



# Gibraltar Archdeaconry Synod

## Caring for Creation

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**Diocese  
in Europe**

# Topics

- Introductions
- So, What is Net Zero Carbon Really all About?
- 2026 Focus
- The C4C Group and Where to Find Help
- Where to Find Funding for Your Projects
- Any Questions



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# So, What is Net Zero Carbon Really all About?

- **Well, it's not Just about Climate Change**
- **There's no Space for Eco Zealots – It's Pragmatists we Need**
- **It's a Threat, or is it?**
  - **Think of Your Mission as an Archdeaconry and/or a Chaplaincy**
  - **What can NZC and Environmental Initiatives bring to That**
  - **....and What about EcoChurch?**
- **The Diocese in Europe has a Particular Set of Challenges**
  - **Geography and Scale**
  - **Property Ownership Profile**
  - **Travel – How on Earth do you get to Net Zero Carbon When we Have to Fly so Much?**
- **What is 2030 all about and that 10%?**
- **Engaging with The Community....**

# Tactical Plans for 2026 – The June Synod! (1)

- **Carbon Foot Print and Update Environmental Plan**

- Use Carbon360 as the Basis to Create/ Model a "Scientifically Based" Carbon Footprint for the Diocese (Mar 2026)
- Enhance the Environmental Plan to include the RoadMap to Net Zero including Annual Targets (May 2026)
- Produce Costings so that we Have a Fully Costed Programme of Work out to 5 Years (May 2026)
- Introduce Dashboards into Reporting to improve Understanding (Feb 2026)

- **Secure Funding for the Next Triennium**

- Secure Capacity Building Grant Funding to Support the Core Net Zero Activities for (2026-2028 (June 2029)) (Jan 2026)
- Secure Bids for the Quick Wins, Energy Audits, Demonstrator Buildings/ Churches and other Funding Streams from the NZCP (Dec 2026=>)
- Enhanced Role for the Diocese Funding Officer (Commence Jan 2026)
- Identify Funding Sources to Target to Fund The Costed Programme Down to A Chaplaincy Level (May 2026=>)

- **Building The Caring for Creation (C4C) Programme**

- Establishing Link Environment Officers across The Chaplaincies (Apr 2026)
- Agree Programme of Activity for C4C Group for 2026 and Publish (Jan 2026)
- Improving Information Access and Sharing (Ongoing)
- Training, Events, Webinars, and Support for The Programme (Ongoing)
- Eco Diocese Progression towards Silver (Dec 2026 Milestone)
- Continued Focus Through the C4C Group and Building/ Supporting Relationships with Other Bodies (Ongoing)



# Tactical Plans for 2026 – The June Synod! (2)



- **Deliver**

- Quick Wins:
  - Complete 2025 Projects (May 2026)
  - Invite and Down Select Bids for 2026 Programme (Feb 2026)
  - Administer 2026 Programme of Work
- Energy Audits:
  - Complete Pilot Programme (May 2026)
  - Identify and Agree Programme for 2026 based on Available Funding (Feb 2026)
  - Deliver 2026 Energy Audits (Dec 2026)
- Demonstrator House:
  - Complete Voorschoten
- Demonstrator Church:
  - Complete Tenerife North (TBA)



# The Care 4 Creation Group and Where to Find Help

- **Draws Together Representation from across The Archdeaonries Together with Diocesan Officers in Communications and Net Zero, plus Subject Matter Experts**
- **Focus is on supporting the delivery of the C4C Policy:**
  - Net Zero Carbon and the Milestones of the Net Zero Carbon Programme
  - Eco Diocese Silver
  - Net Zero is part of the Churches Environmental Mission
- **Communication**
  - Shared Learning
  - Supporting and Developing Dialogues
- **Supporting Mission**
- **Looking for Opportunities to support progress for the Chaplaincies and with the C4C Policy**
- **A Growing Strategic Focus**
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# Where to Find Funding for Your Projects

- **The Funding Officer**

- National Programme Focus
- Applied for National Programme Funding to support extension of Role

- **Inputs (What do you Need to Do?)**

- Your Carbon data entered through the Carbon360 Tool ( a prerequisite for a lot of Grant Funding)
- Energy Audits
- Action Plans targeted to Reduce the Carbon Footprint but also look at how it supports Mission, Community, and Cost Reduction

- **Building a Portfolio of Funding Sources (Working with you!)**

- We categorise Projects by Scale from Small through to Major Projects
- Grant Management
  - Sources
  - Matching the scale of your projects
  - Developing your Church Business Cases
  - Supporting your Bids for Funding



# Any Questions

