

Swindon Deanery: Caring for Creation & climate justice

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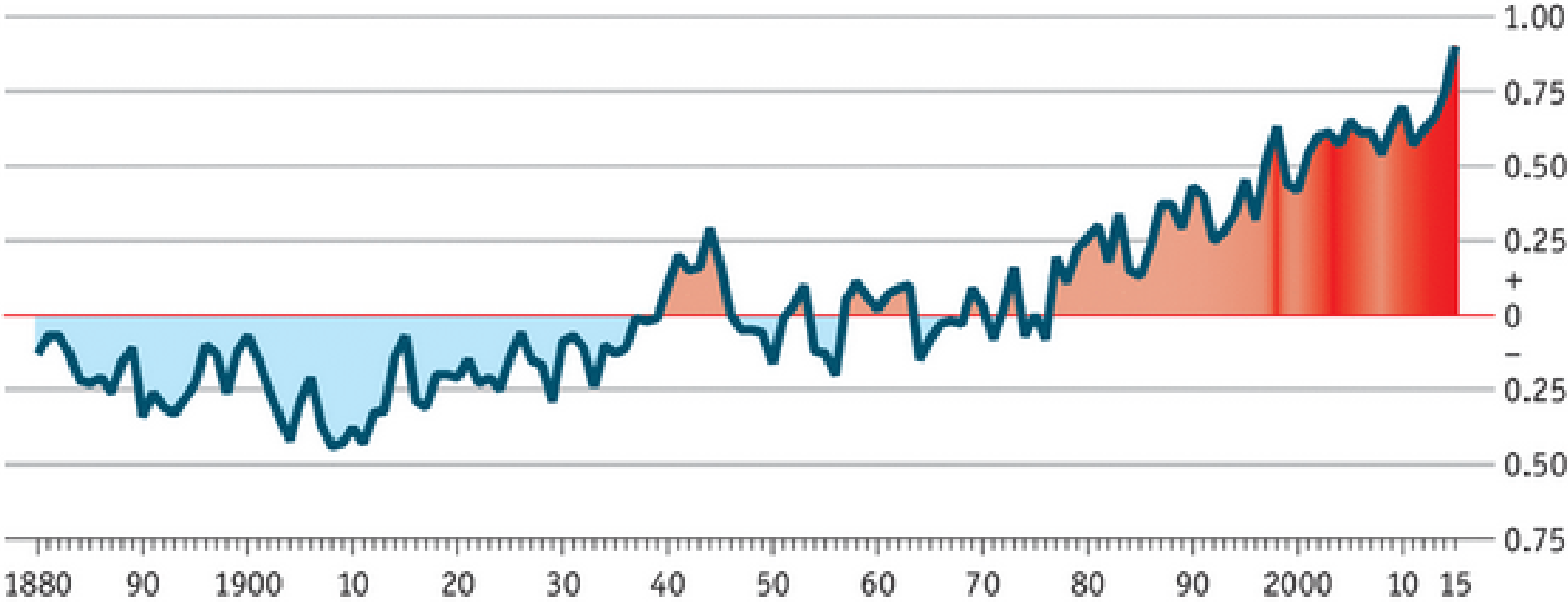
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The challenge we face...

