

Net Zero Carbon Report Diocesan Synod

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Net Zero Carbon

Some
concerns

Our plan to reach net zero carbon by 2030.

Highlights

- Net Zero Partnership Team now embedded within Canterbury and Rochester dioceses – working across different teams
- Second round of energy audits have been commissioned for 10 more churches
- St Luke's Net Zero Demonstrator Church work well underway
- Energy Footprint Tool Completion Rate at 43% (was 38% last year) – closes 30th June but net zero team can still input!
- National funding available for net zero work in Churches being publicised: Quick Wins, Boiler Hardship Replacement

Next Steps

- Re-establish Net Zero Working Group to provide governance to the net zero work
- Understand implications for working towards the Eco Diocese Silver Award and develop plan accordingly
- Work with churches who have had energy audits to develop a net zero carbon action plan and apply for relevant funding
- Work with Eco Champions to organise an Eco Conference
- Support application for second demonstrator church
- Secure funding for subsidised energy audits

Concerns

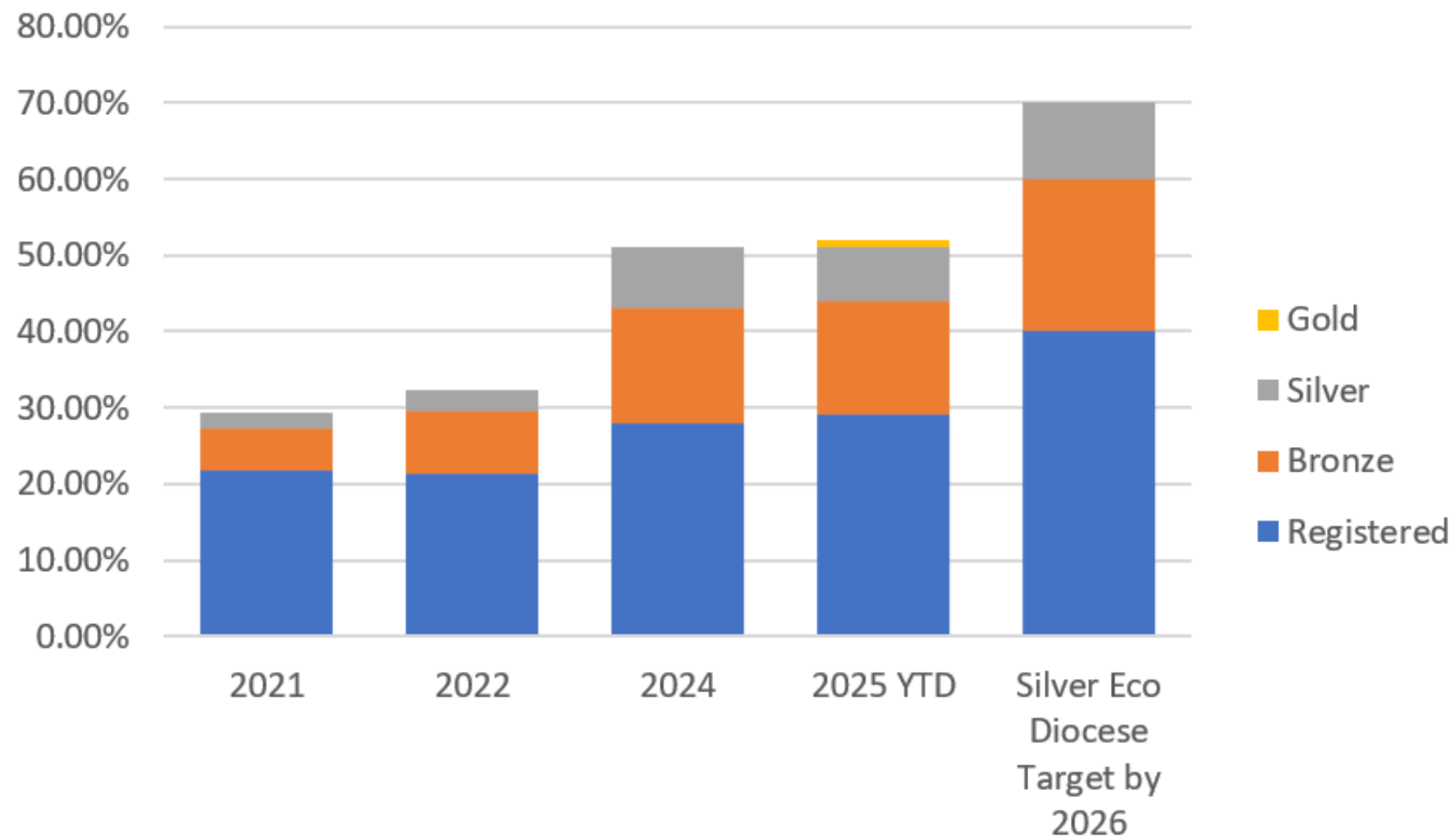
- Delay in energy audit reports being written for first 10 churches – they have not yet been able to draw down the associated £3K grant and be supported with carbon net zero action plans for their churches
- Barriers for schools wishing to place solar panels on roofs and lack of government funding for decarbonisation work
- Significant fundraising will be necessary for parishes to deliver net zero projects.

Future

- Progress Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Action Plan
- Ensure ready to apply for any national net zero related funding (e.g. next triennium funding for fundraiser and capacity building)



Eco Church Registrations & Awards



Congratulations to St Mary's Smeeth & St Stephen Lypne for achieving their Gold Award!



Areas for parishes to focus on

- If not completed **Energy Footprint Tool** for 2024 please **contact the Net Zero Team** as soon as possible
- Register for **Eco Church** and/or progress towards awards
- Use “**Practical Path to Net Zero Carbon for Churches**” document to see if any actions your parish can take
- Develop a net **zero action plan**
- Look at net zero funding opportunities such as **Quick Wins**
- Consider changing to a “**green**” **energy tariff** when renewing contracts

