

Purpose

The Diocesan Environment Group and Mission Board wanted to provide an artistic activity that was engaging across the Diocese as well as drawing on our missional purpose that underlines all our climate change and wider environmental actions. Our journey to Net Zero is part of our mission as a Church and we trust that this artistic activity will be enjoyed in each of our churches within the Diocese and when it comes together for Diocesan Synod 2025, the installation will bring hope, be thought-provoking and a sign of our discipleship.

We ask that each charge colours in one (or more) of the leaf-shaped images. These may be completed as individuals, as a group, as a study tool (perhaps in Advent if a study topic has not already been chosen), as part of worship, or in any way that you choose. Please simply print off whichever of the pages that appeals to you. It may even be as an Epiphany activity – and we request that the completed images are sent to the Diocesan Office before or by 12th January 2025 – an Epiphany gift!

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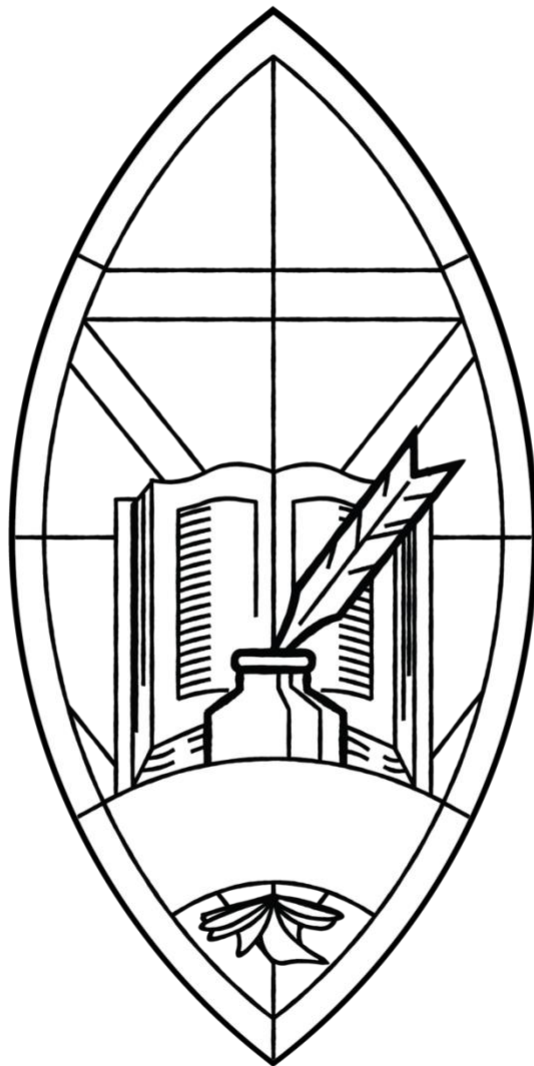
Introduction

I was asked to create four colouring images for the Scottish Episcopal Church. For this project, I chose to design each illustration in the shape of a leaf to align with the overarching theme. Once coloured, these leaf-shaped artworks can be displayed on a tree, creating a visually cohesive and symbolic installation.

