

Climate Change



Our Parishes WILL
make a difference
...How?

'For the Church of the 21st Century,
good ecology is not an optional extra
but a matter of justice.

It is therefore central to
what it means to be a Christian.'

- Archbishop Rowan Williams

How does your Parish measure up?

<u>Electricity</u>	<u>Yes/ No</u>
▪ Do all the lights need to be on?.....	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
▪ Can all/any of the light fittings be fitted with energy saving light bulbs?.....	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
▪ Do we use green electricity? (see CleanEnergyGuide.org).....	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
▪ Do we have timers on our heaters?.....	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
▪ Do we switch off electrical equipment on standby — photocopiers, microwaves, dishwashers?.....	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
<u>Catering</u>	
▪ Do we use crockery rather than disposable cups & plates?.....	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
▪ Do we use environmentally friendly cleaning products?.....	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
▪ Do we promote and use Fair Trade goods—tea, coffee etc.....	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
<u>Recycling</u>	
▪ Do we recycle our—plastics.....	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
—paper (use the back)	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
—ink cartridges.....	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
—glass.....	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
from our office / kitchen?	
<u>Worship / Liturgy / Prayer</u>	
▪ Do we regularly include environmental concerns in our worship?.....	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
▪ Do we offer Bible studies on Care of Creation?.....	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
Just a few check items to get you thinking.....	

Measure your Parish Footprint...

carbonzero.org.nz

is the best website for our New Zealand context. Currently there is no church-specific audit. The school or small business options are the best fit for now. (There is also an option for households who may wish to measure their footprints.)

The carboNZero programme is administered by Landcare Research and provides tools for organisations and individuals to take actions to minimise their impacts on climate change. The key steps for participating in the carboNZero programme are:

1. Measure: calculate your CO₂ emissions
2. Manage: reduce your CO₂ emissions
3. Mitigate: offset your CO₂ emissions

We are encouraged to see that many other churches have been working on this issue for a while now and we offer some websites as they contain suggestions for change...

www.casi.org.nz/issues/environment

www.cofe.anglican.org

www.catholicearthcareoz.net/audit

www.ecocongregation@srtp.org.uk

Resources for worship

www.seasonofcreation.com

Bishops' Statement on Climate Change

*By Anglican Bishops of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia :
Tuesday 4th April 2006*

.....We emphasise the important role local governments and local communities play in addressing climate change, and emphasise this church's commitment to creating and cooperating with initiatives at a local level that seek to contain and reduce the impact of climate change and our part in it as human beings.

We are a part of our environment, and have the power to change it for good or ill.....

.....As bishops, we are now committed to commending a policy of carbon neutrality, and for the sake of us all we call upon governments, local governments, businesses and faith communities to work together in this important area to both contain and reduce climate change.

To read the entire statement go to: www.justice.anglican.org.nz/bishops-statements/bishops-statement-on-climate-change/

This brochure has been put out by the newly formed (February 2007)
Diocesan Climate Change Action Group.

If you are considering becoming a carbon neutral parish and would like to be part of a support group of parishes, or would like to know more, we would really like to hear from you at aucklandclimatechange@gmail.com or www.justice.anglican.org.nz/ then hit justwiki and auckland-diocese-climate-action