Sizzling

Global surface temperature, deviation from 20th-century average, °C

15 hottest years

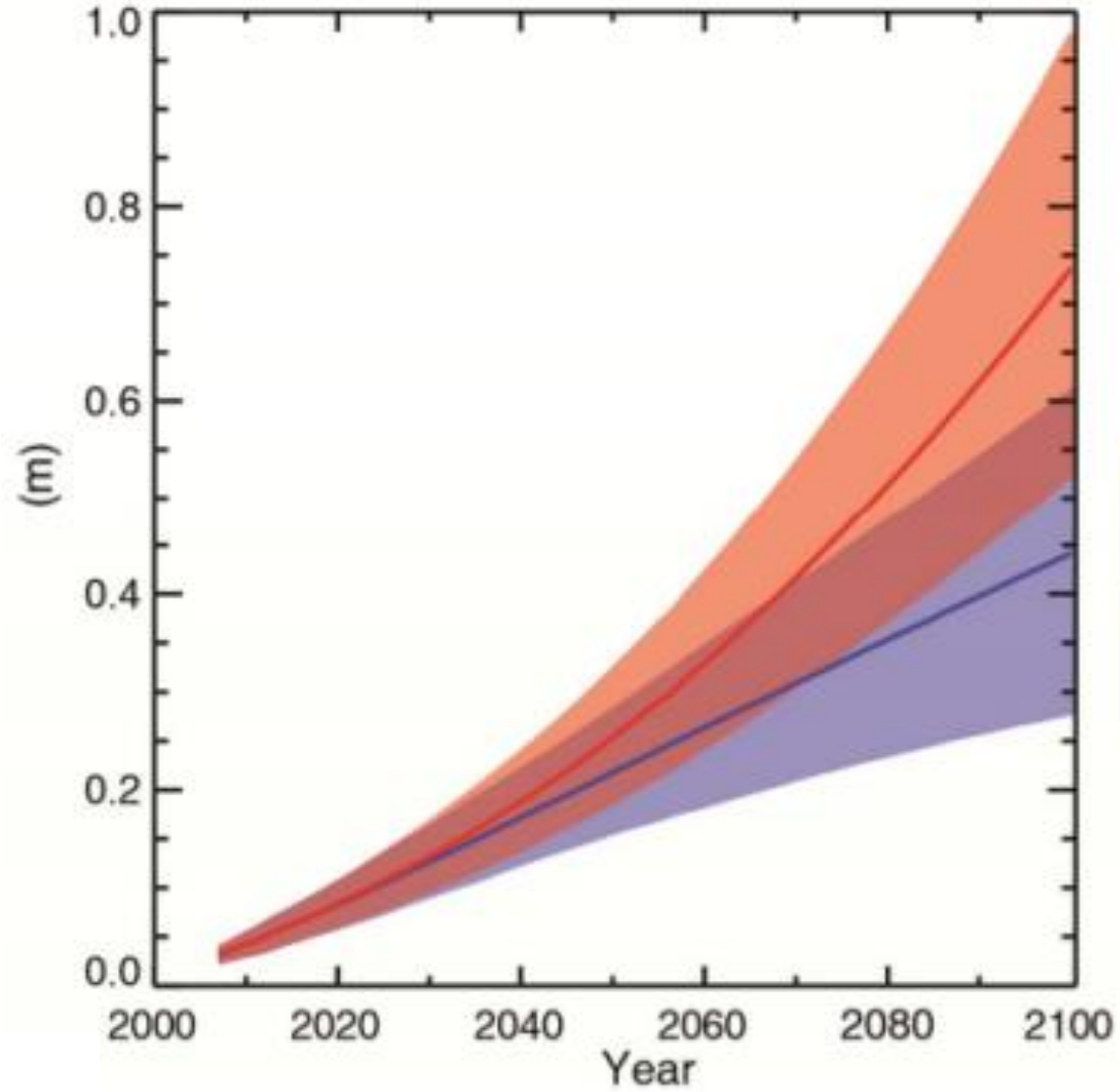


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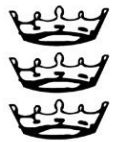
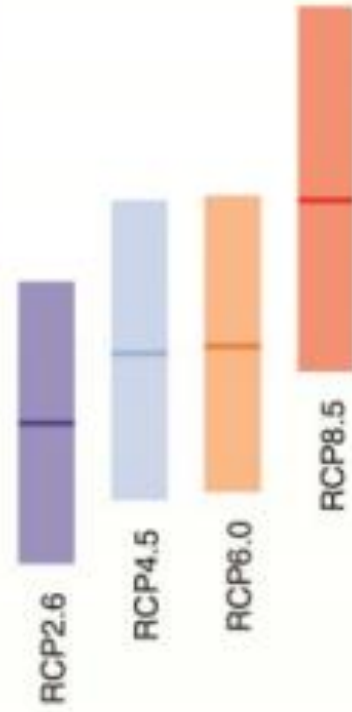


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Global mean sea level rise



Mean over
2081–2100



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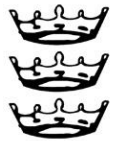
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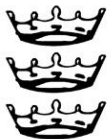
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- Mission – action to protect God’s earth
is the outworking of the gospel,
sharing the hope we have in Christ

‘For God so loved the world ...’

John 3:16



So what can we do about it?



HUMANITY RECONCILED CREATION RESTORED

Discover more about our vision for the future.



