

Lincolnshire Methodist District

Environmental Newsletter

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Resources for leading worship



The Season of Creation (also known as Creationtide) is a time observed by denominations globally to reflect specifically on God's wider creation, His relationship to it and our own relationship with it. During this five week period, 1 September - 4 October, Christians and churches are invited to pray, act and use their voice to advocate for creation.

The A Rocha website has a wealth of worship resources. See <https://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation/>

Worship Leaders and Preachers might also like to check out the environmentally themed worship resources on the Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire Methodist District website. There are ideas for hymns, readings, a sermon outline and a couple of excellent dramas. See: https://www.behdistrict.org.uk/Groups/376596/B EH_District/about_us/Eco_District/Eco_District.a spx



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Eco Church Awards Update

Since the first newsletter in April there are now 10 churches in the District with a bronze award, 4 with silver and 13 others have registered.

On Sunday June 8th, at a united Pentecost service, Martin Vickers MP presented both Scartho Methodist Church and St Giles CofE with their Bronze Eco-Church awards.



New "Action for Hope" Eco Grants for Churches and Circuits

A brand new District grants scheme to help churches and circuits take action towards becoming net-zero carbon by 2030 is now open for applications.

The fund of around £95,000 is made up of £30,000 designated from the District Advance Fund and £65,000 from Connexion.

More details overleaf.....

Action for Hope grants continued...

The standard grant will be up to £3,000 however in exceptional circumstances the grant may be raised up to £10,000. However, it is hoped to share the grant funding with as many churches as possible.

In order to apply for a grant a church must first be registered with A Rocha's Eco-Church scheme. Registration is a mark of your intent to progress towards an Eco-Church award. Registration is not onerous.

A church or circuit will also need a current mission plan (growth plan) which includes consideration of creation care and climate justice within it.

These criteria are not meant to be creating hurdles for you to jump over but will show that a church or circuit has begun its journey towards net-zero carbon. It is an indication that reducing carbon emissions is being taken seriously.

The scope of eligible work is very wide. Your church might wish to simply change the light bulbs or if you've already done the "quick wins" your church might be ready to embark on a bigger property project to, say, install solar panels.

Outlined in the guidance notes are five main areas of work that a grant could support:

- Building repairs and improvements which help improve energy efficiency
- Heating and lighting improvements e.g. LED bulbs or sensors
- Temporary heating solutions, which enable a church or church hall to avoid undertaking a like for like oil or gas heating replacement, when their heating breaks down
- Professional advice needed in planning a project e.g. an architect or an energy survey
- Transition away from using oil or gas e.g. solar panels

The Action for Hope Grant Forms and Guidance notes are available in the Resources/Grant Funding area of the District website at www.lincolnshiremethodist.org.uk or by contacting the office

Green Investment

The Church's financial investments can make a positive impact on the climate, safeguarding the integrity of creation and helping those in need. By signing the Green Investment Declaration, an initiative from Operation Noah and JustMoney Movement, your church commits to taking positive action by investing its money in climate solutions and inspiring others to do likewise.

Find out more at operationnoah.org/investment

Community Energy in North Lincs



North Lincolnshire Community Energy (NLCE) is a social enterprise launched in 2023 which puts the local community at the heart of the drive to increase the amount of clean renewable energy generated in the region. Visit their website at <https://nlce.coop/>.

The scheme involves putting solar panels on community buildings generating electricity and generating income. Could churches be eligible?


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