



Care for God's Creation



Summer update 2025

Breaking News

Buildings & Missions fund invests in Diocese

The Island is being supported by the Archbishops' Council's Building for Mission fund by with a Church Building Support Officer (CBSO) role. After a review of the first year of the NZC on the Island it became apparent that there was a crossover with the CBSO role and that to be effective more help was required.

I have been given the opportunity to assume both roles for the Diocese, which support parishes in ensuring our churches are resilient and environmentally responsible. I am delighted to say that I will be able to provide holistic support to help preserve our building heritage fit for mission, all while embracing a greener future.

Our Islands Churches are wonderfully led by Clergy and supported by volunteers, who give their time and financial support so generously. This investment will help release resources, energy and potential for mission and outreach.

The Bishop of Ramsbury, Andrew Rumsey, joint lead bishop for Church Buildings, said: *"Our churches and cathedrals are invaluable signs of our Christian presence and heritage. It is essential that we protect and sustain them as centres for worship and community service. This programme aims to reduce the burden of buildings management on parishes and dioceses - through better support arrangements"*

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Funding & Grants

Need to spend!

We have some funding available for quick wins which we need to spend before Christmas!! - funds are available for all churches (don't forget you must be Eco Church registered). Think damp & drafts—what would help you? Please get in touch with any questions.

**GIVE TO
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This has been a really successful pilot and we understand this will be rolled out nationally, though criteria is yet to be announced. As a reminder, if you have successfully received funds, it needs to be spent within the deadlines.

THANK YOU!!!

I am delighted to say that we as team Sodor & Man achieved **100%** of EFT returns. **Thank you** so much for the effort and participation, it is appreciated.

A prayer:

Lord, grant us the wisdom to hear the earth's cry and heed the call with action.

Lord, guide us to act as your hands on earth, for the good of your kingdom and future generations.

Lord, bless us, let us live in harmony, with all living things.

Lord, enable us with peace, patience and courage to go on the path you have laid before us.

Amen

**Guest speaker **

Heating in Heritage Buildings

Adrian Fox 4th September 6.30 for 7-8.30pm

St Andrews URC, Douglas

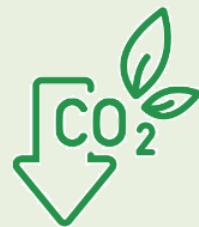
An ecumenical talk for all, on heating our heritage buildings. Adrian Fox Environmental Sustainability Officer, is one of a dedicated team of professionals in the central team.

A specialist heating engineer who will share examples of ground breaking projects and the latest innovations.

Bring your questions!



Net Zero Carbon & Buildings for Mission



Get inspired with some summer reading.

Have you heard of the [Wainwright awards](#)? Celebrating nature, conservation, and environmental writing. Named in honour of Alfred Wainwright, writer, walker, and champion of the outdoors, established in 2013 to spotlight the growing genre of nature writing and inspire readers to connect more deeply with the natural world. They have just announced their short list. Here are a few that you might want to explore:

Raising Hare, Chloe Dalton—It chronicles an extraordinary relationship between human and animal, rekindling our sense of awe towards nature and wildlife. Their improbable bond of trust reminds us that the most remarkable experiences, inspiring the most hope, often arise when we least expect them.

Feed the Planet—A photographic Journey to the World's Food, George Steinmetz

Wildful, Kengo Kurimto, A children's book rediscovering the magic in the wild.

Climate Injustice, Why we need to fight global inequality to combat climate threats, Friederike Otto.

Making the Environment your Mission

Aroche have a new initiative called [Target 25](#)—this is 25 at risk habitats or species that are endangered in the UK. As part of our Diocese Eco Church award we are asked to support this programme.

But that is the boring bit!

The exciting bit- this is a really good missional opportunity.

What is your Church context? City? Rural? Sea? This is a great opportunity to pick two of either a habitat, group of species and make them your own.

There are great out reach opportunities with charities, schools, youth groups and families. It is an opportunity to make your Church known in the local community as a protector of..... It opens up so many new opportunities, special services, themed talks and evenings and supporting other organisations to achieve their goal—whatever this looks like. We have loads of support available including suggesting which Manx species might suit your church. Do get in touch for more information.

Eco Church Update

23↑ Registered
3 Silver
5 Bronze

Challenge yourself! for ideas, inspiration and maybe even an award, Why not revisit your Eco Church questionnaire?

Do get in touch if you would like help.

Not only does this show your Churches commitment to safeguarding Gods creation but it also helps demonstrate the Diocese progress.

Thank you for your continued efforts.

Some useful resources:
[Routemap to Net Zero Carbon](#)
[Practical Path to Net Zero](#)
[net zero carbon churches](#)
[webinar programme](#)
[heating guidance](#)
[energy efficiency guidance](#)
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