



Energy Footprint Tool – Church Survey: January to December 2025

Church name:	Parish name:
Deanery:	Diocese:
Contact email address:	Church code:

Reminder: Please complete this form online if possible

<https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>

The online returns system includes existing information about your church. It automatically checks for typographical errors and minor mistakes and gives you the opportunity to revise your figures before final submission. You can see the data for your church over time and download copies for your records.

- ✓ This tool will help to identify your carbon footprint as well as your energy efficiency.
- ✓ To fill in this form for your church building, you will need your energy bills for 2025.
- ✓ Please use this form to provide information relating to your church or relating to your church and church/parish hall where they share a building footprint.
- ✓ Please use the separate “Other buildings” form to provide data about the energy use of other buildings (e.g. church halls).
- ✓ In previous years we have asked questions about work-related travel. We’re pausing collecting data on work-related travel this year to allow us to consider how we can more accurately collect this whilst also reducing the burden on your time in providing this information.



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1. What is the building's name?

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2. What type of building is it?

Please only enter buildings for which your parish is responsible for paying the bills. For example, if you occasionally rent a meeting room and pay an hourly rent, it should not be included here.

	Church
	Combined Church and Church Hall/Parish Hall

3. In an average week, roughly how often was this building used for worship or other activities during 2025?

Please include worship and activities organised by your church, as well as occasions when the building is used by other groups.

5 to 7 days a week	2 to 4 days a week	Once a week	Less than once a week	I don't know

4. Does the building have LED lighting?

No	Less than half of the lighting is LED	More than half of the lighting is LED	More than three quarters of the lighting is LED	All of the lighting is LED	I don't know



5. What sources of energy did this building use in 2025?

Tick all that apply.

Electricity from the grid	Mains Gas	Oil	LPG	Wood Chips	Pellets	Other, please specify

6. What types of low carbon technologies did the building use, select all that apply?

On site solar PV	On site solar thermal	Ground source heat pumps	Water source heat pumps	Air (to air) source heat pumps
Air (to water) source heat pumps	Combined heat and power	District heat network	Other, please specify	

7. What was the primary heating system for the building in 2025, select only one?

	Mains gas boiler		Oil boiler
	Main gas warm air blower		LPG boiler
	Gas floor mounted heaters		LPG portable heaters (ie Calor gas heaters)
	Electric boiler		Storage heaters
	Infrared heaters		Biomass boiler
	Pew Heaters		Portable/temporary electric heaters
	Electric panel heaters		Heat pumps
Other, please specify			

8. Is your building's electricity supplied by one of the approved green suppliers and tariffs, listed in the Appendix at the end of this survey?

If this building did not use electricity in 2025, please leave this section blank.

Yes, please specify supplier and tariff	No	Don't know

9. How much electricity did this building use in 2025?

If this building did not use electricity in 2025, please leave this section blank.

Amount of Electricity Purchased (kWh)	
Cost of Electricity (£ - inclusive of standing charges, VAT etc)	

10. Is your building's mains gas supplied by one of the approved green suppliers and tariffs, listed in the Appendix at the end of this survey?

If this building did not use mains gas in 2025, please leave this section blank.

Yes, please specify supplier and tariff	No	Don't know

11. How much mains gas did this building use in 2025?

If this building did not use gas in 2025, please leave this section blank.

Gas Purchased	Unit of Gas (please circle or delete as appropriate)	Cost of Gas (£ - inclusive of standing charges, VAT etc)
	kWh cubic metres 100s cubic feet	

12. How much oil did this building use in 2025?

If this building did not use oil in 2025, please leave this section blank.

Oil Purchased (litres)	
Cost of Oil (£ - inclusive of standing charges, VAT etc)	

13. How much LPG (liquified petroleum or Calor gas) did this building use in 2025?

If this building did not use LPG in 2025, please leave this section blank.

LPG Purchased (litres)	
Cost of LPG (£ - inclusive of standing charges, VAT etc)	

14. What quantity of wood chips did this building use in 2025?

If this building did not use wood chips in 2025, please leave this section blank.

Wood chips Purchased	Unit of wood chips (please circle or delete as appropriate)	Cost of wood chips (£ - inclusive of standing charges, VAT etc)
	Kgs Tonnes	

15. What quantity of pellets did this building use in 2025?

If this building did not use pellets in 2025, please leave this section blank.

Pellets Purchased	Unit of pellets (please circle or delete as appropriate)	Cost of pellets (£ - inclusive of standing charges, VAT etc)
	Kgs Tonnes	



16. How much solar PV (photovoltaic) power did this building generate in 2025?

If your building did not generate solar PV in 2025, please leave this section blank.

Installed capacity (kWp)*	
Annual electricity generation (kWh)	

* Installed capacity is also known as peak capacity, rated capacity or rated output. It is the maximum amount of electricity the solar panel can produce under ideal conditions in the space of an hour.

17. Were there any major changes to this building's energy use in 2025 compared to 2024?

If the answer is yes, please briefly explain the change in the "Notes" box below.

Yes	No	Don't know

Notes

Please use this space to provide any additional information about your building's energy use that may be useful for us to know – for example, if there's been major changes in your building's energy use in 2025 compared to previous years, please use this space to explain these changes.

Appendix: Approved green suppliers/tariffs

For more information on the Net Zero Carbon Programme's approach to green suppliers and tariffs, please visit <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/creationtide/great-switch-creation>

Table 1: Approved green electricity suppliers/tariffs

Supplier	Tariff
Ecotricity	Green Electricity tariff
Octopus (Own Bulb and Shell Energy Retail)	All tariffs
100Green (previously Green Energy UK)	Sparkling tariff
100Green (previously Green Energy UK)	EKO tariff
100Green (previously Green Energy UK)	Tide tariff
Good Energy	Standard Variable tariff
Opus Energy	Standard Variable tariff
Engie UK	Advance Plus tariff
Engie UK	Green Select tariff
Smartest Energy	Traceable Renewable Supply tariff
SSE (Business Energy)	SSE Protect tariff
SSE (Business Energy)	SSE Choice tariff
SSE (Business Energy)	Green Journey brokered tariff
EDF	Clean Renewable tariff
EDF	Select Renewable tariff
Scottish Power	Simply Green Energy tariff
Total	Parish Buying Green Energy tariff

Table 2: Approved green mains gas suppliers/tariffs

Supplier	Tariff
100Green (previously Green Energy UK)	Sparkling tariff
100Green (previously Green Energy UK)	EKO tariff
100Green (previously Green Energy UK)	Tide tariff
Crown Gas and Power	Bio100 (100% Biogas only)
SSE (Business Energy)	SSE Green Gas Plus (100% Biogas only) tariff
SSE (Business Energy)	Green Journey brokered tariff (100% Biogas only)