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C of E 'to be carbon-neutral by 2030', after Synod rips up original target

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Synod votes to throw out more cautious 2045 net-zero target





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Well maintained



Buy renewable



Waste less



Electric not gas/oil



Generate more



Offset the rest

CHECKLIST

Part A - Where do we start?

These are actions that nearly all churches can benefit from, even those primarily used only on a Sunday.

They are relatively easy and are a good place for churches to start, when trying to move towards 'net zero'.

		Already done / up-to-date	Not applicable	Not a priority right now	Explore further / get advice	Priority
The building itself:						
A1.	Maintain the roof and gutters, to prevent damp entering the building and warm air escaping.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A2	Fix any broken window panes* and make sure opening windows shut tightly, to reduce heat loss.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A3	Insulate around heating pipes to direct heat where you want it; this may allow other sources of heat to be reduced in this area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A4	If draughts from doors are problematic, draught-proof the gaps or put up a door-curtain*.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A5	Consider using rugs/floor-coverings (with breathable backings) and cushions on/around the pews/chairs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heating and lighting:						
A6	Switch to 100% renewable electricity (for example through Parish Buying's energy basket) and 'green' gas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A7	Match heating settings better to usage, so you only run the heating when necessary*.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A8.	If you have water-filled radiators, try turning off the heating 15 minutes before the service ends; for most churches this allows the heating system to continue to radiate residual warmth*.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A9.	If you have radiators, add a glycol based 'anti-freeze' to your radiator system and review your frost setting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impossible to Treat or First Zero Carbon?





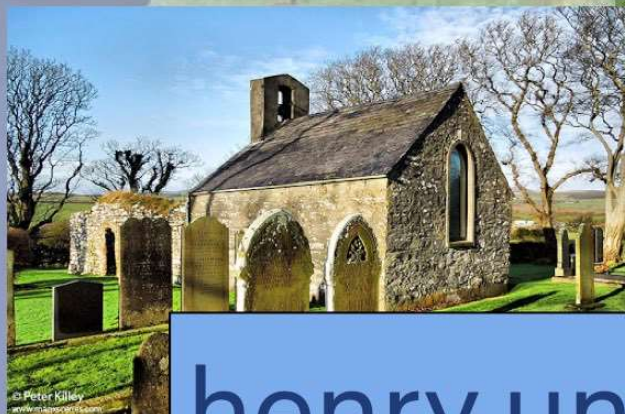
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- Get professional support early on
- Create a baseline carbon footprint
- Plan your pathway to zero-carbon
- Heat people not spaces



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