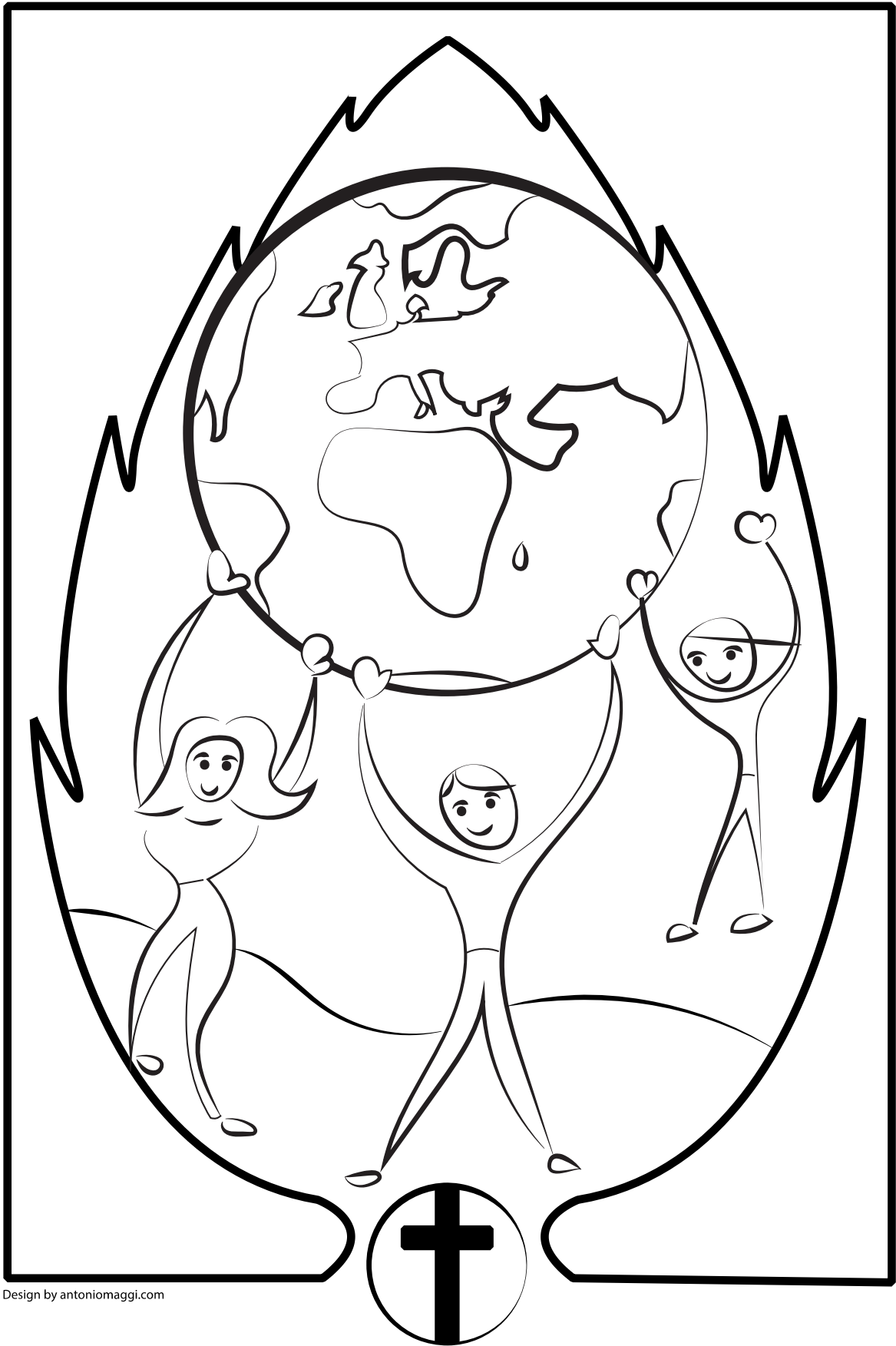
The artworks are crafted to be minimalistic yet impactful, with clean lines and thoughtful details that convey a strong, striking impression. Despite their simplicity, each piece carries subtle symbolism intended to resonate with viewers and enhance their engagement.

Working on this project has been a truly enjoyable experience. I aimed to balance immediate visual appeal with deeper meaning, ensuring that the illustrations are both beautiful and meaningful. I am eagerly looking forward to seeing the completed artworks displayed during Diocesan Synod 2025 and witnessing the congregation's reaction to this collaborative, artistic expression. Antonio Maggi, Artist

The stained glass image started with a meditation on the Provincial Environment Group's three Guiding Values of Discipleship, Justice and Hope. The ten petals of the Net Zero Action Plan guide the growth of trees around the design, a vision of our flourishing future. These trees are rooted in social justice - entangled in the pain and hope of Christ's crown of thorns. The unfurling leaves form a canopy of dark and light, representing our strained planetary boundaries, our grief and joy for Creation, and our brothers and sisters in affected parts of the world. For each petal, I tried to consider how our story of redemption in God and our mission as a Church is caught up with the whole of the New Creation. You will see references to Jesus' crucifixion and ascension; to landscape and creation; to our places of worship and the community of saints; and to Baptism and the Eucharist. I pray the design reflects the hope I feel in the SEC's action on environmental issues, and I hope that prayerfully colouring them as a community might inspire hope and action in all of you, too. Lana Woolford, Artist

