

**Energy Audit Report for Holy Trinity Church** 



Site Address	Holy Trinity Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 7HD
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# 1 Executive Summary

An energy survey of Holy Trinity Church, Dean Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 7HD was undertaken by ESOS Energy Ltd to provide advice to the Church on how it can be more energy efficient and provide a sustainable and comfortable environment to support its continued use. This audit has been provided in conjunction with 2buy2, the Church of England's Parish Buying scheme provider.

This energy audit has been undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced energy auditor. Benefits of implementing the opportunities identified in this Report include a reduction in energy costs in the first instance, but could also reduce other costs, increase staff awareness and engagement, and improve comfort and staff satisfaction in the workplace.

The Church has a number of ways in which is can be more energy efficient. Our key recommendations have been summarised in the table below and are described in more detail later in this report. It is recommended that this table is used as the action plan for the church in implementing these recommendations over the coming years.

Energy Saving Measure	Annual Energy Savings (kWh)	Annual Cost Savings (£)	Estimated Capital Cost	Payback Period (Years)	Annual Carbon Savings (Tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e)
Reduce Boiler Temperature to 63°C (estimated 2% saving)	1,780	£146	£0	Immediate	0.3
Install insulating lagging on boiler pipework (estimated 2% saving)	1,780	£146	£100	1.5	0.2
Main Church/Vestry – replace 65W T8 fluorescent tubes with 22W LED alternatives.	45	£6	£100	16	<0.1
Main Hall – replace 65W T8 fluorescent tubes with 22W LED alternatives.	1,342	£175	£150	1	0.2
Kitchens - replace 65W T8 fluorescent tubes with 22W LED alternatives.	447	£58	£50	1	<0.1
Storage Rooms – replace 28W CFLs with 7.5W LED alternatives.	23	£3	£40	13	<0.1
Corridors – replace 65W T8 fluorescent tubes with 22W LED alternatives.	1,342	£175	£100	1	0.2

Corridors – replace 28W CFLs with 7.5W LED alternatives.	64	£3	£10	3.5	<0.1
Offices – replace 65W twin T8 fluorescent tubes with 22W LED alternatives.	5,188	£675	£290	1	0.8
Toilets – replace 65W T8 fluorescent tubes with 22W LED alternatives.	402	£52	£30	2	<0.1
Toilets – replace 28W CFLs with 7.5W LED alternatives.	192	£25	£30	1.5	<0.1
Toilets - Install 3x PIR Motion sensors with new LEDs lighting	201	£13	£90	7	<0.1
Entrances – replace 65W T8 fluorescent tubes with 22W LED alternatives.	13	£2	£10	10	<0.1
Creche – replace 65W T8 fluorescent tubes with 22W LED alternatives.	134	£17	£40	2.5	<0.1
TOTALS	12,953	£1,496	£1,040	0.7	1.7

The headline messages from the audit are:

- ▲ £1,040 investment in energy reduction measures would achieve an estimated annual saving of 12,953kWh (combined electric and gas).
- ▲ Based on current electricity and gas tariffs, this would result in an annual financial saving of £1,496
- ▲ The simple payback period on this investment is 0.7 years.

The Church should check any faculty requirements with the DAC Secretary at the Diocese before commencing any works.

# 2 Church Information

A site survey was undertaken by Ros Harwood on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The survey was non-invasive (visual only) and entailed a general walk throughout the church areas, including back of house spaces and plant rooms.



**Photograph 1: Holy Trinity Church External View** 

General Information					
Site Address	Holy Trinity Church,				
	Dean Street,				
	Ashton-under-Lyne,				
	OL6 7HD				
Listed Status	Grade II Listed				
Building Age	Unknown – approximately 1240 (Grade II listed)				
Floor Area	680				
Usage	Typically 76 hours per week				

# 3 Energy Procurement Review

Energy bills for gas and electricity have not been supplied. Current market rates for energy have been used to estimate consumption.

## 3.1 Electricity

Day Rate	13.01 p/kWh
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#### 3.2 Gas

Rate	2.92 p/kWh
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The review has highlighted that there may be opportunities to gain environmental benefits from improved procurement of the energy supplies at this site.

We would therefore recommend that the Church obtains a quotation for its gas and electricity supplies from the CofE Parish Buying scheme (<a href="https://www.parishbuying.org.uk/categories/energy/energy-basket">https://www.parishbuying.org.uk/categories/energy/energy-basket</a>). This scheme only offers renewably sourced energy and therefore it is an important part of the process of making Churches more sustainable.

