



# The Church of England's Shrinking the Footprint Campaign

## Next Steps...

*'For the Church of the 21st Century, good ecology is not an optional extra but a matter of justice. It is therefore central to what it means to be a Christian.'*  
Archbishop Rowan Williams

*Shrinking the Footprint* is the Church of England's national campaign to enable the whole Church to address – in faith, practice, and mission – the issue of climate change. It involves initiatives and partnerships developing at the national level and working locally and regionally to support individuals, parishes and dioceses wanting to respond to this crucial challenge.

The first step, *Measuring our Footprint*, launched in June 2006 was aimed to respond to the General Synod motion encouraging all dioceses and parishes to reduce their consumption by a measurable amount. The Church's current total energy use is unknown and we need to discover it in order to see when savings have been made.

We start from the sure foundation that many in the Church take environmental issues very seriously. The Church's national network of Diocesan Environment Officers will be undertaking a variety of local initiatives as part of *Shrinking the Footprint* as it progresses from energy conservation through to a variety of other environmental issues.

Hundreds of parishes have recorded their 2005 energy use and the results are being collated. The recording exercise will be repeated in 2008 to identify any reductions in energy used.

2007 will see a push on providing information and encouragement. You will find a simple energy audit overleaf. Do use this, if you have not already, to help you and your church to shrink its footprint.

Full details and further information can be found on [www.shrinkingthefootprint.cofe.anglican.org](http://www.shrinkingthefootprint.cofe.anglican.org)

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## Shrinking the Footprint Stage 1: Measuring our Footprint

This simple audit will help you assess your church's energy footprint

### Lighting in the Church

- Is there a need? Yes  No
- Do all the lights need to be on? Yes  No
- Even on a sunny day? Yes  No
- Can all the light fittings be fitted with energy saving light bulbs? Yes  No
- Are all fittings fitted with energy saving bulbs? Yes  No
- Could you use Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) to illuminate parts of the church and its features? Yes  No

### Exterior lighting

Many churches are floodlit for mission, security, tourism etc.

- Is the timing mechanism adjusted to meet seasonal needs? Yes  No
- Is the illumination programme adjusted to liturgical or individual donors etc. Yes  No
- Is the lighting checked regularly to ensure against causing light pollution? Yes  No
- Are energy saving bulbs used? Yes  No

### Heating and Insulation

- Is your boiler more than 15 years old? (if so then it will probably not be as efficient as it should be) Yes  No
- Is it regularly serviced? Yes  No
- Does it have a time switch? Yes  No
- Is this adjusted to meet seasonal needs? Yes  No
- Is it possible to reduce the heating period? Yes  No
- Are all windows and doors draught proofed? Yes  No
- Are all pipes lagged? Yes  No
- Are buildings which can be, fitted with roof insulation? Yes  No
- Are cavity walls insulated? Yes  No
- Can parts of the building be heated separately? Yes  No

### Other energy – transport

- Is there a car sharing scheme to get people to and from Church? Yes  No
- Is there a safe place to leave bicycles? Yes  No

Record in your Church Log Book the number of energy units used (from your energy bills) and plan to do this at the same time each year.

**Remember all new equipment is likely to cost money initially. The first task for all churches should be to see how the existing facilities can be made more efficient.**

For more information and resources from the Church of England's National Environmental Campaign visit [www.shrinkingthefootprint.cofe.anglican.org](http://www.shrinkingthefootprint.cofe.anglican.org) or email [shrinkingthefootprint@c-of-e.org.uk](mailto:shrinkingthefootprint@c-of-e.org.uk)