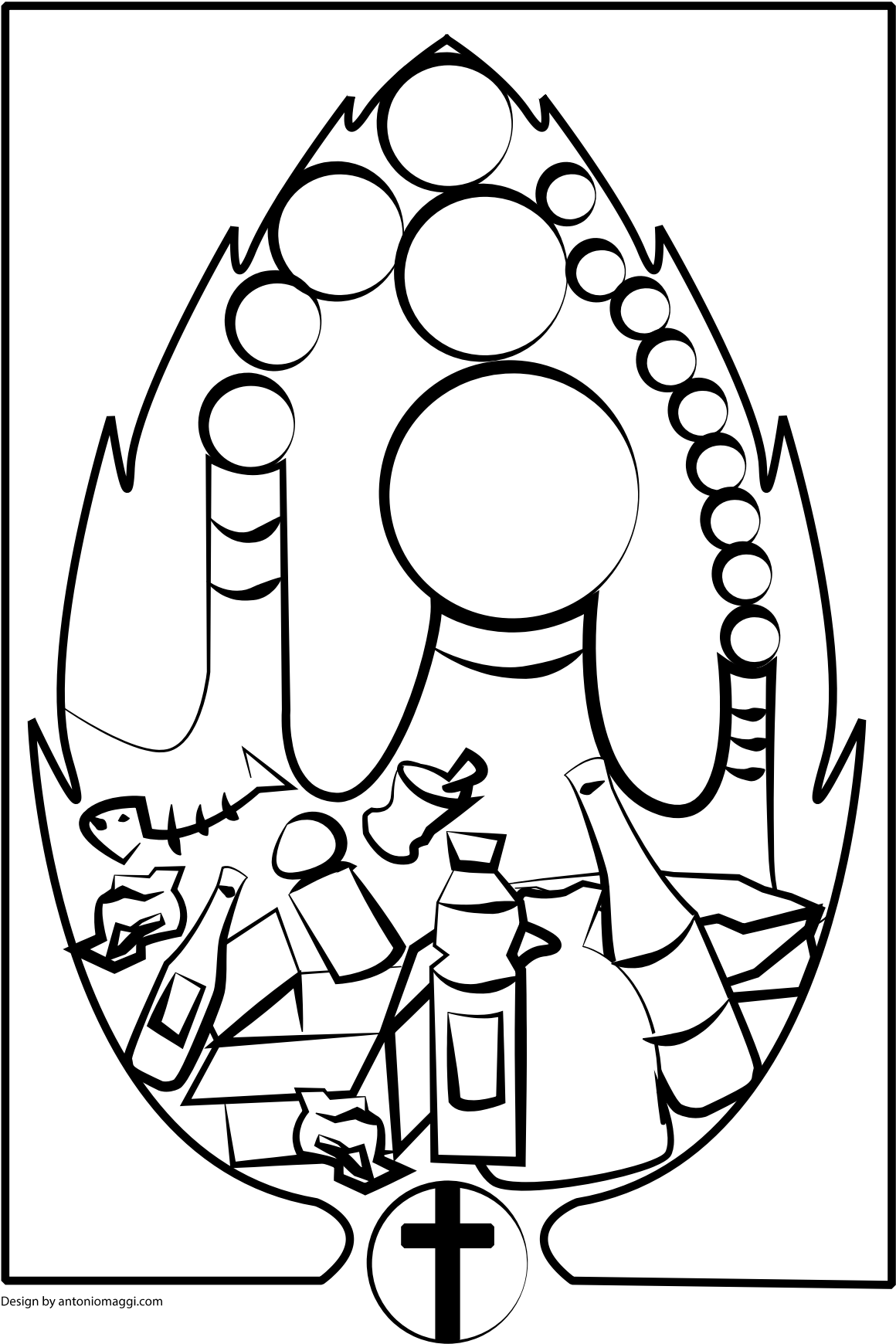


The Scottish Episcopal Church is journeying towards Net Zero carbon emissions. This is a huge challenge and a huge opportunity: to create a sustainable church for the now, and the future.





