

## 2. UNPACKING THE PROPOSALS

Our diocesan vision is about *Changing Lives, Changing Churches, and Changing Communities*.

But the world of which we are a part is changing. So the Diocesan Synod has now made a commitment to:  
***Changing Lives.... for a Changing World.***

Paper 1 of this report is a core document. The diocesan synod on 3rd March 2007 adopted this as a statement of its environmental commitment.

Supporting this very brief statement are a number of papers which unpack what this means.

***Eco-diocese*** is a picture of a possible future.

The next papers provide some background information: outlining the scale of the problems we face, opening up some of the theological themes which can help us face these and describing the relationship between simplicity and spirituality.

Then we look at how we need to change our church life, and do things differently.

The final section describes resources which can help us in doing things differently: study courses and books, other organisations, sources of advice, but firstly, sources of material which can be helpful in our worship and prayer.

There are also examples of what churches have done, a description of the *Go Zero* project in Chew Magna, and for those who simply want to be told what to do - 30 tips.

The Diocesan Synod was not asked to approve all these papers. They are an attempt to sketch out the information and the thinking behind '*...for a Changing World*', and to help in the process.

The papers can be reproduced. Some of them will be regularly updated. Some are discussion starters. Not everyone will be interested in every one. Not everyone will agree with all of them.

Synod approved the first one, '*... for a Changing World*.' The rest are offered as a help.

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