# 4 Energy Usage Details

## 4.1 Cost & Consumption

Energy Type	Annual kWh
Gas	70,549
Electricity	31,004

If not already in place, it is recommended that the Church consider asking their suppliers to install smart meters so that the usage can be monitored more closely, and the patterns of usage reviewed against the times the building is in use.

## 4.2 Energy Benchmarking (Based on CofE Shrinking the Footprint – Energy)

Energy Type	Size (Sqm)	Benchmark Energy Use (kWh/Sqm)	Actual Energy Use (kWh/Sqm)	Variance from Benchmark (%)
Gas	680	105	104	-1%
Electricity	680	20	46	130%

The Church is using slightly less Gas than expected. The Church is using more Electricity than expected.

# 5 Building Performance and Opportunities

The building is well run with proactive onsite team in terms of energy conversation with some areas of improvement already being identified. The following sections will highlight where further improvements could potentially be made.

### 5.1 Building Envelope

From visual inspection, the building envelope appears to be in a reasonable state of repair. Wall and roof insulation are not present.

## 5.2 Heating System – Boilers

Heating is provided to the church via 2no. 30kW Worcester gas condensing boilers, which are 10 years old, one located int the main kitchen and one located in cleaners' cupboard. Each boiler serves a different area; the first serving the manager's office (first floor left), the kitchen and the upstairs main hall; the other serves the downstairs office, the downstairs main hall, hallway, toilets and the admin offices (first floor right). The first boiler's heating schedule is currently programmed to be active for 66.5 hours per week at 65 degrees and the second boiler's heating schedule is currently programmed to be active for 38.5 hours per week at 67 degrees. The first boiler is currently on for 9.5 hours less and the second boiler is currently on for 37.5 hours less than the building is occupied for to allow the building the be heated to the desired temperature for when the demise is scheduled to be occupied. Control panels are located on each of the boilers. The temperature and the schedule are kept the same, however manual override is possible if required so that the system can be switched on outside of the programmed hours, as well as the changing of the temperature set point.

While the boiler appears to be in good order, the Site contact stated they are currently exploring options to replace the boilers during the next 12 months. During this process, the client may wish to explore the possibility of installing an air to water heat pump heating system in order to move towards the goal of decarbonising energy consumption.



**Photograph 2: Church Boilers** 

# 5.3 Heating System – Pipework and Distribution

The heating systems' pipework is generally good, however there was no insulation lagging on the pipework for either boiler. It is recommended that insulating lagging is fitted to the boilers' pipework to reduce heat loss into the kitchen and cleaners' cupboard.



**Photograph 3: Heating Pipework** 

### 5.4 Heating System – Heat Emitters

Heating to the church is predominantly served via radiators supplied by heating pipes fixed to the walls. There are 4no. radiators in the church space, 2no. radiators in the vestry and 1no radiator in the hallway. The heating in the church space and the vestry is switched on and off manually as required. There is a smart meter installed for the radiators in the church and the vestry. Some of the radiators were blocked in by chairs in the main church. It is recommended that the space around radiators is cleared to improve the efficiency of space heating.

A portable plug-in heater is present in the admin offices to provide additional heating to the offices when required. This can be an ineffective, inefficient and poorly controlled means of providing space heating, and can easily be left on when unoccupied. It is recommended that a more permanent heating solution be provided to these spaces if and when heating upgrades are undertaken.





Photographs 4&5: Church Heat Emitters

# 5.5 Hot Water System

Hot water is provided to the building via the 2no. Worcester boilers, serving the downstairs and upstairs kitchens and the toilets. There is also a Lincat electric point of use water heater located in the downstairs kitchen. Hot water consumption is considered to be nominal.



Photograph 6: Electric Point-of-Use Water Heater

# 5.6 Lighting

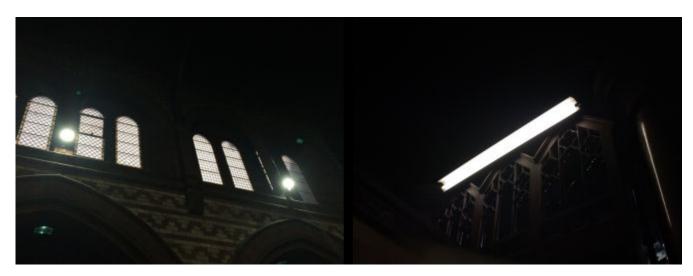
There is no lighting control system, motion detectors or daylight dimming controls. All light fittings are controlled via manual on/off switches.

