

A useful tool to measure a building's footprint area

The C of E [Energy Footprint Tool](#) asks for a good estimate of floor area of the church in metres squared (if not pre-filled in), and any other associated buildings you are inputting, such as the church hall.

This [area finder](#) tool (screenshot below) is very handy to find a building's approximate footprint area.

Put in your postcode and/or zoom in to your church until the map view shows the building outline in grey.

Click 'Draw New Area' then click neatly around the corners of the building outline, click back at the start to close the boundary and then read off the area in meters² from just above the map (highlighted yellow below).

The screenshot shows the 'Area Finder' tool interface. At the top, there are input fields for 'Address' (containing 'oxford'), 'Area' (containing 'AAAAAA'), and 'Border' (containing '000000'). There is also a checkbox for 'Only Show Border'. Below these are buttons for 'Zoom to Address', 'Draw New Area', 'Edit Active Area', 'Remove Active Area', and 'Enlarge Map'. The main display area shows a map of 'St Bartholomew's Church' with a grey footprint area drawn around it. The area is highlighted in yellow and reads: 'Area 406 meters², 4374 feet² 0.10 acres 0.000 miles² 0.000 km²'. Below this, the perimeter is listed: 'Perimeter 72.1 meters, 236.4 feet 0.045 miles 0.072 km'. The map includes a 'Map' and 'Satellite' toggle, a 'Church Ln' label, a person icon, and zoom controls. The Google logo and copyright information are visible at the bottom.

Area finder tool screenshot