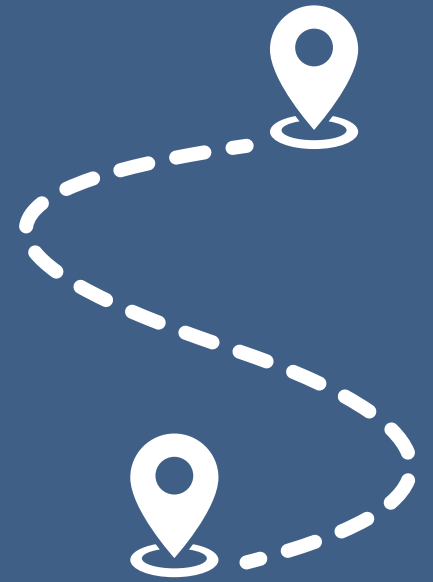


*Parish Roadmap to supporting:*  
Hearing the Cry:  
Responding with Hope



# Getting our own house in order

## Diocesan goals

1. Disseminate the Care for Creation Promise and encourage uptake in schools and parishes.

## Suggestions on what you can do in your parish

1a. Review and sign the Care for Creation Promise.

1b. Set up a parish team to support this work.

1c. Organise a meeting to review the Diocese document “Hearing the Cry: Responding with Hope” and reflect on what the Care for Creation Promise is asking of your parish. Look at the documents and find some space in nature to reflect. You are welcome to visit the Laudato Si’ Centre for a parish meeting to support your response.

1d. Conduct a parish environment audit to help you focus on areas of priority and opportunity.

1e. Look at your local environment and plans to further understand the areas of priority and opportunity,

including: [www.uk-air.defra.gov.uk/](http://www.uk-air.defra.gov.uk/)

[www.addresspollution.org/](http://www.addresspollution.org/)

[www.gmlrc.org/](http://www.gmlrc.org/)

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/lern/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lern/)

[www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/](http://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/)

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/strategies-policies-plans/environmental/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/strategies-policies-plans/environmental/)

[www.ons.gov.uk/economy/environmentalaccounts](http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/environmentalaccounts)

2. Audit parish buildings, develop a decarbonisation pathway and decarbonise buildings to support our 2038 target.

2a. During 2022 energy audits of nearly all parish buildings were completed, review this audit to see if there are any immediate actions you can complete. Audits will be ready for sharing in spring 2023.

2b. Make sure any building/property works, repairs and maintenance deliver carbon reductions where applicable.

2c. Calculate your parish carbon footprint at [www.360carbon.org/en-gb/](http://www.360carbon.org/en-gb/)

2d. Read the decarbonisation guide for parishioners, which will be available on the Diocese of Salford’s website in March 2023.

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Diocesan goals	Suggestions on what you can do in your parish
<p>3. Reduce energy consumption across buildings in the diocese. (diocese target to be confirmed 2023)</p>	<p>3a. Review your annual energy consumption.</p> <p>3b. Look for ways to reduce how much energy is used, your parish energy audit will have some ideas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can light bulbs and floodlights be switched to LEDS?</li><li>• Are heating settings matched to usage so heating is only run when necessary? (If your building is listed and/or has historic or artistic interest please contact the Property Team <a href="mailto:property@dioceseofsalford.org.uk">property@dioceseofsalford.org.uk</a>).</li><li>• Are lights and equipment being switched off when not needed?</li><li>• Can you purchase A+++ appliances, where available, when the old ones need replacing?</li></ul>
<p>4. Reduce water consumption across buildings and associated gardens across the diocese. (diocese target to be confirmed 2023)</p>	<p>4a. Review your annual water consumption.</p> <p>4b. Look for ways to reduce how much water is used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are there any leaks? If so, get them fixed as soon as possible and keep a regular check for leaks.</li><li>• Do you have a dishwasher in any parish buildings? If so, only use when full.</li><li>• Do you have any garden space/greenspace? If so, use a rainwater butt to collect water for gardening.</li><li>• Do you have dual flush toilets?</li></ul>
<p>5. Reduce the impact of items procured.</p>	<p>5a. Make a list of items purchased in the parish and review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Which items do you really need to buy?</li><li>• Can you repair or reuse, or buy reused or second hand?</li><li>• Can more ethical, environmental items be purchased? Are there Fair Trade or Certified B Corporation (or B Corps) options available?</li><li>• Are local businesses being supported?</li><li>• Can you speak with the supplier to improve the product such as reducing packaging or bulk deliveries?</li></ul>

# Getting our own house in order (continued)

## Diocesan goals

6. Reduce waste produced and increase reuse and recycling (diocese target to be confirmed 2023.)

## Suggestions on what you can do in your parish

6a. Complete a waste audit, look at what you throw away or send to recycling.

6b. Are you recycling correctly or throwing things away in general waste, rather than recycling? Look at which wastes can be eliminated, reused and recycled.

6c. Gather ideas to reduce waste streams, such as reducing paper use where possible (taking a paper-lite approach).

7. Increase sustainable modes of business and commuter travel. (diocese target to be confirmed 2023)

7a. The Diocese carries out an annual travel survey, contact [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) for further information - perhaps you could run your own parish wide survey.

7b. Provide safe secure spaces for cycle parking.

7c. Encourage people to car share to church, setting up a list of people who can offer lifts and those that need them.

7d. Encourage people to walk to church.

7e. Share local travel information, such as websites from Transport for Greater Manchester <https://tfgm.com/your-commute> and <https://beeactive.tfgm.com> and Lancashire County Council <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/active-travel/>

7f. For business travel, keep a log of miles travelled and which mode of transport.

# Getting our own house in order (continued)

## Diocesan goals

8. Develop and implement a framework for responsible investment, including calculating the carbon intensity of our investment portfolio.