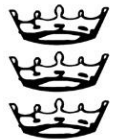
TARGET 2030

Net zero consultation

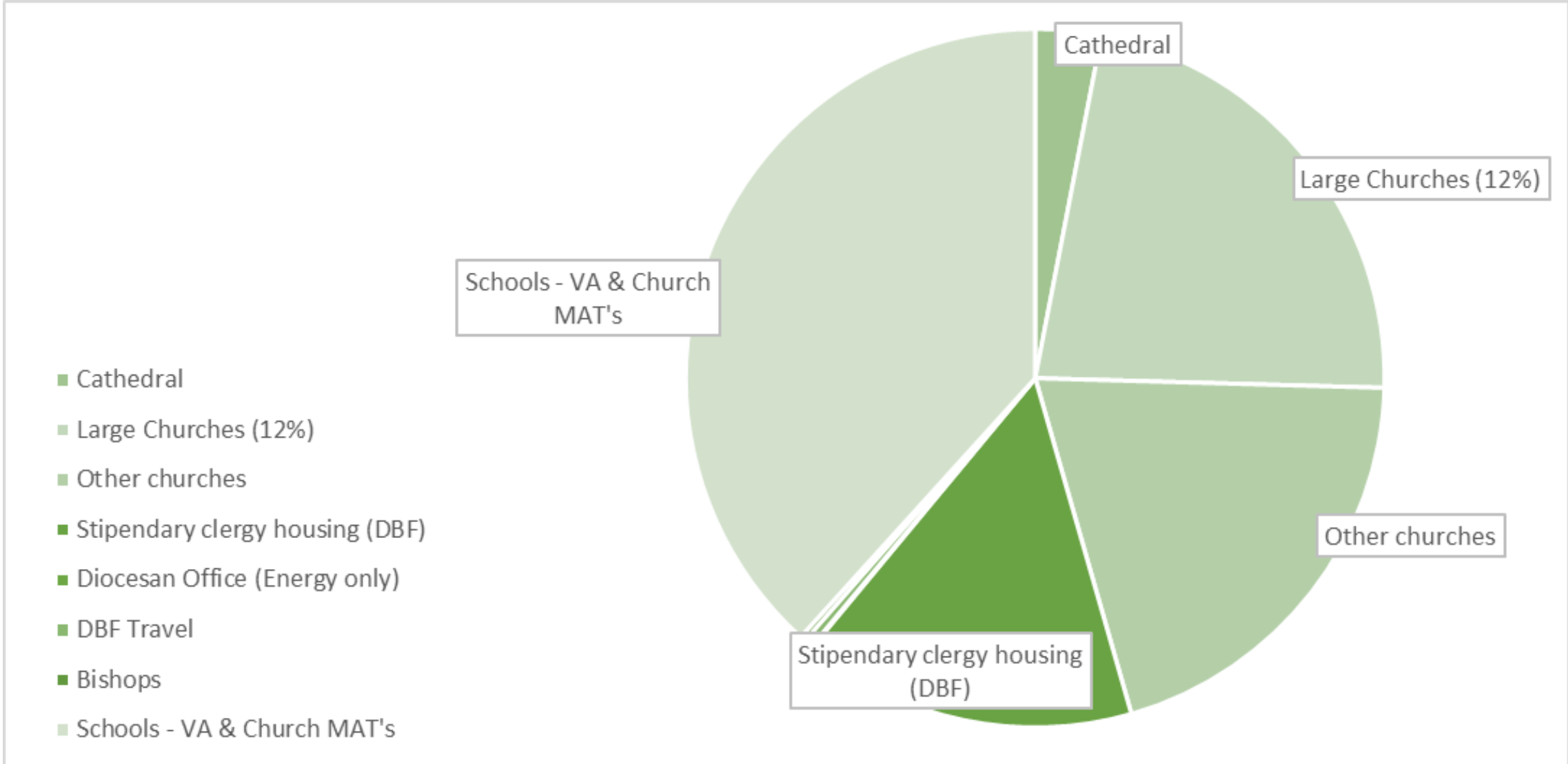


The specific challenge is to reduce our net carbon emissions from:

