Your Eco Church in 2023: Zoom Series on Getting Started….Going Further

Birmingham Anglican Climate Action (BACA) is running a series of four one-hour zoom taster/training sessions for any church wanting to go greener and engage with practical ideas for taking Eco Church further, with an optional further half hour for informal questions.

The first session, on Thursday 16th March from 7.30 to 9pm, will be on **Climate Justice.**

If you are interested in attending, or would like to know more, contact **heather.m.holmes@live.com** to receive a Zoom link for the first session and information about the three further zooms.

In session 1 on March 16, representatives from local churches will talk about climate justice activities in their churches, and explain what Christian Aid Week means to their congregations.
Batanai Padya from Christian Aid will talk about this year's Christian Aid Week focus on climate resilience. He will describe simple fundraising activities you could get involved with (Don't just think 'house to house' collecting!!).

We'll explore how as Christians we can respond to the injustice that the world's poorest people, who have done almost nothing to cause climate change, are suffering the most from its impacts.
The session will end with practical suggestions for engaging with climate justice issues, including supporting Christian Aid Week, which is 14-21st May.

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Session 2: Thursday 20th April 7.30 -9pm
Warm churches and the route to net zero – Part 1

In this session Ben Smith from the Property Team will outline how Birmingham Diocese is planning to get to net zero by 2030.
There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and get information, particularly on how to measure your church's carbon footprint and submit your results on the Energy Footprint Tool. We will also address the tricky issue of transferring to LED lighting and are especially keen to learn from local experience and success stories.

On these and lots of other questions about energy, heating and keeping warm we want to hear and share stories from across the deaneries.
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Session 3: Tuesday May 2nd 7.00 - 8.30pm (NOTE slightly earlier start time)
Using your Church's Outside Spaces
Rev Debbie Collins from Holy Cross, Billesley, will talk about 'Muddy Church' and describe some of the ways her church shares outside space with neighbours and friends.
Caroline Egan will talk about how her church takes part in the annual 'Churches count on nature' event.
More information to follow.

Session 4: Monday 11th September 7.30 – 9pm
Warm churches and the route to net zero – Part 2
Practical ideas and planning for next winter.
More information to follow.