9. Incorporate supply chain environment requirements and responsibilities into the suppliers' code of conduct.

## Suggestions on what you can do in your parish

8a. Keep up to date with the work across the Diocese.

9a. See the Diocese's [Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement](#) and suppliers code of conduct, which will be released in 2023. Training will be available in due course.

# Getting our own house in order (continued)

## Diocesan goals

10. Establish a Diocesan Youth Environmental Audit Network, where students from our primary and secondary schools will be trained to complete 'care for creation' audits of schools and parishes.

11. Target areas for wildlife and provide guidance to parishes and schools to encourage pockets of ecological restoration across the diocese.

12. Ensure our synodal journey embraces caring for our common home and caring for our brothers and sisters.

## Suggestions on what you can do in your parish

10a. Contact the Diocese's environment team if you are interested in this, [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

11a. Create habitats for wildlife, including planting trees, shrubs and plants for pollinators. See the Diocese's guidance on [Gardening for Wildlife](#).

11b. Install a bird or bat box.

11c. Build a [hedgehog house](#).

11d. Create space for amphibians, for example a log pile or compost heap.

12a. Watch out for further information on this.

# Providing tools, guidance, and best practice

Diocesan goals	Suggestions on what you can do in your parish
13. Deliver wellbeing and spirituality programmes to school, youth and community groups at the Laudato Si' Centre, Wardley Hall.	13a. Arrange a parish visit to the Laudato Si' Centre, see <a href="https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/">https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/</a> 13b. Join one of the courses run at the Laudato Si' Centre.
14. Host at least 2 annual care for creation events.	14a. Join in the events, watch out for information from Diocese's communications team. 14b. Set up your own parish walk for creation following the diocesan <a href="#">guidance</a> . 14c. Hold a care for creation service. Take a look at the <a href="#">Laudato Si' Movement resources</a>
15. Deliver campaigns and provide supporting materials across the Season of Creation, Advent, Lent (including Envirolent) and Laudato Si' week.	15a. Watch out for campaigns and materials sent by the Diocese's communications team before September's Season of Creation, Advent, Lent (look at our <a href="#">Envirolent resources</a> ) and Laudato Si' week in May.
16. Deliver the Guardians of Creation Project and supporting guidance/toolkits.	16a. Review the parish focused guides, including the decarbonisation guide for parishioners and behavioural change research.

# Providing tools, guidance, and best practice

## Diocesan goals

17. Organise an annual care for creation awards for schools and parishes.

18. Provide care for creation resources for use in adult formation and sacramental preparation programmes across the diocese.

19. Investigate a diocesan carbon literacy training model for parishes and schools.

20. Establish youth and deanery care for creation forums to build on and bring together existing work where it exists and support new initiatives where it does not.

21. Support LiveSimply parishes and schools across the Diocese.

## Suggestions on what you can do in your parish

17a. Watch out for information on the awards and nominate an individual or your parish group for an environmental award.

18a. Watch out for information and resources from the Formation Department.

19a. Become carbon literate. If this is of interest to an individual or group in the parish please contact [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

20a. Parish care for creation rep to join the Deanery Forum (when they are established in 2023).

21a. Become a LiveSimply parish.



# Providing tools, guidance, and best practice

## Diocesan goals

22. Support our DiSAN community and school and parish groups with projects to care for creation.

23. Develop and deliver a wildlife programme for schools and parishes to establish in their own grounds.

24. Establish at least one Laudato Si Centre space in each deanery.

25. Support the Northern Diocese Environment Group and Environmental Leads network.

## Suggestions on what you can do in your parish

22a. See <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/parishes/>

22b. Review the [Hope in the Future stage 5 resources](#), which provides resources and guidance.

23a. Watch out for resources and programmes to help wildlife.

23b. Review the diocesan [Gardening for Wildlife](#) guide and implement ideas in your parish.

24a. Contact [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) if you are interested in becoming a Laudato Si space.

25a. Sign up to the Northern Diocese Environment Group (contact [m.scully@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:m.scully@caritassalford.org.uk)) and attend quarterly meetings.



# Working with others

## Diocesan goals

26. Establish a care for creation lead/champion in each school and parish.

27. Support the Laudato Si' Movement by encouraging members of the diocese to complete the Laudato Si' Animator training.

28. Convene the Greater Manchester Interfaith Climate Group.

29. Join the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Environment Forum and Local Authorities committees and groups bringing our voice to local government forums and environment related committees and organisations.

## Suggestions on what you can do in your parish

26a. Nominate a care for creation lead (you can nominate more than one person if this would be preferable), email [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) with the contact details.

27a. Become a Laudato Si' Animator, see <https://laudatosianimators.org/>  
27b. Visit the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#), which is a collaboration between the Vatican and an international coalition of Catholic organisations, for resources, including what [other parishes](#) across the globe have done.

28a. Work with local faith and community groups on joint environment initiatives.

29a. Connect with local councils and councillors.  
29b. Use your collective voice to petition your local MP on environmental matters.  
29c. Connect with other organisations such as [Caritas](#), [CAFOD](#), the Ecological Conversion Group's [Journey to 2030](#), [Laudato Si' Movement](#), and the [Laudato Si Action Platform](#).



# Measuring and reporting

## Diocesan goals

30. Calculate our carbon baseline and report on progress to our 2038 zero carbon target.

31. Convene the environment committee, decarbonisation task and resources group, environment and communications resources group, youth environment forum and deanery environment forums.

32. Produce an annual environment report

## Suggestions on what you can do in your parish

30. Share your activities and reductions in energy consumption year on year.

31. Nominate a care for creation lead to be the key diocesan contact.

32. Share your stories with [communications@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:communications@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) and [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk).