

**Green Journey** 

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#### Introduction

Green Journey has been appointed by the Diocese of Blackburn to carry out energy surveys and provide churches with the opportunity to join the Green Journey energy basket. The aim is to reduce the carbon footprint and energy costs of all churches within the Diocese of Blackburn and across the wider Church of England.

Green Journey's buying power allows us to offer renewable energy at a similar, or lower, price to standard energy. This allows all churches opting into Green Journey to practise responsible stewardship, while also making a saving. Green Journey can help you in your stewardship by reducing your electricity and gas bills, whilst also providing a report detailing your church's energy consumption and sustainability, advising on how both can be improved.

"To date, Green Journey has saved the Church of England over £230,000 in energy bills and VAT reclaims."

Reducing our energy consumption and cutting carbon dioxide emissions is of paramount importance for all, as together we must face the effects of climate change. The Church of England is a leading advocate of sustainability awareness and action, promoting a more environmentally conscious stewardship at local, regional and national levels.

Consumption figures presented in this report are calculated from billing figures and information collected during the energy survey. An estimation of your electricity consumption breakdown is also included, for example, lighting could be projected to comprise 60%, kitchen appliances 30% etc. Due care has been given to ensure that these are as close to the observable figure as possible, however these should be considered as calculated approximations only.

## Site Summary



#### Site Overview

Site Address		
Church Name	St Peter	
Town	Morley	
Postcode	LS27 9PA	

Site Contact		
Contact		
Telephone		
Email		

Audit Information		
Auditor	Andrew Rogers	
Audit Date	23/05/2018	
Audit Time	14:30	

Site Information			
Annual Operating Hours	780 (Church) 2,548 (Hall)		
Square Meters	668 (Church) 237 (Hall)		
Congregation Number	80		

Report Information		
Report Author Abigail Hardman		
Date	17/07/2018	

## **Energy Overview**

#### **Energy Breakdown**

Electricity			
Period Covered	May 2017 — April 2018		
Electricity Usage (kWh)	3,738		
Cost Per Annum	£542.58		
Meter Quantity	1		

Gas

97%

Gas			
Period Covered	May 2017 — April 2018		
Gas Usage (kWh)	123,421		
Cost Per Annum	£3,698.93		
Meter Quantity	1		

# Total Energy Breakdown Electricity 3% Church Electrical Appliances 10% Church Hall Lighting 8% Church Electrical Appliances 11%

N.B. Breakdowns are based on observations made at the site and discussions with the church representative during the site visit.

Church Lighting

46%

## Sustainability Overview

The following paragraphs contain information on the energy efficiency and sustainability of your church. This draws on observations made on, but is not limited to, building structure, lighting and space heating (such as boilers, electric heating). All recommendations provided within the report are intended to help your church streamline its energy consumption, reducing costs and ensuring the sustainability of your church is as near to what is deemed to be practically feasible. For example, churches that replace inefficient lighting with light emitting diode (LED) fixtures have observed on average, an 80% saving in lighting costs.

If you would like further advice on any of the recommendations made here, please get in touch and we will be happy to assist. We advise that you also speak with either the DAC Secretary or your Archdeacon to ascertain if a Faculty decision will be required, and if so to find out how your PCC should proceed.

#### Main Heating - Gas

It is often challenging to find the correct temperature to heat your church. The following guidelines are provided based on our experience and if followed can help preserve the long-term structural integrity of your church.

Occupancy	Temperature (°C)	Comments
During a church Service	18-21°C	Most suitable temperature for the congregation during a service
Open Door (if the church remains open to the public throughout the day)	12°C	Comfort Temperature
Vacant/Overnight	8°C	Minimum temperature for reducing surface and interstitial condensation of the church building

However, it is acknowledged that financial restraints may not allow for a minimum background temperature of 8°C to be followed at all times.

## Main Heating - Gas

The following information in this section highlights implementations which could be given consideration, in order to improve heating efficiency of your church. Should you wish to act upon any of the following suggestions you should first consult your Diocese Heating Advisor.

Location	Boiler Model	Quantity	Estimated Efficiency	Output (kW)	Condensing
Cellar Boiler Room	Ideal Mexico Super 3	2	57%	140	No
Hall	Greenstar SR25i Combi	1	80%	25	Yes

N.B. Age and efficiency are based on observations made at the site and discussions with the church representative during the site visit.

We would advise, where financially possible, replacing the current non-condensing boilers with a newer, more efficient condensing equivalent. Condensing boilers can reuse the heat embedded within the boiler flue gases to increase the boilers efficiency to a value around 90%. This compares favourably to the current estimated efficiency of your boilers, which is 57%. As such, the boilers will have to consume a larger amount of gas (as more will be lost from inefficiencies) for the same heat output, thus increasing your gas bill.

We would advise that magnetic and sediment filters be installed, to prevent small metal particles and debris leading to corrosion in your heating systems, or at worst, a central heating breakdown. This debris can be extracted with a magnetic and sediment filter, thus protecting the heat exchanger and improving the lifespan and efficiency of your boilers.

We would advise that EndoTherm is regularly added to the water in the radiators of your heating systems. This is a liquid that improves heat transfer rate and efficiency, resulting in the systems heating up faster and maintaining the determined temperature for longer.

We would advise that a further investigation be undertaken to determine whether the set flow temperature of your condensing boiler could be reduced. Condensing boilers harness the heat energy encapsulated within the boiler flue gases, however, this cannot happen if the return temperature is above 57oC. As the flow and return temperatures are linked, reducing flow temperature could enable your boiler to achieve greater efficiencies up to and around 90%.

Heating System Solution	Cost	Annual saving	Payback (years)
EndoTherm	£444	£548	0.8
Magnetic & Sediment Filters	£541	£308	1.7

Note: As your site has three boilers, this has been taken into account in the above costings/savings.

## **EndoTherm**

#### Awards Won

H&V News Awards 2015 - Domestic H&V product of the year

Ecobuild 2015 - M&S big innovation pitch winner

CIBSE Building Performance Awards 2016 - energy saving product of the year

National Energy Efficiency & Healthy Homes Awards 2017 - product of the year

#### About It

EndoTherm is 100% organic and saves up to 15% of energy that is used. As well as this it is an non-corrosive substance that works within an hour with a CO2 payback of a day and a ROI of less than a year. EndoTherm works in any sealed, wet heating system.

#### How It Works

It reduces surface tension of water.

Makes water more 'wet' by breaking up the hydrogen bonds so it is able to reach all the imperfections of the systems surface.

Improves the thermal properties of the water to increase efficiency of the heating system.

Systems heat up quicker.

Stay hotter for longer.

Only need to use a 1% concentration in comparisons to system size.

#### **Independent Studies**

**Enertek International** 

- A privately owned R&D company who work on behalf of major multinational corporations, leading private companies, trade associations, and government departments.
- Direct comparison tests with and without EndoTherm in the system water indicate that the gas consumption of the boiler in the heating system can be reduced by up to 15%. This empirical evidence indicates that the addition of EndoTherm can significantly reduce gas consumption and therefore CO2 emissions".

University of the West of Scotland

- A collaboration between the Innovation & Research Office (UWS), the Institute of Biomedical & Environmental Health Science (IBEHR), and their partners was conducted to investigate the impact of EndoTherm as an energy saving technology.
- Surface Tension measurements using K11 Kruss Force tensionmeters confirmed a reduction in surface tension of over 60%.

## **Heating Controls**

The overall efficiency of a heating system is based on three factors: the efficiency of the boiler, the type of fuel used and the responsiveness of the controls. It is often the latter of these that gets overlooked. Appropriate controls will ensure that a heating system is only in use when actually needed; saving money, reducing carbon emissions and maintaining the correct comfort level.

There are many varieties of controls, but they all control the timing of the heating system and/or the demand temperature required. Traditionally, a heating system would be fitted with a programmer (a clock device with "on" and "off" periods) and a room thermostat (that monitors the air temperature in the building). There are now many automated devices that can offer these from a remote location, called "smart controls" such as Nest, Hive and Evohome.

In addition to the above, modern controls include thermostatic radiator valves (TRVs), programmable TRVs, zone control, boiler energy managers, weather compensators and load compensators.

In real terms, the three most cost effective controls in churches and church halls, depending on the heat demand and budget available are:- boiler energy managers, programmable room thermostats and TRVs.

However, a note of caution. The pipework of old heating systems may not be configured to take modern controls. We would be happy to carry out a detailed survey and advise further, but would also recommend consultation with your Diocesan Heating Advisor.

## St Peter Energy Supply and Metering

Switching to a green supply would allow St Peter's to significantly reduce its carbon footprint and enhance its sustainable image.

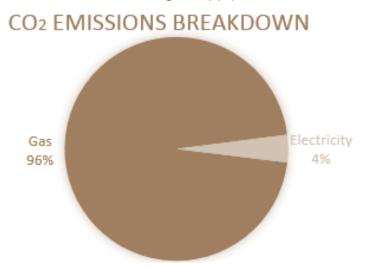
#### Green Electricity & Carbon Neutral Gas

Currently St Peter's purchase electricity from British Gas (3,738 kWh/annum) and gas from British Gas (123,421 kWh/annum).

