.
  - **Fishlake, St Cuthbert:** Replacement of failed oil boiler with electric radiant heating.
  - **Hackenthorpe, Christ Church:** Replacement of inadequate church heating with an electric ASHP alternative. This follows installation of underfloor insulation in 2025 to reduce heat loss and draughts, funded by a Quick Win Grant via the diocese.
  - **Mortomley, St Saviour:** Replacement of failed boiler with electric heating. Early stages of project development.
  - **West Bessacarr, St Francis:** Installation of insulation, replacement of aged boiler with ASHPs and solar PV. Project in development with phased upgrades to the building planned over time.
  - **Wickersley, St Alban:** Replacement of failed boiler with electric ASHP heating.

#### **Difficulties encountered:**

All such projects are likely to encounter challenges, which typically fall into these categories:

- Uncertainty and/or debate over which is the best technology to replace the existing heating system. There are few local examples of non-fossil heating systems to visit. We are working with parishes willing to be bold in their vision of their future. The Victorians boldly used the latest technology, and we need to also.
- Listing status, which affects the feasibility and installation constraints for different technologies.
- Planning permissions for external work, eg air source heat pump compressor units.
- Conservation areas.
- Faculty requirements for NZ that take time to negotiate successfully.
- Funding. Often replacing an existing system with a different technology requires additional expense. Bridging this gap requires parishes to plan ahead, more time, and help. Having an energy audit is an important early step in the process, identifying the scale of funding requirements in time to address them.

As we complete more projects we learn to anticipate these challenges better, work with contractors and reduce time-scales and costs.

## Schools

Paul Beckett, our Schools Surveyor, retired in 2025 after many years with the diocese, looking after our schools. We are immensely grateful for his commitment to this important work and wish him well in retirement.

In his place we welcomed Jenny Harrison to the team, to continue where Paul left off.

**Overview:** We have set out the future for our VA schools within a joint funding between the Dioceses of Lincoln and Sheffield. The Department of Education funds Diocesan Boards of Education directly with 90% funding for building projects within the dioceses. This comes as an annual lump sum which is estate managed by the diocese, with the schools raising the other 10%.

The main challenge and therefore top priority is to make sure that schools are watertight, and so spending is this is prioritised. Over the last six years we have jointly carried out over £3.5m of work on new roofing and insulation, and internal lighting has been replaced with LEDs as part of these projects. This work continues.

**Energy audits and condition surveys:** Each of our VA schools is having their own site condition survey done, which are used for allocating funding. These, combined with their Energy Audits that were done in 2023, will inform upgrade plans for each school.

**Solar PV:** some schools are working with Solar for Schools to install solar panels on their buildings. This is where companies pay for and install Solar PVs and put in place a Power Purchase Agreement with the school to supply power to it. There are challenges with this, such as ensuring the rooves are suitable and in good condition. However, annual savings on bills for these primary schools are typically up to £500, and the panels give an important focus for teaching opportunities.

**Heating systems:** We know the age of all our school boilers and heating systems. Some of these are coming to the end of their life and we are planning their replacement. In many cases the ideal solution is to install heat pumps, but where funding is limited, we are working to ensure that new systems are heat pump ready, so that the heat source can be swapped in the future, either completely or in a hybrid ASHP/gas combination.

### Current projects and projects completed in 2025:

#### Deepcar St John's CofE Junior school

New roof membranes and insulation have been installed.

#### Penistone St John's CofE Junior school

New roof membranes and insulation have been installed, along with double glazing.

#### Pollington-Balne CofE Primary school

Structural issues at this school, exacerbated by intense rainfall, have taken priority. However, work has also been done to install floor insulation and more efficient toilets.



## Clergy housing



Our Diocesan Surveyor has continued to work towards improving our housing stock EPC to C by improvements to the fabric and energy efficiency of the buildings in an attempt to improve levels of comfort and reduce both energy bills and carbon emissions for the occupants. Following the work on Wickersley Vicarage (pictured) which recently had an ASHP and solar PV installed, Manor Vicarage was upgraded by installing internal wall insulation, an ASHP and solar PV. These pilots have been fully funded from Demonstrator Grants from the Archbishops' Council, and are currently being evaluated.

A notable difficulty is obtaining planning consent for solar PV on listed buildings. This was initially refused at Pitsmoor Vicarage which was chosen to test the planning response. An amended application was granted approval, and the system has been up and running since summer 2025.

The new Clergy Housing grant stream from the NZ Programme, £75,000 available in 2027-28, will help fund on-going work on our housing stock.

### Diocesan Church House

Following the energy audit on Church House, which identified the possibility of rapidly decarbonising this building using the existing air source heat pumps to provide warmth in the winter, as well as the existing solar PV powering cooling in the summer, we will pilot a switch to electric heating in offices.

