

CARING FOR CREATION

with Compassion, Confidence and Courage



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Caring for Creation newsletter. Thank you for all that you and your teams are doing as Eco Champions in Caring for Creation.

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INTRODUCING SALLY DUNLEAVY

We are delighted to welcome Sally Dunleavy as the Support Officer responsible for assisting our worshipping communities with their Pathways to Net Zero Carbon (NZC). Sally is part of the Programme Management Office, PMO, at Jubilee House and her role is being funded by a grant from the national church. This is all part of our diocesan wide programme of church revitalisation and as we specifically look to address the missional challenge of a historic lack of investment in church buildings, so buildings become an enabler for mission and ministry as we seek to Grow Disciples of Christ with Compassion, Confidence and Courage.



Sally says “My job is to assist worshipping communities with accessing Energy Audits, completing the Energy Footprint Tool, and their Practical Path to Net Zero documents, all of which are fundamental to ensuring Faculty submissions go as smoothly as possible, with a direct focus on the top 20% of carbon emitters in the Diocese, and anyone who comes forward with heating concerns. I can support by; providing relevant documents, giving advice around possible decarbonisation options and any potential funding options; or visiting your setting and helping to complete the paperwork.”

She can be contacted at sally.dunleavy@southwell.anglican.org



WORKING TOWARD A SILVER ECO DIOCESE

Currently Southwell and Nottingham is a Bronze Eco Diocese. We achieved this award in June 2022 and are working hard to become a Silver Eco Diocese. The number of Eco Churches across the diocese continues to grow. There are currently 122 of which 1 has Gold 31 have Silver and 53 Bronze awards. To achieve the numbers for Silver Eco Diocese, we need just 3 more Bronze churches (additionally there are a number of diocesan level requirements that we are currently working hard on).

Can your church progress to the next level, especially to Bronze?

Would your church like support getting to your next award?

Contact robert.cleave@southwell.anglican.org

Can you encourage neighbouring churches to register with ARocha and make a start on their eco journey, following your lead?

Let's encourage one another in Caring for God's Creation.

SAVE THE DATE: SOUTHWELL MINSTER ECO CHURCH CELEBRATION

Looking ahead, please put **12th September 2026 at 11am** in your diary for a special cathedral service of thanksgiving and encouragement for all Eco Churches across the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

All are welcome including anyone interested in their parish becoming an Eco church. Our guest preacher will be Ruth Valerio, author as well as Theology and Churches Director for A Rocha UK.



CARING FOR CREATION SMALL GRANT

There are a few more Caring For Creation Small Grants available this year. Parishes can apply for a one-off grant up to £250 on a match funded basis. Churches must be registered as Eco churches to receive funding. Churches that are striving to reach the next ARocha award level, especially Bronze, are encouraged to apply.

Contact Robert Cleave, DEO, for further details at;

robert.cleave@southwell.anglican.org

A ROCHA AT SOUTHWELL MINSTER

We were delighted to host Andy Lester, Head of Conservation for A Rocha UK, as he preached at our Cathedral Harvest Eucharist, encouraging us in the face of very real environmental challenges to be prayerful, practical in action and persistent in praise. Listen to Andy's sermon [here](#).

The Cathedral Chapter and the Southwell Minster Environmental Action Group also hosted a Cathedral Harvest Evensong with afternoon tea for over 70 representatives of our rural communities and farming networks from across the county, reconnecting with existing contacts and having an opportunity to make new ones in the face of the considerable environmental and economic challenges for those working in agriculture at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL COLLABORATION

For Silver Eco Diocese we need to demonstrate that we are working with partner groups both locally and as part of a global approach to environmental care and climate justice.

We therefore need to build up a picture of all such collaborations that are happening in churches across the diocese.

Please send details of what your church is doing to DEO

robert.cleave@southwell.anglican.org

This could be local organisations such as schools, councils, churches of other denominations, national environmental organisations and charities and overseas links, development charities and overseas churches.

NEW ECO CHURCH AWARDS

Congratulations to the following churches who have received an Eco Church award since the last Newsletter!

Gold Eco Churches	Deanery
St Wilfrid's, Calverton	Gedling

Silver Eco Churches	Deanery
Christ Church Chilwell	Nottingham South
Church of the Holy Rood, Edwalton	West Bingham
St Mary Magdalene Church, Hucknall	Newstead
St Peter's Church, East Bridgford	East Bingham
St Swithun's Church, Woodborough	Gedling

NEW ECO CHURCH AWARDS

Bronze Eco Churches	Deanery
All Saints Church, Clipstone	Mansfield
Beeston Parish Church	Nottingham South
Holy Trinity Church, Ratcliffe on Soar	West Bingham
Holy Trinity with St Francis Church, Clifton	West Bingham
Lady Bay Church at All Hallows, West Bridgford	West Bingham
St Anne's Church, Worksop	Bassetlaw & Bawtry
St Barnabas Church, Inham Nook	Nottingham South
St George's Church, Barton in Fabis	West Bingham
St John the Evangelist Church, Perlethorpe	Newark & Southwell
St Mary's Church, Clifton	West Bingham
St Mary the Virgin Church, Plumtree	East Bingham
St Nicholas Church, Nottingham	Nottingham South

USEFUL RESOURCES

CARING FOR CREATION ONLINE COURSES

Caring for Creation courses are available on our Learning Hub. You don't have to reinvent the wheel, others have prepared a path for you to follow and learn from.

For everyone who would like to reflect on a Christian response to environmental challenges and embed "Creation-Care" in their life of faith. A 2-hour online, self-paced course and can be completed individually or as a group.

Book here: [Caring For Creation.](#)

Helping your church progress to the next award level.
1 hour.

Book here: [From Bronze to Silver](#)

Getting started with Eco Church. 1 hour.

Book here: [Introduction to Eco Church](#)

Book here: [Carbon Confidence in Half an Hour](#)

DIOCESAN WEBSITE

There is a wealth of information about [Caring for Creation](#) on our Diocesan website. Do regularly look at it for updates.

UPCOMING KEY DATES

10th – 21st Nov 2025

UN [Climate Change Conference, COP30](#) Belem, Brazil

22nd – 30th Nov 2025

[National Tree Week](#)

3rd March 2026

[World Wildlife Day](#)

28th March 2026 at 8.30pm

[Earth Hour](#) – switch off.

5th June 2026

[World Environment Day](#)