

Bitesize resource sheet: Becoming an Eco Church

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You can link to your nearest Eco Church neighbour, look up who that is at [Eco Church](#) on the interactive map. There are also many resources to help you and recorded webinars and training opportunities and various e-newsletters. Please also send the news you have registered to the DEO, ideally with news of the best contact(s) in your parish.

A lot of the information you might need to access is from websites or electronic newsletters. You might want to explore this to cut down on your carbon footprint. Support is available remotely if you have a device that connects you to the internet via The Good Things Foundation, and if not, your nearest Derbyshire library can help you access the internet for free on your device or their computer.

Recommended resources: -

These newsletters are free to sign up for and are sent by email: -

[Environment programme news | The Church of England](#) use this link to get this direct in your inbox. It will include news, resources, and plenty of online training opportunity. If you have trouble accessing it get in touch.

There is also Diocese of Derby e-newsletter with no limit on how many people from each church can obtain it. Subscribe at: [Publications - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](#) Please also tell your story through the Communications department and in your Deanery and Churches Together group and remember pictures or photos support this.

References from training

The film clip from TEARfund is part of 'We are TEARfund' resources are aimed at young people [We Are Tearfund – We Are Tearfund](#)

Saying yes to life: Ruth Valerio is available in e-book, book, and audio versions [Saying Yes to Life - Ruth Valerio - SPCK Publishing](#)

Books featured

Dave Bookless *Planetwise*, and *God doesn't do waste*. There is a study series for Planetwise is at <https://atyourservice.arocha.org/en/planetwise-2008-resource-pack-bible-studies/with>.

A further study: <https://arocha.org.uk/resources/environment-resource-packs/> which is based on *Jesus and the earth*, James Jones (2003)

There are other books recommended on the [Environment page](#) of the diocesan website.

Climate Sunday is an annual event. Register in advance to get resources you can use and act to show you are involved as part of the lobby. Date is usually the First Sunday of September. Details will be in the Church of England Environment Newsletter. We need to engage with our MPs of all parties to make change happen quicker and in earnest. Is it time to write you your MP? If this feels daunting look up [Hope for the Future](#).

Link this work wherever you partner - at school, your gym, your WI, and Mothers' Union group and with development or mission agencies you support who will have themed work on Climate and Nature if they are global facing. This is because of the significant impact of climate change on the population of the developing world who are hit now and hit the hardest. Ask the PCC treasurer or churchwarden about decisions being made for giving this year, and how to keep your work linked to the wider world by making this connection.

A Rocha UK run Eco Church as a free scheme. You may consider [donating](#) to them as a way of paying forward this initiative to others which would be secure if each church registered paid £125 per year.

Other agencies

Other potential sources of [news](#):-

[Green Christian](#)

[Operation Noah](#)

[John Ray Initiative](#)

[Marches Energy Agency](#)

[Christian Climate Action](#)

Other references

Human cause climate change [the consensus project](#)

Still available at the time of publishing [Watch the Climate Assembly UK documentary on BBC iPlayer | involve.org.uk](#)

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