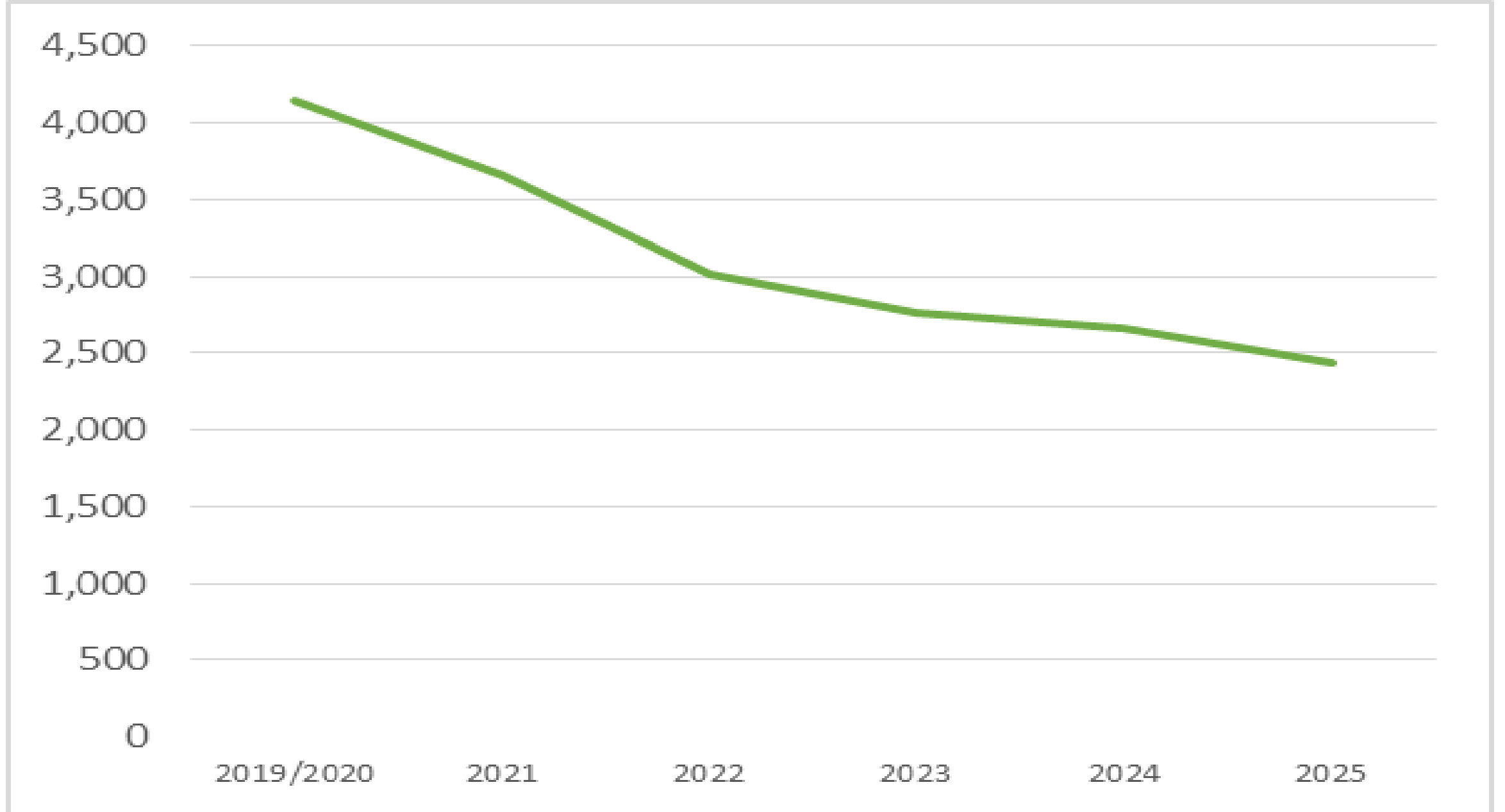
4,115 tCO₂ pa → 0 tCO₂ pa by 2030



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Our carbon footprint: 4,142 tCo2 p.a



Up to 40% reductions planned – 1,700 tCo2



A practical path to net zero carbon

A checklist for your church

Welcome to the Net Zero Checklist.

The Church of England's General Synod has recognised the climate emergency and called on all parts of the Church to become net zero carbon by 2030.





Eco Church

- 48% churches registered
- 23 gained Bronze Awards
- 7 gained silver awards
- 1 Gold in the pipeline...
- ... but let's keep going!



