Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham, Environmental Challenge

Climate Action Plans – Low-cost Savings



Churches	Workplaces and Properties	Schools	Home and Personal
Zero cost			
Turn off lights, computers/ monitors, printers, copiers etc when not in use, esp 'dead' areas	Turn off lights (especially when leaving WCs, landings, copier areas, meeting rooms)	Staff, and teach children, to turn off lights, computers/ monitors etc, close doors when rooms	Turn off lights, computers/ monitors, phone chargers etc when not in use
Install low energy bulbs of suitable and good quality brand, having regard to situation, dimmable if needed etc	Turn off computers/ monitors (especially at mains for weekends and leave), printers, copiers etc	not in use Turn appliances off standby (unless designed for standby/on e.g. network routers)	Install low energy bulbs of suitable and good quality brand, having regard to situation, dimmable if needed etc
Turn routers off overnight (unless designed for standby/on); sound reinforcement controls	Close doors when rooms not in use – NB staff discipline, also for fire precautions Minimise use and temp settings of aircon	Watch water use in wet teaching/play areas and limit where compatible with educational needs	Turn appliances off standby (unless designed for standby/on e.g.network routers, some hi-fi amps)
Close doors when rooms not in use	Turn off radiators when windows open/ overnight/ weekend/ on leave/ if meeting rooms or cellular offices vacant	Feedback to users, reminder stickers	Central thermostat down to 20°/ 19°/ even 18°?
Turn off rads when rooms vacant longer term			Adjust radiator thermostats
Central thermostat down to 19°/ 18°/ even 16° C?			Turn hot water down to 60° (not less)
Adjust thermostatic radiator valves (TRVs)/ room controls – higher in smaller rooms, lower in worship area/halls	Don't overfill urns and kettles		Review controls – on/off times
	Drink tap water only		Service boiler annually
Keep hot water at 60° at least one hour each day	Set dishwashers to 55°?, run only when full		Showers instead of baths?
Review controls – on/off times to suit uses	Recycle everything feasible – eliminate work		Don't overfill the kettle
Monitor to ensure no malfunctions/ unintended	station bins		Fix dripping taps promptly
settings			Run dishwasher at 55°?, and only when full
Ditto exterior lights, on only dusk to 11 pm	Property maintenance	Catering and QM services	Run washing machine at 30°/ 40°, only when full
(subject to safety/public liability)			Hang/ dry clothes outdoors not tumble
Make best designed use of heating and lighting zones	Install low energy bulbs of suitable and good quality brand, having regard to situation, dimmable if needed etc	Don't overfill urns and kettles	Keep fridge as full as possible without waste
Don't overfill urns and kettles		Review and maintain good kitchen and canteen	De-frost fridge and freezer regularly
Fix dripping taps promptly	Central thermostat down to 20°/ 19°?	practices	Site fridge and freezer in a cool place
Drink tap water only	Adjust thermostatic radiator valves (TRVs) Keep hot water at 60° at least one hour each day Review controls – on/off times	Consider carbon cost of food, serve tap water only Recycle everything feasible	Close curtains at dusk – so long as they don't overhang radiators
Consider carbon cost of food served			Close doors when rooms not in use
Recycle everything feasible			Turn off rads when rooms vacant longer term
Run any dishwasher at 55°?	Monitor to ensure no malfunctions/ unintended	Maintenance team	Turn thermostat down to 10 degrees when the
De-frost fridge and freezer regularly	settings	Install low energy bulbs of suitable and good quality brand, having regard to situation, dimmable if needed etc	house is empty short term, to prevent possible frost damage. Longer term drain system.
Service boiler annually	Fix dripping taps promptly		
Observe correct electrical test and servicing	De-frost fridges regularly		Read meters monthly, tabulate year on year
intervals (check with DAC)	Service boiler, copiers etc annually/regularly	Review temperatures of heating and hot water, always having regard to health & child-friendly standards	Calculate and compare carbon footprints
Ditto photocopiers, organ and blower	Read meters monthly, tabulate year on year		Check and switch suppliers and/or tariff
Read meters monthly, tabulate year on year	Implement regular reporting regime	Fix dripping taps promptly	When replacing appliances, go for highest star
Implement simple and regular reporting regime	Feedback to users, reminder stickers	Review controls – off out of hours, weekends and	energy rating: condensing boiler, A++ white goods, non-plasma TV
Repair broken windows promptly	Calculate and compare carbon footprints	holidays. Monitor to ensure no malfunctions/	Consider carbon cost of food, drink tap water
Encourage low-energy transport – foot, cycle, bus,	When replacing appliances, go for highest star	unintended settings	only
train, car – in that order of priority	energy rating: condensing boiler, A++ white	Read meters monthly, tabulate year on year	Recycle everything feasible
Establish/ communicate energy awareness policy; appoint energy/environmental champion.	goods.	Service boiler annually	Adopt low-energy transport – foot, cycle, bus, train. Car/taxi, plane/boat only if essential.
		Calculate and compare carbon footprints.	

Low to medium cost			
CofE Energy Saving Guidance CofE Heating Guidance	Thermostatic radiator valves (TRVs) Smart metering Controls with default settings to revert after temporary re-set Daylight/occupancy/ PIR lighting controls Thermal reducing window film Improved water regulation to storage and WCs 'Green' tariff	Thermostatic radiator valves (TRVs) Smart metering Controls with default settings to revert after temporary re-set Radiator shelves, proprietary foil behind radiators Draught-excluders on doors and windows Curtains across outside doors, especially glazed doors, internal stairs if no downstairs door Line all curtains Consider 'green' tariff	Thermostatic radiator valves (TRVs) Radiator shelves, proprietary foil behind radiators Improved water regulation to storage and WCs Draught-excluders on doors and windows Curtains across front door, or staircase if there is no downstairs door Line all curtains Home loft/ cavity wall insulation Consider 'green' tariff Commission Energy-Performance Certificate (mandatory when selling or letting) After all possible savings, consider offsetting whole annual carbon footprint with UK tree planting through Woodland Trust (especially on church land).

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