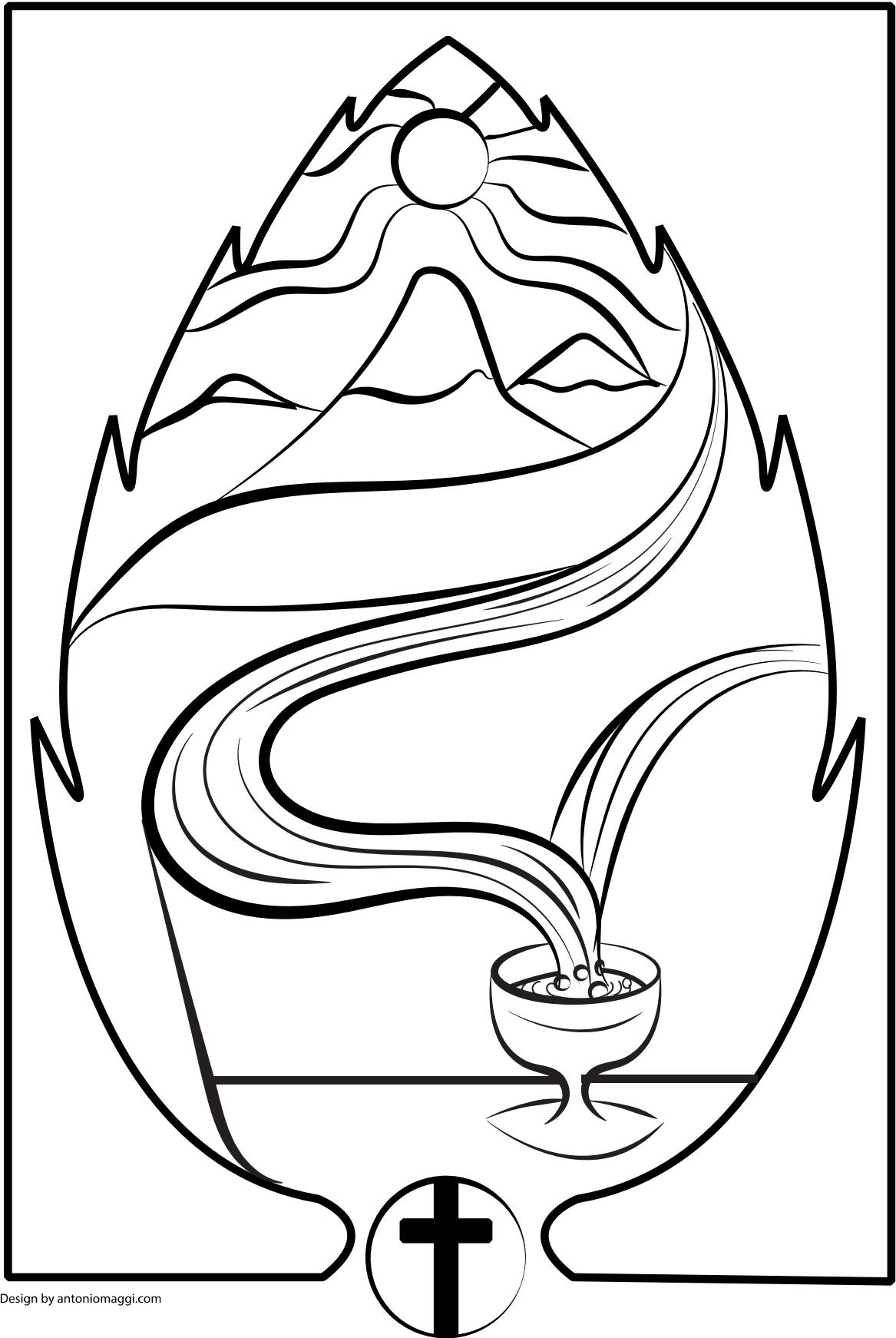
Tackling the significant challenge of Net Zero is guided by three Christian values: discipleship, justice and hope. Collectively they are the lens through which we see the journey ahead.