Eco Church workshops

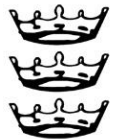
- **Getting started** – Wednesday 16th Feb, 1-2pm and 7-8pm [Book here.](#)
- **Going for Silver** – Wednesday 2nd March, 1-2pm and 7-8pm [Book here.](#)
- **Going for Gold** – Wednesday 9th March, 1-2pm and 7-8pm [Book here.](#)

The logo for Eco Church, featuring the words "ECO" and "CHURCH" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. A stylized blue leaf icon is positioned between the two words. Below the main text, the tagline "AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

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Eco Champions Network

- 52 churches & 5 deaneries
- Information sharing & support
- Bi-monthly briefings & monthly news articles

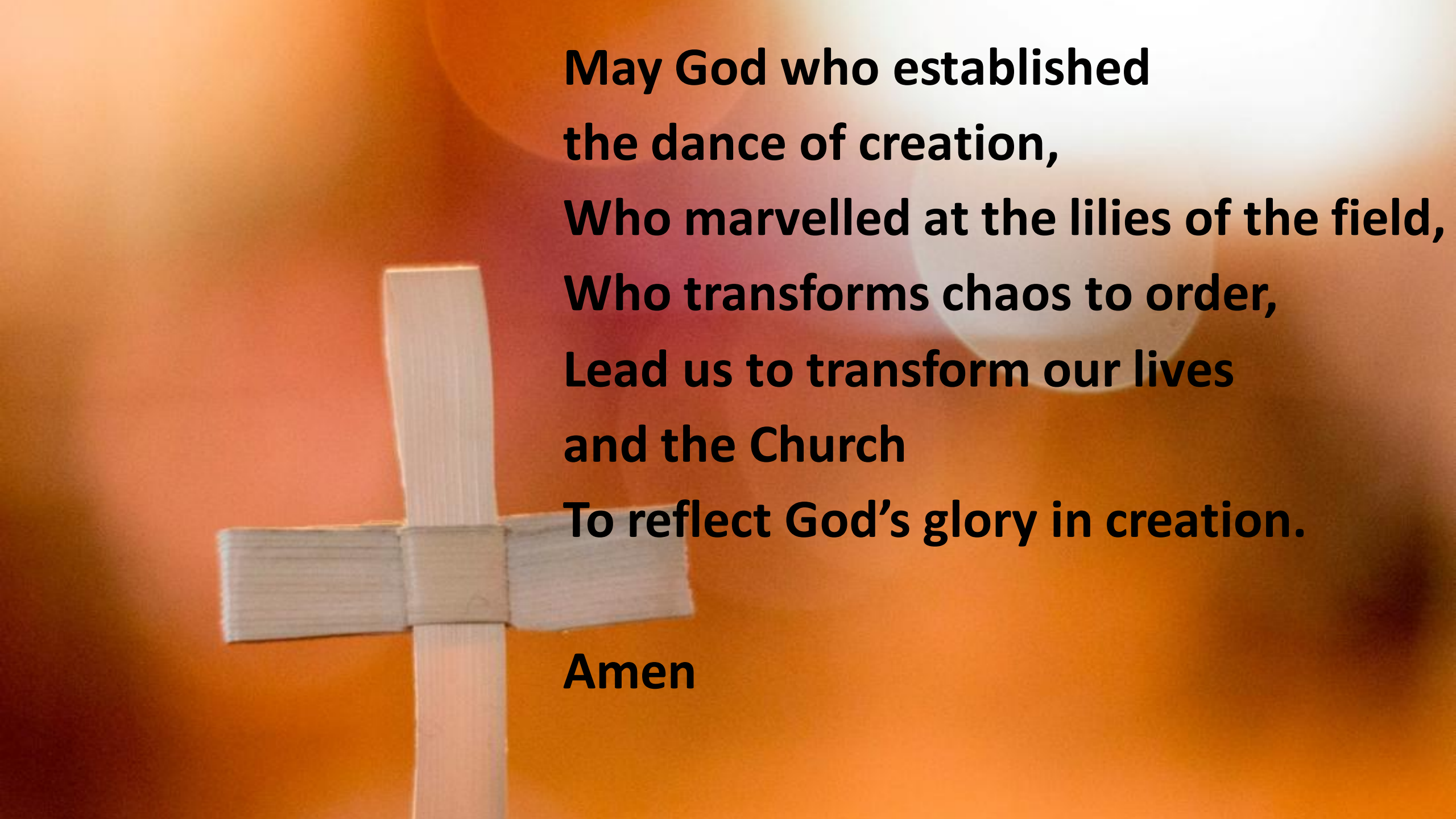


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Net Zero Carbon resources, guidance & webinars are open to all.

www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church



A white wooden cross is positioned on the left side of the image. The background is a warm orange gradient. In the upper right, there is a bright sun with rays and a white moon. The text is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font on the right side of the image.

**May God who established
the dance of creation,
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives
and the Church
To reflect God's glory in creation.**

Amen