Electricity	Gas	Total	Green Journey
British Gas kg of CO2 per kWh	British Gas kg of CO2 per kWh	St Peter's tonnes of CO2 per annum	Churches Average (tonnes)
0.252	0.184	23.67	18.22

St Peter's electricity supply accounts for 0.94 tonnes of  $CO_2$  per annum, thus it is recommended that the church switches to a 100% green electricity supply.

St Peter's gas supply accounts for 22.73 tonnes of  $CO_2$  per annum, thus it is recommended that the church switches to a 100% carbon neutral gas supply.



#### Automatic Meter Reading (AMR)

AMR-metering provides accurate, remotely read data on energy consumption. This allows for analysis of real time half- hourly data for both gas and electricity, identifying areas for significant energy savings, such as out of hours consumption. The benefits of AMR Metering are further outlined in the energy monitoring section of this report.

In addition, AMR water metering enables a water consumption profile analysis to be undertaken, allowing for any leaks to be identified.

## Main Heating (Electric)

The church has 2 electric heaters which account for 11% of the total electricity consumption. Electric heating is in use during church services and events throughout winter.

We would advise that timer switches be installed on the heaters in order to reduce energy consumption by ensuring the heater is only operated when required.

We would advise that the scheduled usage of the heaters be examined to identify any potential reductions in electricity consumption. For example, if the church has two events on per week and is otherwise unoccupied, it would be prudent to ensure that the electric heater usage accurately reflects this. By closely coordinating the church's schedule with electric heater usage it may be possible to optimise your heating system and subsequently reduce your consumption.

Please note, that if you wish to make any changes to your current heating system you should first consult your Diocese Heating Advisor.

## **Church Lighting**

In total, church lighting contributes 46% of the site's total electricity consumption. Lighting fixtures within the church are predominantly LED lights, for example the 31 9W LED bulbs.

We would like to commend the church for installing predominantly LED lighting fixtures, as these will be subsequently reducing your church's lighting electricity consumption compared to previous non-LED fittings.

#### **LED Lighting Savings**

Annual costs can also be substantially reduced through lower maintenance costs. During many energy surveys Green Journey has carried out it has often been mentioned to us that light fittings are sometimes left in a state of disrepair until it becomes commercially viable to replace all malfunctioning fittings at the same time. As such, LED lighting represents a sound investment from both an energy saving and a maintenance perspective, especially when taking into consideration its lifespan of up to 50,000 hours. This compares favourably to the 2,000-4,000 hours observed in halogen fittings.

## **Church Hall Lighting**

In total, church hall lighting contributes 8% of the site's total electricity consumption. Lighting fixtures within the church are predominantly LED lights, for example the 12 32W 600mm LED lights.

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#### **LED Lighting Savings**

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#### Renewables

## Solar Photovoltaic Electricity (Solar PV)

Because of the construction of the roof, it would be inappropriate to consider the installation of solar PV panels.

#### **Biomass**

When the gas grid is unavailable, particularly in rural areas, wood fuelled systems, called biomass, are often a cost effective and environmentally friendly option.

Biomass is regarded as a low carbon form of heating as the carbon dioxide emitted when the wood is burned is assumed to be the same amount that was absorbed over the tree's life when it was growing. The process is regarded as sustainable if new trees continue to be planted in place of those used for fuel.

Biomass boilers often tend to be more expensive to install compared to their oil-fired equivalents; however, they may attract Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) payments that could help offset the initial capital cost.

## **Ground and Air Source Heat Pumps**

Heat pumps absorb heat from the air or ground around a property and convert it to usable heat that can be used in radiator, or preferably, underfloor heating systems. Like biomass systems, heat pumps may be a viable option when there's no access to the mains gas grid, however, a reliable electricity supply is essential.

Heat pump systems could qualify for RHI payments and may reduce carbon emissions, depending on which fuel is being replaced.

Green Journey is able to provide specialist advice on the above technologies and RHI payments.

## **Church Appliances & Windows**

#### **Appliances**

In total, church appliances contribute 10% of the site's total electricity consumption. Appliances within the church include an oven, a water boiler and a coffee machine.

In order to yield reductions in appliance energy consumption, we would advise that the church ensures that appliances have a scheduled switch off time. This could be achieved by installing plug timers on the wall sockets, this acts as a failsafe should the appliances accidentally be left on.

Furthermore, we would advise that, where finances permit, the church seeks to purchase only equipment which has a high energy efficiency rating. Ratings typically go from "A" to "G" however some appliances, such as fridges and freezers, go up to A+++.

#### Windows

The windows at the church feature single glazed fittings.

It is understood that due to the restrictions on this Grade II listed building it is not deemed possible to improve over the current windows without consent, due to the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

However, it may be possible to improve the areas around the windows. For instance, make sure that there are no gaps between the fixture and the wall as this could be a source of heat loss within the building.