The range of light fittings throughout the church and community centre areas are detailed below, with usage patterns as provided by the Site contact:

#### Main Church & Vestry

- ▲ 10no. 65W fluorescent T8 tubes recommended to be replaced with 22W LED alternatives. (2hrs per week)
- ▲ 4no. 28W compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) recommended to be replaced with 7.5W LED alternatives. (2hrs per week)
- ▲ 10no. 100W LED floodlights (2 hrs per week)
- ▲ 4no. 100W halogen floodlights recommended to be replaced with 60W LED alternatives. (2 hrs per week).
- ▲ 1no. 60W LED floodlights (21 hrs per week)

Photographs 7, 8 & 9: Church Light Fittings





#### Main Hall

▲ 15no. 65W fluorescent T8 tubes – recommended to be replaced with 22W LED alternatives. (40hrs per week)



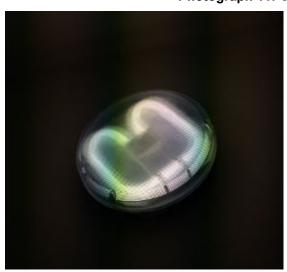
**Photographs 10: Church Hall Light Fittings** 

#### **Kitchens**

▲ 5no. 65W fluorescent T8 tubes – recommended to be replaced with 22W LED alternatives. (40hrs per week)

#### **Storage Rooms**

▲ 4no. 28W CFLs – recommended to be replaced with 7.5W LED alternatives. (6hrs per week)



Photograph 11: Compact Fluorescent Lamp (CFL)

#### **Polytunnel Meeting Room**

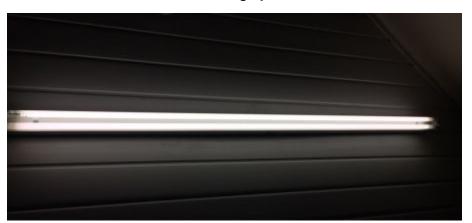
▲ 6no. 100W LED floodlights (20hrs per week)

#### **Corridors**

- ▲ 10no. 65W fluorescent T8 tubes recommended to be replaced with 22W LED alternatives. (60hrs per week)
- ▲ 1no. 28W CFLs recommended to be replaced with 7.5W LED alternatives. (60hrs per week)

#### Offices

▲ 29no. 65W fluorescent T8 tubes – recommended to be replaced with 22W LED alternatives. (40hrs per week)



Photograph 13: Twin Fluorescent T8 Tubes

#### **Toilets**

- ▲ 3no. 65W fluorescent T8 tubes recommended to be replaced with 22W LED alternatives. (60hrs per week)
- ▲ 3no. 28W CFLs recommended to be replaced with 7.5W LED alternatives. (60hrs per week)

#### **Entrances**

- ▲ 1no. 100W LED floodlight (up to 15hrs per week)
- ▲ 1no. 30W LED floodlight (up to 60hrs per week)
- ▲ 1no. 60W LED floodlight (up to 15hrs per week)
- ▲ 1no. 65W fluorescent T8 tubes (6hrs per week)

#### Creche

4no. 65W fluorescent T8 tubes – recommended to be replaced with 22W LED alternatives. (15hrs per week).

## 5.7 Renewables

There are currently no renewables on-site. A free desktop survey can be carried out by a specialist solar installer to identify the possibility of installing solar PV panels.

# **6 Potential Saving Opportunities**

As part of the assessment, we carry out a close inspection of M&E plant and their associated controls, with the aim of identifying any issues that have significant impact on energy consumption and correct building operation. We have reviewed the building and associated HVAC and lighting operations and identified the following potential energy conservation opportunities (ECOs), which should be investigated:

	Actions	Potential A	nnual Savi	ngs		
Category		Elec/Gas (kWh)	Cost (£)	(tCO <sub>2</sub> )	Investment (£)	Simple payback (yrs.)
Heating	Reduce Boiler Temperature to 63°C (estimated 2% saving)	1,780	£146	0.3	£0	Immediate
Heating	Install insulating lagging on boiler pipework (estimated 2% saving)	1,780	£146	0.2	£110	1.5
Lighting	Church/Vestry – replace 65W T8 fluorescent tubes with 22W LEDs	45	£6	<0.1	£100	16
Lighting	Main Hall – replace 65W T8 fluorescent tubes with 22W LEDs	1,342	£175	0.2	£150	1
Lighting	Kitchens - replace 65W T8 fluorescent tubes with 22W LEDs	447	£58	<0.1	£50	1
Lighting	Corridors – replace 65W T8 fluorescent tubes and 25W CFLs with 22W and 7.5W LEDs	1,406	£178	0.2	£140	1