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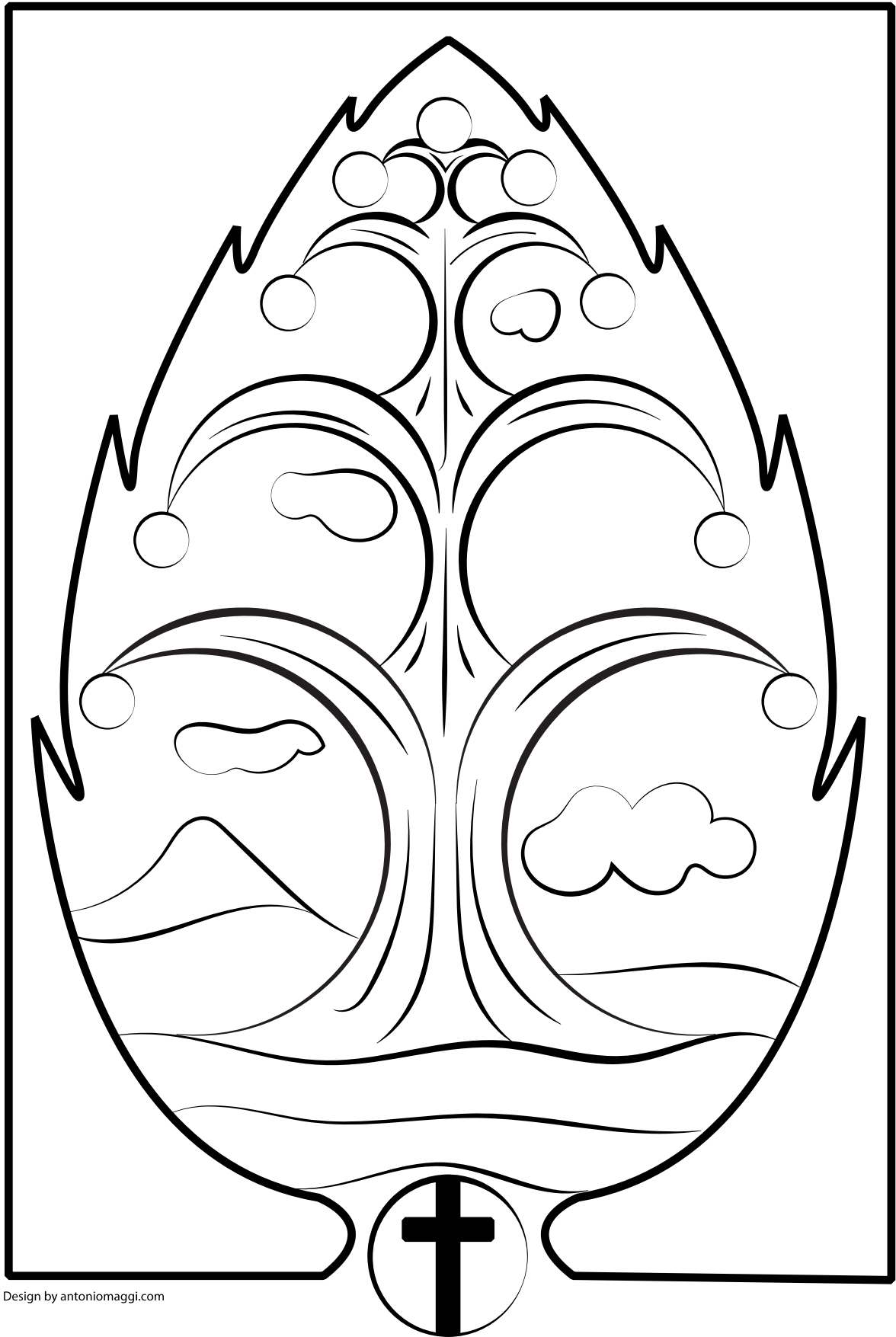


With these Christian values rooting our work, we can together transform our church and make a lasting and positive impact on the climate crisis. Together we can bequeath to future generations a church that is fit for purpose.





There are actions we should definitely take. Actions that are so fundamental every church should try to do them: reduce energy demand; address heat loss; decarbonise; generate energy.



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Planet

The illustration titled "Planet" is a simple yet powerful depiction, emphasizing our God-given responsibility to protect and care for the Earth. It serves as a reminder that as stewards of creation, we must honor and respect the planet, safeguarding it for future generations in accordance with God's will.

Pollution

The illustration titled "Pollution" is a dark portrayal of the harm our daily actions inflict on God's creation. It urges us to recognize how our choices damage the Earth and calls us to repentance, to protect and restore the planet as faithful stewards of God's gift.

Water

The illustration titled "Water" symbolizes the vital importance of this sacred gift from God for human survival. It reminds us to cherish, respect, and conserve water, recognizing it as a divine blessing essential for life, which we are called to steward faithfully.

Tree of Life

The illustration titled "Tree of Life" simply yet profoundly symbolizes our God-given connection with the environment. It reflects the intertwined relationship between humanity and creation, reminding us of our duty to nurture and protect the natural world as faithful stewards of God's living masterpiece.

The Net Zero Portal (netzerochurch.scot/about/) is a central online resource where information and stories can be shared. The website is publicly available and content will be added over time.

- **Discipleship** calls us to be steadfast advocates for justice and compassion, and to take urgent action to protect the planet and its inhabitants.
- **Justice** requires that those most affected by the climate crisis are considered in every decision we take.
- **Hope** encourages us to find strength in the midst of uncertainty, to trust in God's universal love, and to keep working for a flourishing future.