

### **What is the Energy Footprint Tool?**

*The Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) is a carbon footprinting tool. It was developed by the Church of England specifically to help churches measure their carbon footprint and monitor their footprint, and any reductions to it, over time.*

### **Where can I access it?**

*Through the online Parish Returns System [here](#), where the Statistics for Mission and Parish Finance returns are also completed.*

### **What information do I need to complete the EFT?**

*You need the previous calendar year's energy bills. Data can be submitted in volume, kWh or cost. If you are generating electricity (through solar PV or other renewables) you will also need this information.*

*There are also optional questions on work related travel, the building footprint, weekly attendance and opening hours. The footprint information should automatically be filled in. Attendance and opening hours data entry is optional, but is intended to help churches put their energy use into context- to give a sense of whether their church emits a little or a lot of carbon relative to its size and usage. These figures are collected for statistical purposes by the national team, so do not need to be 100% accurate.*

### **Why should I complete it?**

*The EFT is the key tool in tracking progress towards net zero carbon, and the 2030 target. If you're working towards the Eco Church award, this will also help you achieve the carbon footprinting target.*

*The data also helps the Diocese and National Environment Team monitor progress towards the 2030 target. Finally, the national Routemap to Net Zero asks Dioceses to focus support on the 20% of churches with highest emissions to start with. We're developing the support we can offer, and will be rolling it out in phases, starting with the highest emitters. The data you provide will help us identify the highest emitters and offer support to them first.*

### **I'm struggling to complete the EFT- where can I find support?**

*You can watch a video showing the data entry step by step [here](#) and there are written instructions [here](#). If you can't access the Parish Returns portal, check with others on the PCC- someone is likely to have log in details.*

*If you're still struggling, email [anna.newlove@carlisle-diocese.org.uk](mailto:anna.newlove@carlisle-diocese.org.uk)*

### **Is there a cost?**

*No, the EFT is free to use.*

**When can I enter data?**

*The EFT is open for data entry from 1 January to 31 July. You can start data entry and come back at a later date, but you must submit by 31<sup>st</sup> July.*

**How long does it take to complete it?**

*With the relevant information to hand, it should only take around 20 minutes.*