# **Template Church Net Zero Plan**

**Church name:**

**Date:**

Commitment to achieving Net Zero

………… is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2030. Set out below are the steps the PCC will take over the coming years to achieve this.

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| **Action** | **Objective** | **Estimated impact** | **Cost** | **Responsible** | **Date** | **Comments** |
| **Measure and Monitor** | | | | | | |
| Enter energy data to EFT | Calculate emissions | Informs Action | Volunteer Time | Church Treasurer | Annual | EFT = Energy Footprint Toolkit on Online Parish Returns, open 1 January to 31 July annually for data entry |
| Add EFT report to annual reports | Accountability on carbon emissions | Influences Change | Volunteer Time | PCC Secretary | Annually (April) |  |
| **Plan and Prepare** | | | | | | |
| Use the *Practical Path to Net Zero: A checklist for your church* | Assess what actions to take | Informs Action | Volunteer Time | Church Warden |  | *Practical Path to Net Zero: A checklist for your church*  [*https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/PP2NZC\_SelfGuidedChecklist\_onscreen\_version.pdf*](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/PP2NZC_SelfGuidedChecklist_onscreen_version.pdf)  Use this to develop the net zero plan further, with specific actions for your church |
| Appoint a Parish Environment Officer | Someone to direct and monitor | Equips church for change | Volunteer Time | PCC |  | Inform Anna Newlove (Pastoral and Net Zero Officer) who the Parish Environment Officer is, so resources and support are available to them |
| **Essential Energy Actions** | | | | | | |
| Investigate a renewable electricity tariff | Cut emissions from electricity | Reduced emissions from electric | Neutral | Church Treasurer |  | At the point of contract renewal, switch to ‘green’ electricity tariff  (dependent on stabilisation of the energy markets) |
| Investigate a “green” gas tariff | Cut emissions from fossil fuels | Reduced emissions from gas | Neutral | Church Treasurer |  | At the point of contract renewal, switch to ‘green’ gas tariff  (dependent on stabilisation of the energy markets) |
| Investigate a low carbon heating system | Find the best options for our church | Informs change | Volunteer Time and  Architect’s costs | Church Warden |  | Seek advice from the DAC and explore options using the C of E guidance and webinars. Produce an appraisal document, detailing which has been decided on as the best option and why |
| Replace lightbulbs and where necessary light fittings with LEDs | Cut emissions from electricity | Reduced electricity consumption | Cost of replacements | Church warden |  |  |
| **Essential Travel Actions** | | | | | | |
| Schedule PCC and other meetings in convenient locations or online | Cut travel miles | 0.22Kg CO2 saved per mile not driven | Saving on petrol/diesel | PCC Secretary |  | Think about possible alternative venues which are easier to walk/use public transport to travel to. Also consider what spaces are easier to heat in winter- can the church hall be used instead of heating the entire church? |
| **Stepping Out and Up** | | | | | | |
| Use the Climate Emergency Toolkit to declare an emergency | Raise public awareness of being an active and relevant church | Influences change in the community | Volunteer Time | Parish Environment Officer |  | The Climate Emergency Toolkit for churches  [www.climateemergencytoolkit.com/](http://www.climateemergencytoolkit.com/) |
| Register for the Eco Church scheme and work through the award levels | Celebrate our eco success | Encourages change | Volunteer Time | Parish Environment Officer |  | <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/> |
| **Carbon Offsetting** | | | | | | |
| Investigate carbon offsetting options | Budgeting for the full price of church energy use | Reach net zero | Dependent on option chosen | Church Treasurer | 2025 | Use the national guidance and supplier list, which will be produced in 2025. Offsetting should not be implemented until all possible emission reductions have been made. |