



NET ZERO CARBON

The Church of England has set an ambitious target to be net-zero by 2030, bringing forward its initial proposed target by fifteen years.

God commands us in Genesis 2.13 to 'work and take care' of creation. It is a Biblical mandate to ensure we are nurturing God's world.

By becoming net-zero carbon churches will bring wider societal benefits; for instance to human health as a result of improved air quality and a better protected natural environment.

Some ways for your church to become net-zero are: installing energy efficient lighting and heating, reduce, reuse and recycle, switching to green cleaning products and by reducing transportation related emissions.

For more information or to get involved in the wider discussion in the Diocese, check out: [Faiths4Change](#), [Eco-church](#) or [A Rocha](#).



MODERN SLAVERY

It is estimated that there are 136,000 victims of Modern Slavery in the UK, which means this is an issue for all of us.

In Luke 4.18 Jesus proclaimed that he has come to 'set the captives free'. We want to take seriously our response to modern slavery.

The Church of England set up the Clewer Initiative to inform and educate churches around the issues of modern slavery and how to begin to tackle and combat slavery in our communities.

Some ways for your church to grow in awareness include: using information from the Clewer Initiative, downloading the Safe Car Wash app or the Farm Work Welfare app or hosting a 'Hidden Voices Modern Slavery Course'.

For more information or to get involved in the wider discussion in the Liverpool Diocese, check out: [The Clewer Initiative](#) and [Hope at Home](#)

A young boy with dark hair, wearing a blue and black jacket, stands in a refugee camp. He has his hands over his eyes, appearing distressed. The background shows makeshift tents and a hazy sky. The text 'DISPLACED PEOPLE' is overlaid in large white letters on the left side of the image.

DISPLACED PEOPLE

The UK is home to approximately 1% of the 29.6 million refugees, forcibly displaced across the world. 40% of these are children.

In Leviticus 19.34 God commands that 'the foreigner residing among you must be treated as one of you. Love them as yourself'. What a call!

The Church of England calls for its church-goers to offer hospitality to refugees and asylum seekers and to help campaign on their behalf.

Ways for your church to get involved include campaigning for displaced people to be able to work immediately, to set up a Place of Welcome in your church and to connect them into wider community.

For more information head to www.refugeecouncil.org.uk, Asylum Link Merseyside or City of Sanctuary.

URBAN ESTATES

The Diocese of Liverpool contains an abundance of urban estates. Estates ministry has its own unique joys and challenges.

In James 2.5 says 'has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?'

The Church of England have a vision to have a loving, worshipping, serving Christian community on every significant social housing estate in England

Some ways for your church to get involved is to help shape an emerging Urban Estates group, go along to NECN annual conference, partner with an urban estate church near you.

To know more about work already going on in the diocese speak to Together Liverpool or head to the Urban Expression website.



FOOD INSECURITY

Since the pandemic numbers facing hunger and food insecurity have risen significantly, deepening existing inequalities and creating new ones.

In Matthew 25 Jesus said, 'Come and take your place in the Kingdom, for when I was hungry you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty you gave me something to drink'.

Over 60% of churches in the Diocese of Liverpool are already playing a part in tackling food insecurity, supporting foodbanks, running pantries, providing hot meals and hosting breakfast clubs or community cafes.

Some ways for your church to get involved in food insecurity are: partner with existing local food projects or explore starting one in your church, support campaigns which tackle the root causes of poverty

For more information speak to Naomi Maynard at Together Liverpool.



JUST FINANCE

Covid-19 has effected the personal finances of thousands of people within the Liverpool Diocese. More people are moving on to Universal Credit, personal debt is increasing and savings are stretched.

In Luke 4 Jesus says 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor'.

Together Liverpool is already working with 20% of churches to support the poorest and most vulnerable with their finances - supporting Covid Cash Courses, debt and welfare benefits advice and support to budget and save.

Some ways for your church to support people in financial difficulty might be to train to deliver advice or education directly, encourage people to save, or simply know how to safely refer to others.

For more information about where to start contact
Kevin Peacock at Together Liverpool



DIVERSITY

One in eight people in the diocese is from an ethnic minority background.

Revelation 7.9 paints this fabulous picture of a godly society: 'There before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language'.

The Diocese of Liverpool wants places of worship to be inclusive and diverse, and this may mean churches actively reaching out and welcoming those from minority or diverse backgrounds.

Some ways for your church to be more engaged with ethnic minorities is joining in with already established community groups, setting up a Community Listening Process or by offering Places of Welcome

For more information head to [Together for the Common Good](#), or contact [Kate Eaglestone](#) from [Together Liverpool](#).

A photograph of two women with curly hair sitting at a table in a cafe, laughing and talking. There are two white coffee cups on the table. The background is a window with a view of trees. The text 'SOCIAL ISOLATION' is overlaid in large white letters.

SOCIAL ISOLATION

Loneliness and isolation are big issues facing people across our region, made even more urgent as we emerge from Covid restrictions.

Hebrews 13 calls us to 'let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels'.

Together Liverpool is available to help and support churches develop their mission plan and use their natural resources (buildings and people) to tackle loneliness and isolation in their communities.

Many churches have lots going on for the socially isolated, but you could also consider setting up a 'Place of Welcome' or a 'Linking Lives UK' project.

For more information about the diverse opportunities to reach the isolated speak to Kate Eaglestone at Together Liverpool.



MENTAL HEALTH

Since the start of the pandemic approximately 70% of people say their mental health has deteriorated.

In John 10.10 Jesus says he has come that we might have life, and life to the full'. Good mental health is imperative for living life to the full!

The Church of England has put together a helpful resource called 'Mental Health Matters COFE' which could be a useful springboard for projects to think about as we exit the pandemic.

Some ways of supporting those with poor mental health is through offering Places of Welcome, getting involved with Linking Lives UK, or by joining projects already run by doctor's surgeries or other organisations.

For more information about Places of Welcome or other inclusive spaces speak to Kate Eaglestone at Together Liverpool





KIDS AND YOUTH

The pandemic has thrown thousands of families in our region into poverty, leaving children and young people isolated and scared about the future.

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not stop them', making clear our responsibility to this generation.

The Diocese of Liverpool is committed to creating safe and enabling environments for all under 18s to receive love, support and encouragement.

Some ways for your church to support families after restrictions end are by offering lunch clubs, holiday clubs and youth clubs for the community.

For more information about engaging children and young people contact Kate Eaglestone at Together Liverpool or Sue Mitchell at the Diocese.