

# MANAGING YOUR JOURNEY TO A GREENER FUTURE



All Hallows, Westgate, HD5 8XE

# Energy Opportunity Survey Summary & Recommendations

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#### Introduction

Green Journey aims to help churches to put the stewardship of God's creation into practice. Reducing our energy consumption and cutting carbon dioxide emissions is of paramount importance for all of humanity, as together we face the effects of unprecedented climate disruption. The church can bring the gospel hope of a better future by transitioning to a low carbon society.

Electricity generation produces around 30% of the United Kingdom's carbon dioxide emissions. Renewable Energy (wind, wave, tidal, solar and hydro) is becoming an important partner to fight against climate change impact and maintain our energy needs. In 2015, renewables' share of electricity generation increased to 24.7% from 19.1% in 2014. The UK is moving toward a more sustainable future.

Green Journey's buying power allows us to offer renewable energy at the same price as standard energy. This allows all churches in the Green Journey to practise responsible stewardship, while also making a saving.

# "...the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers. Throughout the land that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land." Leviticus 25:23-24

Green Journey will 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 claimed back over £35,000 for the Church of England due to misbilling and provided annual savings of over £85,000 in energy bills. "

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%, boiler pumps 10%, 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.

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	Gas (kWh/m2)	Electricity (kWh/m2)
Annual (kWh/m²/year)	152	12
Typical (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /year)	105	20
Energy From Renewables	0%	0%

The Green Journey Display Energy Certificate describes your churches energy performance and efficiency based on the carbon emissions per m<sup>2</sup>. A numerical rating above (below) 100 means your church has higher (lower) emissions than is typical.

Please note, that this certificate should not be used for compliance with the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.

#### Site Summary

All Hallows

Westgate

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#### **Energy Consumption**

In the 12-month period between November 2015 and October 2016, the site used a total of 121,494kWh/year. This is comprised of gas (112,709kWh/year) and electricity (8,785kWh/year).

#### Metering

Your church has 1 gas meter and 2 electric meters. A breakdown of your church's energy consumption profile is provided below.

#### **Total Energy Breakdown**

The chart on the left provides a breakdown of energy consumption for the church whilst the chart on the right provides a breakdown of the electricity consumption. These breakdowns are based on observations made at the site and discussions with the church representative during the site visit.



#### **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). The remit of this report also extends to profiling your water usage and how this can be optimised to contribute to your church's sustainable practices.

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. If you would like to follow up/seek further advice on any of the recommendations made here, please get in touch and we will be happy to assist.

Note that should you wish to proceed with any of the recommendations in this report you are advised to 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.

#### **Mains Heating - Gas**

The church has one gas fired condensing boiler which accounts for the majority of the total gas consumption. The boiler is approximately 5 years old and is anticipated to be 84% efficient.

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 57°C. As the flow and return temperatures are linked, reducing flow temperature could enable your boiler to achieve greater efficiencies up to and around 90%.

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

We would advise that Magnaclean filters be installed, to prevent small metal particles and debris leading to corrosion in your heating system, or at worst, a central heating breakdown. These debris can be magnetically extracted with a Magnaclean filter, thus protecting the heat exchanger and

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improving the lifespan and efficiency of your boiler. The hot water will be able to run at a higher pressure meaning that your church will heat up quicker, saving you gas and money.

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

**Please note** that heating systems are consuming gas, as well as electricity while operating. The boiler pump, united with the boiler, and in this case the electric fans connected to the central heating system are electrical appliances, therefore the 'other electrical appliances' segment has been impacted.

#### Lighting

In total, lighting contributes 80% of the site's total electric consumption. Firstly we would like to commend the church as 81% of the lighting fixtures are LEDs. Your church will therefore be experiencing the benefits of reduced gas consumption and cost.

Other lighting fixtures within the church include fluorescent lights, for example the sixteen T5 5FT fluorescent tube lights.

