

STEPS FOR CHURCHES WHO ARE LOOKING TO WORK TOWARDS NET ZERO

Some of the key resources available from the Church of England to help us reduce our carbon footprint.

Action	Details	Cost
Get help!	Find a few people who are willing to work together	Your time
Pray	Consider setting up a small group for bible study and prayer on net zero. Many of the case studies have videos and discussion questions. Net Zero Carbon and Environmental case studies The Church of England	Tea and coffee 😊
Commit	Add 'Care for Creation' to your PCC agenda	Your time
Join	Sign up for Eco Church and start working towards an award. You'll probably find you are doing more already than you had realised! Eco Church - An A Rocha UK Project	Your time
Learn	If you are able, it can be a really useful start to carry out your own heating walk-round of your church. Following this checklist will provide some useful info to help you start making energy savings. Heating checklist.pdf (churchofengland.org)	Your time
	Watch some of the webinars and case studies from the National Environment Programme. They are really encouraging, inspiring and informative. Webinars on getting to net zero carbon The Church of England Net zero carbon church The Church of England	Your time
	Get a professional Energy Audit through Parish Buying – this will give you a list of actions and measures which can reduce your carbon footprint. The audit is essential for working out which measures are most effective for your own church. Parish Buying - Energy Audit (you have to be logged into Parish Buying for the link)	£200 - £300
Measure and report	Dig out your previous year's energy bills and complete the Energy Footprint Tool on Parish Returns. This really helps us to understand what the carbon footprint is of the whole church in Devon and nationally. Parish Returns Online (churchofengland.org)	Your time
Take action	Work through the Practical Path to Net Zero for Churches. This will take you through the actual energy reduction measures. The practical path to net zero carbon for churches The Church of England	Your time + varied costs
	Review the National Routemap 2030, especially Section 4.2 with the list of Milestones and considerations for churches. Try and make a plan for your church based on this guidance. Net zero carbon routemap The Church of England	Your time
Wider community	Check out whether there are any sustainability/climate action/transition town/community energy groups already set up in your area – there might be people in the groups from the wider community who can help your church or share their expertise, and there are bound to be opportunities for outreach mission.	Your time