



CREATIONTIDE

'When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.' Psalm 104:30

5 WAYS TO CARE FOR CREATION

3 CARE FOR YOUR ENERGY USE



REFLECTION

One of the most significant carbon emitters in our control, both as churches and individuals, is our energy usage. A good first principle here is to think about reduction/efficiency. Energy can often be lost in lots of different ways, whether it's inefficient lighting, draughts causing heat loss, or old heating timetables, the more energy we use the more carbon we emit – and money we spend! One way to reduce our carbon footprint is to move to renewable energy tariffs.

CARING FOR CREATION AS AN INDIVIDUAL



There are lots of ways to reduce energy consumption at home! Here are a few:

- Consider your washing – set 30 as your default for washing clothes and try not to use a tumble dryer
- Review your heating timetable – as we enter autumn, take another look at your heating timetable and make sure you've set it as efficiently as possible
- Consider changing to a renewable energy supplier

CARING FOR CREATION AS A CHURCH



Walk through your church building and consider different aspects of energy use or loss. To help with this, you might like to book an Energy Audit, which includes a review of your current usage and suggestions on how you might make reductions. Here are a few areas to consider:

- Draught proofing your building. Small actions can make a big difference in reducing your heating bill and use
- Commit to LED replacement bulbs. Explore and plan to replace your existing bulbs with LED
- Review your heating timetable to ensure it fits with your program of events this autumn/winter. If you have background heating, consider whether this is needed or if you could lower the default temperature
- Explore switching to a renewable tariff

Remember to consider the permission needs of making changes to your building - if unsure consult with the DAC.



RESOURCES

[Eco Church Guide on Renewable Energy](#)
[Church of England Webinar on Lighting with Net Zero in Mind](#)
[Energy Saving Trust Draught Proofing Guide](#)
[How to Conserve Water](#)



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