

**COP26 Divestment and Investment for Climate Justice**

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# The vital role of the churches

- Ethically based
- Globally connected
- Passionate
- Informed





# General Synod

That this Synod, recognising that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God's creation, and a fundamental injustice, and following the call of the Anglican Communion in ACC Resolutions A17.05 and A17.06;

(a) call upon all parts of the Church of England, including parishes, BMOs [Bishop Mission Orders], education institutions, dioceses, cathedrals, and the NCIs [National Church Institutions], to work to achieve year-on-year reductions in emissions and urgently examine what would be required to reach net zero emissions by 2030 in order that a plan of action can be drawn up to achieve that target;

(b) request reports on progress from the Environment Working Group and the NCI's every three years beginning in 2022 and;

(c) call on each Diocesan Synod, and cathedral Chapter, to address progress toward net zero emissions every three years.



## Divestment / engagement

- In 2020 the Pensions Board actively engaged on these issues with more than 630 companies
- The carbon intensity of the Board's investments are 42.3% below the benchmark
- 9 companies were restricted by the NIBs in December 2020
- 37 companies are the focus of the latest hurdle and in scope for possible divestment
- Collaboration with other churches and other companies to increase
- A commitment to continuous improvement
- The TPI is a more and more robust tool for holding companies to account.



# EcoHub



**EcoHub Homepage**

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Timeline: 2020 (Declared climate emergency), 2021 (32 churches on Parish Pathway), Now (We're working on it), 2035 (Our net zero goal)

Welcome to the EcoHub.  
The EcoHub is your one-stop shop for information, practical advice and inspiration whether or how we can best care for God's creation. As a Diocese, we challenge and educate, and we encourage you to working in the spirit of change - making practical action, bringing the issues before God in prayer and undertaking activities at every level of government.

Where do I start?

Our resource library is split into zones to help you at every stage of your journey:

- Knowledge Zone**: Find resources and helpful to help you prepare for your journey.
- Action Zone**: Get help making a practical action with advice on funding and support from other churches.
- Reflection Zone**: Hear theological reflections on creation and find resources for church services.
- Net Zero Zone**: Everything you need to know about meeting net zero and how we can help you get there.

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**Knowledge Zone**

**What is the Knowledge Zone?**  
The Knowledge Zone is focused on the science and facts of the climate crisis, so that you can make informed choices. It's a place to learn, to get up to speed, and to get inspired.

**What is the climate crisis?**  
This is what the UN (IPCC) has to say.

**What does it mean for me as a Christian?**  
There's lots we can do to living in all levels, and it can be hard to know where to start. Check out our top tips and scroll down to search the resource table for all the help you'll need along the way.

**What do I need to know before I get started?**  
There are lots of resources to help you get started.

**Moving on...**  
What steps to take once you've taken the first steps. There's lots of help you need along the way.

**Action Zone**

**What is the Action Zone?**  
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**Get in touch**  
Drop us an email - we can help you work out where you're at and how to get to where you want to be.

**Explore funding options**  
Use the links below to see if your project is eligible for grants or financial help.

**Let's get started!**  
Make your first practical action - from a Climate Sunday, to a community that just do make a big difference in Jesus Church.

**Moving on...**  
Alternatively, visit the Reflection Zone to help you figure out what's next.

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# Divestment

“ The Diocese of Oxford, like many organisations with equity investments, had investments in fossil fuel companies. Given the strong stance we have taken on the climate emergency, Bishop’s Council decided in December to disinvest from such companies and this has already happened. We now have no direct investments in the oil and gas producers sector and pass the test for the EIRIS exclusion of companies that derive more than 10% of revenues from the fossil fuels industry. We are also committed to investment in renewables, as well as to taking very seriously our commitment to good ESG policies more generally. The most recent report from our investment managers places our portfolio in the 95th percentile in terms of ESG engagement compared with peers. Our investment managers on our behalf meet with companies and exercise voting rights to support responsible investment. ”





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