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Bishop of Ramsbury Rt Rev Edward Condry lives and works in a large rural diocese. You'd imagine that driving a car was essential. Yet he was ready and willing to swap it for a bike – not once, but twice over!

Christian Aid reported that for Lent 2014, he decided to give up motoring and rely on pedal power. And he did it again in 2015. What kept him moving over 2,056 long miles?

'My faith calls on me to find joy in creation, to work for justice, and to recognise the earth and its resources are ultimately owned by God and shared with us to use responsibly,' said Bishop Condry. 'Climate change is a real threat to livelihoods, other living creatures and ultimately to human life.'

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Live your life in your neighbourhood

Enjoy your local facilities including parks and woodlands. Grow your own food. 'Blossom where you are planted,' as the saying goes. Enjoy days out to nearby natural beauty spots enjoy nature educate your children about it. See Woodland Trust's 'Nature Detectives' for fun and creative ideas.

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PREMIER NEWS STORY

www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Bishop-bans-himself-from-driving-for-Lent

BISHOP EDWARD'S BLOG

bishopedward.wordpress.com

GUARDIAN NEWS STORY

bit.do/bishopedward

WOODLAND TRUST'S

'NATURE DETECTIVES'

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives



Be content where you are

Travel usually brings freedom. But be warned, says A Rocha UK's Living Lightly initiative, for travel can also enslave us. We seem to spend much of our time sitting in traffic jams or waiting for delayed planes. As well as looking at 'greener' transport, perhaps we should think about travelling a little less. Let's be content where we are – and seek advice and guidance from these pages for our cycling, flying, motoring, walking and use of public transport.

Find out about eco-car

How kind is your car to the environment? What kind of car should you buy, that won't burn up the planet's resources? Read these pages for information on green vehicles.

Give public transport a chance

Most of us know using public transport is better for the environment and can even offer a cheaper and quicker route. But in reality, the number of cars on the road is continuing to rise. So what is it that's stopping people from ditching the more expensive – not to mention less green – private forms of transport that we see on the road? This website looks at the pros and cons of both forms of getting from A to B.

Take a staycation

The website staycation.org.uk has put together pages of useful information for anyone considering spending their hard-earned holiday time either at home or throughout the British Isles.

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A ROCHA UK'S TRAVEL PAGE
arocha.org.uk/our-activities/living-lightly-take-action/travel-2

WHAT CAR'S
GUIDE TO GREEN CARS
www.whatcar.com/green-cars

GREEN CAR GUIDE
www.greencarguide.co.uk

BUYING YOUR NEXT CAR
www.eta.co.uk/driving-tips/buying-your-next-car

PUBLIC VS PRIVATE TRANSPORT
www.energysavingsecrets.co.uk/publictransportvsprivatetransportthedebate.html

STAYCATION
www.staycation.org.uk



Give yourself – and the environment – a break

The tourism industry is not just for tourists. That's the belief behind holiday company Responsible Travel. Sometimes the tourism industry meets the needs of both tourists and local people and conservation, but too often it's exploitative. Responsible Travel have set themselves a challenge – to create a more caring tourism industry. They now have more than 8,000 unique and rare holidays from over 400 specialist holiday companies to choose from. The only thing they have in common is a commitment to responsible tourism.

Get powered up about electric cars

An independent company called Next Green Car Ltd has been developing data and digital solutions to help car buyers find, compare and buy a greener, more economical car. Each year the company holds the annual Next Green Car Awards to identify the greenest and best new cars of the year. In addition to the main website, Next Green Car has also developed and operates Zap-Map.com, an electric car and charge point site built around a UK-wide charging point map which is dedicated to all aspects of electric vehicles and charging.

Don't be an accidental tourist

The Travel Foundation is an independent charity working to ensure tourism benefits people and the environment in destinations. The foundation works with tourism decision makers – those who can help make changes. That includes destination authorities, tourism associations, tour operators, local businesses and local communities. Through its activities, the foundation aims to maximise the benefits tourism can bring to a destination. It brings people together to find practical solutions and to develop sustainable tourism principles into policies.



Check out how green is your motoring

Here are some information and advice pages offering valuable advice when driving in all seasons. From planning your journey with any mode of transport to living with an electric car, these expert tips should be your first stop to achieving a greener journey.

See if you and your neighbours all need cars

What about a car pool? Share a car and the costs! Some towns have 'park and share' schemes. If your town doesn't have one, visit the websites below.

Learn about the different green cars available

With pressure on manufacturers to create cars that are more and more efficient, there are now plenty of choices if you're looking for a truly green car. Car makers are always innovating with petrol and diesel engines, and breaking new ground with electric and hybrid tech, so there are now many different types of car that can be called green.

Keep your feet on the ground

Try to fly less. Use boats and trains if you can. But if you have to go by plane, offset the carbon emissions on that journey by using the Climate Stewards calculator.

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ENERGY SAVING TRUST

[www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/
domestic/content/improving-my-travel](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/domestic/content/improving-my-travel)

BLABLACAR

www.blablacar.co.uk

FREEWHEELERS

www.freewheelers.co.uk

CARSHARE

www.carshare.com

AUTOEXPRESS

[http://www.autoexpress.co.uk/best-
cars/86338/best-low-emissions-green-cars](http://www.autoexpress.co.uk/best-cars/86338/best-low-emissions-green-cars)

CLIMATE STEWARDS

www.climatestewards.org/offset