## **Church Hall Appliances & Windows**

#### **Appliances**

In total, appliances contribute 25% of the site's total electricity consumption. Appliances within the church include fridges, a cooker and a water boiler.

We would advise ensuring that there is at least a 2 inch gap between the wall and your fridges. This will ensure that the device efficiently releases heat, meaning less energy will need to be used to keep the appliance interior cool.

In order to yield reductions in appliance energy consumption, we would advise that the church ensures that appliances have a scheduled switch off time. This could be achieved by installing plug timers on the wall sockets, this acts as a failsafe should the appliances accidentally be left on.

Furthermore, we would advise that, where finances permit, the church seeks to purchase only equipment which has a high energy efficiency rating. Ratings typically go from "A" to "G" however some appliances, such as fridges and freezers, go up to A+++.

#### Windows

The windows at the church hall feature single glazed fittings.

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However, it may be possible to improve the areas around the windows. For instance, make sure that there are no gaps between the fixture and the wall as this could be a source of heat loss within the building.

## **Summary**

## **Summary of Costed Recommendations**

Recommendation	Cost	Annual saving	Payback (years)
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Magnetic & Sediment Filters	£541	£308	1.8

## **Summary of Non-Costed Recommendations**

Recommendation	Benefit
Replace non-condensing boilers	This can improve the efficiency to >90% compared to the current esteemed efficiency of "57%".
Investigate the possibility of reducing the set-flow temperature of the condensing boilers.	The boilers may be able to achieve greater efficiencies.
Install a tamper-proof box for boiler controls.	This will ensure that only authorised people can programme the boilers' timer and thermostat.
Maintain areas surrounding the windows	Ensure that there are no damaged areas around the windows that could be a source of additional heat loss.
Adopt an energy efficient procurement policy	Replace existing appliances with more energy efficient alternatives at the end of their working life.
Appoint an 'Energy Champion'	Appoint someone to ensure appliances and energy consumers are switched off when not needed.
Solar PV	This would allow the generation of renewable power on site and provide a certain degree of independence from the national electricity grid.

Further advice can be found from the Diocesan Environment Officer or visit the Environment pages on the Diocesan Website. Your Diocese Heating Advisor should be consulted before any heating recommendations are to be acted upon.

#### Water Overview

As of 1st April 2017, the water market in England became deregulated. This allows non-domestic entities to switch water suppliers. Green Journey is delighted to be able to provide water efficiency and procurement services to churches. It is important to note that your church's water consumption will be billed based on one of the two tariffs outlined below:

- Non-metered Value In this case, your consumption is estimated based on an estimated water consumption, in addition to a Rateable Value (RV) attributed to your church. RV is a value given to all buildings in the U.K based on the area and operation of the building.
- Metered Value In this case, volumetric consumption data can be recorded and transmitted to your water supplier, this may also extend to surface water/sewerage charges, where a secondary water meter exists.

For more information on the above, please get in touch with Green Journey whom can help you secure the most competitive water rates. In the meantime, there are a number of ways your church can improve its water consumption, as detailed below.

Rainwater Harvesting - This involves rain water being collected in outside tanks, which can then be reused. This will reduce the volume of water the church uses, as they can harness rainwater for usage in urinals/toilets and other greywater facilities. As such, your church will require less water by volume, allowing it to improve its water efficiency.

Tap Aerators - Tap aerators can reduce water supply rates by as much as 60% per minute. Older taps, such as those installed within churches, supply water at an average rate of 15 l/m, compared to 6 l/m when having an aerator installed. This will reduce your annual water consumption, especially where your kitchen and toilet areas are in frequent use. Aerators can be installed on most taps; Green Journey can facilitate this should your church wish to go ahead with it.

## **Grants & Funding**

There are an array of funding mechanisms available to churches to make alterations to its building structure, undertake crucial maintenance work and to improve on current energy efficiency. Our in-house team can assist your church in applying for such funding, ensuring that you will have the best chance of being successful in your application.

#### Listed Places of Worship (LPW) Grant Scheme

This scheme allows eligible churches to claim back VAT on qualifying services and products it purchases. It is only aimed at listed church buildings which provide public religious services at least six times each year. Qualifying services and products are detailed in depth in LPW guidance, however the key areas that qualify for this grant are identified as: electrical (including energy efficiency improvements) and structural works, aesthetics improvements, plumbing (including heating systems). Funding is accessible via two separate routes:

- Projects with a value of £500-£1000 (only one application can be submitted per year)
- Projects >£1000 (an unlimited number of applications can be submitted in this category)

#### Heritage Lottery Funding

Available since September 2017, this supersedes the "Grants for Places of Worship" programme. 100% of funding can now be applied for via:

- "Our Heritage" scheme (up to £100k)
- "Heritage Grants" (up to £5million)