We would advise replacing the existing light fixtures with LED equivalents. This could manifest as a proactive LED retrofit scheme or as a reactive scheme whereby current fixtures are only replaced at the end of their working life.

It is suggested that the 35W T5 5FT fluorescent tubes be prioritised for replacement. Although fluorescent lighting is efficient compared to halogen/incandescent lighting, further efficiencies can be yielded by replacing it with an LED equivalent. As an illustration, 35W T5 5FT tubes can typically be replaced by 22W LED equivalents. Thus, the same quality of light can be produced by an LED equivalent with a 37% reduction in energy consumption being observed.

#### **Current 35W fluorescent T5 lights:**

Proposed 22W LED Retrofits:





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#### **Appliances**

In total, appliances contribute 20% of the site's total electric consumption. Appliances within the church include, but are not limited to an electric fan, a fridge and a microwave.

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+++.

#### **Summary of Recommendations**

The recommendations below can help to reduce the ecological footprint of your church:

- Installing magnetic & sediment filters represent a quick and easy means by which your church could benefit from a reduction in gas consumption and extend the lifetime of your current boiler and heating system.
- Adding Endotherm to your heating system can bring benefits of lower gas bills by enabling the system to heat up quicker and remain at a higher temperature for a longer period of time.
- Where applicable, replace non-LED light fixtures with LED equivalents to aid in reducing energy consumption. This may also reduce expenditure in the mid-long term as replacement lighting will be required less often (due to LEDs having a longer working life).
- Install plug timers to ensure appliances are not accidently left switched on or left in standby mode outside of their intended operating hours.
- Where possible, adopt an energy efficient procurement policy, whereby any appliances are replaced by more energy efficient alternatives at the end of their working life.
- Appoint an 'Energy Champion' to ensure appliances and energy consumers are switched off when unnecessary.
- You can seek further advice from the Diocesan Environment Officer or visit the Environment pages on the Diocesan Website.

#### **Water Overview**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017, the water market in England became deregulated. This allows non-domestic entities to switch water suppliers, the Church of England is included within this. 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.

We would advise that the church install rainwater harvesting technology. 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 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.

We would also advise installing tap aerators, which 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/s, compared to 6 l/s 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.

# **Sustainability Pointers**

#### Energy

#### Ensure that lights are switched off when not in use.

Turn your thermostat down two degrees. This can reduce your energy consumption by up to 20 %.

Don't leave televisions and appliances on standby. As a general rule, switch all plugs off at the wall socket at night.

Don't overcharge appliances and unplug the charger once the appliance is charged.

#### When you change your white goods (fridges, freezers etc), try to buy >A rated goods.

Create an energy policy that helps people understand why it is important to reduce the church's energy consumption and sets forward ways in which this can be done.

Waste

Ask the council to supply appropriate bins for your church to recycle glass, metals and paper.

Buy composters for food and gardening waste.

Reduce packaging and waste – Buy loose fruit and vegetables.

Reuse what you can—e.g Plastic bottles.

#### If you have a printer, set it to print on both sides of the paper.

Recycle print cartridges. Many charities collect them to raise funds.

Give clothes, books and toys to charity shops.

Dispose of unwanted furniture by donating it to a local furniture recycling centre.

Remember to buy recycled products (office stationery, glassware, printing paper etc).

Join or arrange a clean-up in a part of your neighbourhood that needs it.

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#### Transport

#### Walk to church.

Use public transport.

Make sure the churchyard or area around your church is an attractive place to rest for

walkers.

Organise car-sharing to go to church, if you can't walk.

Cycle instead of using the car and carry out regular maintenance on your car.

Buy a smaller and more fuel efficient car.

Lifestyle

Buy local produce.

Support local farmer's markets.

Use fair-trade products.

Buy animal friendly cosmetic products.

Buy seasonal organic products.

**Biodiversity** 

Look for opportunities to create suitable habitats for insects, birds and small mammals.

Plant a wide variety of plants, flowers and trees around your church.

Encourage your church to enter for wildlife awards, often organised by local wildlife trusts.