

## What will it take...



Not just to  
survive but  
to thrive.

As Christians, we believe that God doesn't just promise life, but life in all of its fullness (John 10:10). We want all of God's created Kingdom not just to survive, but to thrive. What will it take to make this happen, and to reach the global target of limiting the temperature rise to 1.5 degrees?

Here are three ways you can begin to make changes, to see the world not just surviving, but thriving.

### **What will it take *personally*?**

Have you thought about swapping the energy you use at home and at church for energy which helps God's creation to thrive?

The Big Switch helps churches and energy users to switch from fossil fuel based energy providers to energy suppliers that use electricity generated from 100% renewable sources such as solar, wind or waterflow.

Clean energy sources help all of God's creation to thrive. If we act collectively to show a demand for renewable energy, we can send a clear message to governments to show that Christians are prepared to act for change.

Not only will this dramatically decrease our use of fossil fuels, but it will also provide investment into clean energy technologies. This will help to make clean energy sources more accessible to consumers all over the world.



Find out more, including energy providers and the difference you can make, at [www.bigchurchswitch.org.uk](http://www.bigchurchswitch.org.uk).



### **What can we do as a *church*?**

Is your church an Eco Church? Eco Church is a programme to help your church celebrate what it's already doing to care for the environment and decide what to tackle next. Care for all of God's creation is an integral part of loving our neighbours and following God faithfully, and Eco Church can help you make this central to your worship.

Signing up to Eco Church can help you think about your worship and teaching, how you engage with your local community, the personal lifestyles of your congregation and how you look after your buildings and land.

An easy online survey will help you see if your church already qualifies for a Bronze, Silver or Gold Eco Church award, and what you can do to reach the next level.

Find support, stories and the opportunity to sign up at [ecochurch.arocha.org.uk](http://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk). If you're in Scotland, have a look at <http://www.ecocongregation.org/>.

### **What can we do *nationally*?**

We need to set national targets if we want to see the temperature rise capped to 1.5 degrees. If we want to see the world thrive, we need to put pressure on our governments to make bolder, braver commitments.

Ten years ago, MPs committed to passing a game-changing law: The Climate Change Act. However, ten years on, we have to be going much further if we are going to see our world thriving. We need to set a target of net zero well before 2050, which means only producing the same amount of greenhouse gases as we absorb.

A group of MPs have already come together to ask for this in a cross-party letter. But to make real change, we need more MPs to sign up.

Add your name to joint letters to your MPs asking them to become a hero for zero here:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/climate-change/climate-change-act-e-action>

Alternatively, set up a meeting with your MP, and talk about how they can be a Hero for Zero. Find resources and help at [www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/meetyourmp](http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/meetyourmp).

