

# ECO CHURCH



DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH ECO CHURCH NEWSLETTER



## Encourage. Enjoy. Protect.

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Eco church encourages churches across denominations to care for God's creation and to recognise our responsibility towards each other and the world. Churches in this diocese have registered with eco church and some have received bronze, silver and even the gold award including the Haven benefice on the Isle of Wight.

Diocesan Synod this February adopted the resolution of General Synod last year to reach Net zero by 2030. Each deanery and parish is now encouraged to do the same. This is a tight timescale and a daunting target. Enquiries and feasibility studies are being arranged to support all parishes in this aim. Below are some actions churches have already taken to reach net zero.

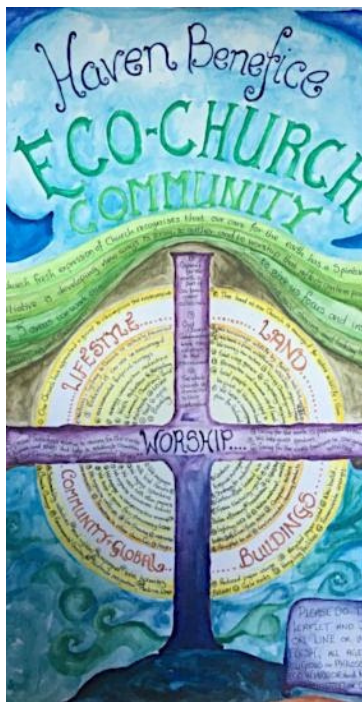
### FEATURING:

*Actions churches have taken to reach net zero.*

*Air Source Heat Pump- St Margaret's.*

*Petersfield Solar Panels.*

*DAC & Sustainability*



## Air Source Heat Pump

*St Margaret's in Southsea*

St Margaret's in Southsea have installed an Air Source Heat Pump system and are enjoying constant temperatures throughout the year.

Pop by and ask them about it.

Picture of St Mag's (right of these two pics.)

## Peter's Panels

*ST Peter in Petersfield*

At St Peter in Petersfield PV panels have been put on the roof, in addition to being carbon neutral, the electricity bill has reduced to £500 pa!

See the pic on the first page.

## DAC Sustainability Policy

The DAC has passed a 'Sustainability Policy' in relation specifically to heating systems to encourage and assist parishes in choosing systems that comply with the net zero target.

There is plenty of work still to do and we encourage all churches to engage with their communities to talk about these issues and the impact Global warming has on us locally and more immediately on those poorer nations already experiencing climate change and the dramatic impact that is having on their lives already.

For more information on any of these topics, drop Rachel Houlberg an email on:  
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Or take a look at websites A Rocha, Church Of England or [Green Christian.org.uk](http://Green Christian.org.uk)

