

Energy Footprint Tool Now Live

The Church of England's Energy Footprint Tool is now open for all churches in the diocese to enter fuel and power use from 2024.

The simple online tool, which gives churches insights into their carbon footprint, was developed after General Synod voted in February 2020 for the whole of the Church to achieve net zero carbon by 2030.

All the information you need to fill in the Energy Footprint Tool can be found on your church energy bills and it should take less than an hour to complete. As well as being of use at a diocesan level, data collected from the tool will help your church understand its own carbon footprint and will mean you may be eligible for grants towards projects that will help your church as we journey together to reach net zero carbon. You can access the Energy Footprint Tool via the Online Parish Returns System, using the same login used to completed returns for your Statistics for Mission and Return of Parish Finance.

New Eco Church Survey Launched

A Rocha UK has launched its new Eco Church survey and is appealing to churches and worshipping communities to take meaningful action for climate and nature.

At its core, Eco Church is about people and a practical survey that guides churches, step by step, on their journey towards change. The newly launched survey offers greater flexibility, ensuring that every church, regardless of size, setting, or resources, can take action and make a real impact. Whether you're a cathedral, a church with little or no land, or one without a building, the updated survey ensures everyone can get involved.

Electoral Roll Renewal 2025

2025 marks the 6-yearly renewal of the electoral roll. This means that all church electoral rolls must start again from zero and existing members must reapply. Further information will be sent to PCC and DCC secretaries soon. Forms and information are available from the Parish Resources Website. This year editable PDF forms have been produced that you can customise and print for your parish. For questions about the electoral roll renewal please contact Andy.Brockbank@LeicesterCofE.org, 01162615312

Statistics for Mission & Parish Finance Return

This is a reminder that the Statistics for Mission and Parish Finance Returns are due for submission. Thank you to those who have already completed their submissions. If you have not yet completed the return, please could you do so as soon as possible, either online or by posting a form to the office. If you require any assistance or need an account setting up, please contact Ariel Baker: Statistics@LeicesterCofE.org or 01162615348

Lent and Easter at Launde Abbey

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There are lots of opportunities to pray and reflect at Launde Abbey throughout Lent and Holy Week.

Several 'Soul-Filled Meanderings' are taking place, led by Jo de Graff, and including a guided walk, prayer service and soup lunch. See details here.

A retreat is being held throughout Holy Week. You can join for as much as you like by booking an overnight stay or attending for the day. See details here.

Church Accountants and Treasurers Training

A series of online courses to aid church treasurers and accountants, including tackling the basics and how to maximise Gift Aid, are available to book onto during March with the Association of Church Accountants & Treasurers (ACAT).

For details of who to contact please see the LDMC website

Hymn Books Available

Song books are still available from St. Marys Church, Melton Mowbray, for a donation: Please contact the parish office on admin@meltonparish.org.uk

Storytelling for Everyone

Saturday 15 March, 10am-3pm – St Martins House, Leicester

A practical workshop to gain confidence in leading others in worship in the local church. The session includes:

Register on the Diocese Learning Hub:

<https://thehub.leicester.anglican.org/learning-resources/storytelling-for-everyone/>