

ECO CHURCH

OUR JOURNEY TO NET CARBON ZERO



The Diocese of
Peterborough

BUILDINGS

Quick wins:

- Use recycled toilet paper
- Use environmentally-friendly cleaning products around the church building(s)
- Use re-usable cups, mugs and plates for any refreshments
- Reduce printing by using double-sided copying and printing
- Use recycled paper
- Ensure that recycling facilities are available
- Install rainwater collection facilities on your church premises (e.g. 'grey water systems' or water butts in the churchyard)
- Install dual-flush buttons or other water-saving devices on the toilet cisterns
- Install cycle racks in your church premises, so that your congregation can cycle to church
- Set targets for reducing your carbon footprint, so that you can achieve year-on-year improvements
- Ensure your electricity supply is either generated from renewable resources or is a 'green tariff'
- Ensure your gas supply is either generated from renewable sources or is a 'green tariff'
- Find out and record the energy efficiency of your boiler



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Long term plans:

- Consider LED lighting inside and outside your church building(s)
- Create a policy to limit the amount of energy consumed by floodlighting and/or security lighting around the church premises
- Measure your energy use and calculate the carbon footprint of your church premises
- Keep track on the amount of water you are using with a water meter
- If applicable, look at double-glazing of your church building(s)
- If applicable, look at insulation in your church building(s)
- Offset the carbon footprint of the church premises for any carbon that you cannot reduce
- If applicable, install a composting / waterless toilet on your church premises
- Give due consideration to the possibilities of generating renewable energy on your premises (e.g. air or ground source heat pump, solar PV panels, wind turbine etc.)
- Make sure that in the event of needing to undertake a building/refurbishment project, your church insists that it adhere to BREEAM (or similar) standard to ensure best practice in sustainable building design, construction and operation