In 2025 Church House moved onto a green electricity tariff, reducing the annual carbon emissions by 4.3 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>, from 17.2 tonnes to 12.9 tonnes based on 2024 energy usage. This is a reduction of 25%.

### Plans for the next 12 months

The last 12 months has seen a tangible gathering of momentum towards decarbonising, particularly our churches. In partnership with the Mission Area Support Team and the DAC, we will continue to focus on translating these strong foundations into deliverable change on the ground, through engaging with churches and schools, clergy and laity, and sharing learning with other dioceses. This includes visits to Deanery Synods and chapters, PCCs and individual churches where appropriate; and we will review our resources, communications and peer-learning, to enable sharing of best practice, and to provide visible, real examples of how net zero can become a reality for the diocese.

### Milestones

There are 4 main areas of focus in the year ahead.

**Energy Footprint Tool completions:** Routemap milestone 4.2.5 requires the diocese to achieve 90%+ completion of the EFT. We will aim to make a significant improvement in the completion rate by stepping up our comms whilst continuing to offer encouragement, help and advice on completing the EFT.

**Energy switching:** Several Routemap milestones require switching to low carbon energy tariffs. We will continue to promote this with increased comms using the resources from the NZ Programme's The Great Switch for Creation campaign toolkit. We will also include exploring ways we can support individuals to switch, and signposting to relevant resources.

**Energy efficient lighting:** Routemap milestone 4.2.13 requires by the end of 2025 “all churches to have energy efficient lighting installed throughout, with timers and light and motion sensors where appropriate.” Many churches already have LEDs and benefit from lower energy costs and better lighting, although it is difficult to compile an accurate list. We will continue to encourage and support parishes to switch bulbs and fittings, lowering carbon and financial running costs and improving lighting quality, including promoting Quick Wins Grants for this purpose.

**Supporting parishes to decarbonise:** Routemap milestone 4.2.4 requires by the end of 2027 “the top 20% of energy-consuming churches to develop net zero carbon action plans...and a Heating Resilience Plan”. We will use energy audits to help parishes, not only in the top 20% but others as necessary, to develop these plans, and to action them in a timely manner wherever possible.

### New lower carbon technologies

The path to NZ requires a switch from fossil fuels to renewable electricity and other sources of low carbon energy. We will continue to monitor technology and product developments, picking up where costs are reducing and funding becomes available. In particular we will investigate the availability and desirability of District Heat Networks and Community Energy, both of which the Government is supporting.

### Cheribim Heat Hacks project

This project, funded by InnovateUK, came to an end in March 2025 when the funding ran out. However, the data from the sensors are still being collected, and this continues to provide valuable insights into the thermal performance of over 90 of our pre- WW1 churches. It is also extremely helpful where churches are having new heating systems installed, giving a sound source of data to confirm their performance.

### Carbon training

We will begin to roll out new 1-hour Carbon Confidence training sessions in 2026. Written by the CofE Net Zero Programme it provides a basic understanding of the science and impacts of climate change, and what our response can be, all in just over an hour.

### Making the transformational shift we need

There remain many challenges to overcome - challenges of finance, capacity, expertise, and of knowing how to make the right decisions in a complex and ever-shifting context. So how can we better support all parts of the diocese to embrace such significant culture change?

Our environmental strategy calls us, *“in seeking to live as Lights for Christ, [to] commit to making the radical changes required to respond to the climate and ecological emergencies and to caring for the created world in a way that brings glory to God and justice for all.”* We will continue to support this as far as we can with resource, finance, guidance and our own advocacy.

I am greatly encouraged by the level of engagement by parishes all over the diocese. I have seen the passion and commitment that many people, across all denominations, have for the environment. We have a very successful ARocha Eco Church award programme, which provides an invaluable vehicle for engaging congregations and transforming thinking and behaviours. This essential work will continue to be supported by the whole Environment team.

It is important to remain grounded in what has been achieved so far, confident in our direction and hopeful for the future, trusting that our efforts will be rewarded with results.

In doing so we can be confident that we are tackling climate change while benefiting our health and happiness and protecting local nature. We are working towards a more prosperous society and a better future for everyone.

Finally, I hope that this short [case study](#) will provide inspiration and encouragement.



Earthrise, taken from lunar orbit by astronaut William Anders on December 24, 1968, during the Apollo 8 mission

**Contact details for the Environment Team**

Diocesan Environmental Officer (DEO) Cathy Rhodes

[environment@sheffield.anglican.org](mailto:environment@sheffield.anglican.org)

Environmental Project Support Officer Sally Hunter

[environment.admin@sheffield.anglican.org](mailto:environment.admin@sheffield.anglican.org)

Net Zero Programme Manager, David Castle

[david.castle@sheffield.anglican.org](mailto:david.castle@sheffield.anglican.org)

Diocesan Eco Champion, Margaret Ainger

[eco.champion@sheffield.anglican.org](mailto:eco.champion@sheffield.anglican.org)