Lighting	Corridors – replace 28W CFLs with 7.5W LED alternatives	64	£3	<0.1	£10	3.5
Lighting	Offices – replace 65W T8 fluorescent tubes with 22W LEDs	5,188	£675	0.8	£290	1
Lighting	Toilets – replace 65W T8 fluorescent tubes and 28W CFLs with 22W and 7.5W LEDs	594	£77	<0.1	£60	1
Lighting	Toilets - Install 3x PIR Motion sensors with new LEDs lighting	201	£13	<0.1	£90	7
Lighting	Creche – replace 65W T8 fluorescent tubes with 22W LEDs	134	£17	<0.1	£40	2.5
TOTAL ELEC	CTRICITY SAVINGS	9,421	£1,202	1.2	£930	0.8
TOTAL GAS	TOTAL GAS SAVINGS		£292	0.5	£110	0.4
GRAND TOT	AL	12,981	£1,494	1.7	£1,040	0.7

# **7** Assumptions

## 7.1 Assumptions

- ▲ Costs excludes labour, installation and access which will require the confirmation of a specialist contractor.
- Average cost of electricity at 13.01p/kWh.
- ▲ Average cost of gas at 2.92p/kWh.
- ▲ Electricity carbon emission rate of 0.31598 kgCO₂/kWh.
- ▲ Natural Gas carbon emission rate of 0.20776 kgCO₂/kWh.
- ▲ The kWh saving for replacing the boilers is based on a 30kW rated boiler functioning at 92% seasonal efficiency. However, it has been assumed that the efficiency has dropped as the current boilers are 10 years old and therefore the savings are likely to be more than calculated.

### 7.2 Economic Life

CIBSE Guide M Appendix 12.A1 gives the economic life of plant common plant items. After this time the maintenance and repair make it economic to replace the asset. There will be energy savings inherent in the new equipment and the need to meet the minimum requirements of the Building Regulations. Some capital plant has long payback periods, when based on energy efficiency alone, but these should be part of an asset replacement programme with only the 'additional' cost of higher than minimum required energy standards being used to calculate ROI.

## 7.3 Implementation

Reviews of Energy Projects and Initiatives are designed to provide a high-level indication of options available clients and will not constitute a recommendation for implementation. Pricing and potential savings are indicative values and will not constitute an offer.

## 7.4 Cumulative Savings and Double Counting

It should be noted that further investigation may rule out some measures as impractical, either physically or financially. Some measures are mutually exclusive and provide diminishing returns if implemented together. For example, if the lighting load is reduced through more efficient lighting, there will be an increase in the heat demand on boilers, as the new lights generate less heat.

Each energy conservation measure is assessed independently at this stage so that they can be fairly compared. An assessment of any overlap will be undertaken once any projects are selected for implementation.

# 8 Funding Sources

There are a variety of charitable grants for Churches undertaking works and a comprehensive list of available grants is available at:

https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Charitable-Grants-for-Churches-Nov-2019.pdf

# 9 Faculty Requirements

It must be noted that all works intended to be undertaken should be discussed with the DAC at the Diocese.

Minor works can be undertaken without the need for consultation and would include changing of light bulbs within existing fittings, repair and maintenance works to heating and electrical systems and repairs to the building which do not affect the historic fabric.

Major works which can be undertaken without a faculty but must be consulted on with permission sought from the Archdeacon through the DAC. This includes works of adaptation (but not substantial addition or replacement) of heating and electrical systems and also the replacement of existing boilers so long at the same pipe work, fuel source and flues are used, It can also be used to replace heating controls.

All other works will be subject to a full faculty.

Works which affect the external appearance of the church will also require planning permission (but not listed building consent) from the local authority and this will be required for items such as PV installations,

## 10 Limitations

The recommendations contained in this Report represent ESOS Energy's professional opinions, based upon the information listed in the Report, exercising the duty of care required of an experienced Sustainability Consultant.

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