

## National Church Resources to help reduce energy use and carbon emissions

This note sets out resources, guidance and other practical help with reducing energy costs and working towards the aspiration of reaching Net Zero Carbon Emissions (NCZ) by 2030.

### Parish Buying

Products offered by Parish Buying are listed here [Parish Buying - Net Zero 2030](#). This includes solar panels, pew heaters, heat pumps and LED light bulbs. Guidance sheets are also provided to cover the questions parishes need answered before they approach a supplier. The team is investigating the feasibility of including an offer for heated seat cushions which are a cost-effective way of keeping people warm, without running the space heating.

Parish Buying members can have a subsidised Energy Audit [Parish Buying - Energy Audit](#) which gives them £100 off the cost of an audit and typically offers around 25% reduction in energy costs.

There was a webinar earlier this month which outlined the specific reasons why churches should use the Parish Buying service in their route to Net Zero. This is now available as a recording. [\(3\) How Parish Buying and 2Buy2 can support parishes with Net Zero Carbon - YouTube](#)

The Energy Basket offers 100% green electricity [Parish Buying - Energy Basket](#)

### Energy Footprint Tool

[The Energy Footprint Tool](#) - allows all churches around the country to enter information from their utility bills and find out their carbon footprint. The link says it's closed for this year but it's still open to Parish Buying members.

### Environment

[The Environment programme](#) offers a wide range of tools, case studies, webinars and videos to help churches reduce their carbon footprint. Many of these measures will also reduce their energy bills.

### Church Care / Church Buildings Team

[The Church Care website](#) includes information for churches on how to be more energy efficient.

The Church Buildings Team has created a note for dioceses to share with parishes on energy saving tips. It went out to Diocesan Advisory Committee secretaries in late September, for dioceses to tailor and circulate as they think best. This is included in appendix 2.

The team is working on an additional piece of guidance, which will also cover what to consider if a PCC is considering closing a church building during the winter months. This will be circulated imminently.

### Church of England Pensions Board

The Pensions Board has prepared some information focussed on individuals - with pensioners particularly in mind - but some aspects may help with clergy and lay workers. [Help with increases in everyday bills.](#)