

Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) FAQs

*Please make this part of the annual returns routine.*

**What is the EFT?** The EFT is a carbon footprint assessment tool created by the national Church of England (CofE) environment team specifically for church buildings.

**How long does this take?** This process should take approximately 20 minutes, provided you have the necessary information available.

**Why is this important?** This tool is essential for tracking progress toward achieving carbon net zero, which is a crucial aspect of Christian discipleship as we strive to care for creation during the climate and nature crisis. The data collected helps us meet our Diocesan and national commitments to carbon net zero by 2030.

**Is it useful to my churches as well as the Diocese and national CofE?** Completing this tool produces a report on your local carbon footprint and allows you to positively respond to the EcoChurch question regarding carbon footprinting.

**Where do I do this?** You can access it through the same portal used for other parish returns.

**What information do I need to fill this in?** You will need your energy bills, with data submitted in volume, kWh, or cost. If you generate electricity through solar PV or other renewables, that information is also required.

**What information is automatically filled in for me?** The approximate number of people using the building and the building's area should be pre-filled, using data from parish returns and listed building information.

**What about the travel and mileage question?** If you have travel and mileage information available, feel free to include it. However, if it's more practical, you may skip this question and complete the rest.

*For more information and many resourcese on the EFT please follow the link –*

[*https://www.churchofengland.org/about/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/about-our-environment/energy-footprint-tool*](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/about-our-environment/energy-footprint-tool)