



the
GREAT SWITCH
for creation



A simple guide to switching to a green tariff

WHY SHOULD WE SWITCH?

The global climate emergency is a crisis for our world. Together, we can act in faith, taking small but powerful steps to help restore God's creation.

By switching to a green tariff, your church will play an important part in reducing the Church of England's overall carbon emissions - helping lead the way towards a cleaner, fairer future for all.

HOW CAN WE SWITCH?

1. Check your energy bills

- Find out how many units of energy your building has used annually, by calculating the difference between two bills, 12 months apart. Do this via your monthly bills, or using your supplier's app.
- Find out if you are in contract and/or have exit fees.

2. Choose a supplier

- Go to **Parish Energy** to switch your energy to its green tariff, or;
- Get 2-3 quotes from the list outlined below, by going on each suppliers' website, entering your details, and asking for a quote

3. SWITCH!

Decide on a tariff and switch! The supplier – or Parish Energy – will do the rest. Also, make sure to celebrate and share that you've switched!

WHAT IS PARISH ENERGY?

Parish Energy is managed by Parish Buying. It uses the bulk buying power of the Church of England to obtain competitive prices for your gas and electricity.

The Parish Energy electricity tariff aligns with our green tariff definition, allowing you to switch hassle-free.

WHO SHOULD WE SWITCH TO?

We have conducted rigorous research into which suppliers meet our low carbon and ethical criteria, divided into three key categories². While we are always striving for the greenest option, we encourage you to make decisions based on what makes the most sense for your church:

²Read the full detail behind our definition [here](#).

GREEN ELECTRICITY TARIFFS

DEFINITIONS	SUPPLIERS
<p>BEST Electricity is supplied directly from 100% UK-based renewable energy sources, backed by the relevant energy certificates. The supplier and their parent company:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Has no investment in fossil fuels◦ Transparently report their emissions◦ Have no evidence of ethical non-compliance◦ Is working to support wider decarbonisation	<p>No supplier currently meets the best criteria. This is an aspirational target because we believe the energy market should – and can – do better for people and the planet. We will continue to analyse suppliers over the coming years to push them to achieve the highest standards.</p>
<p>BETTER Electricity is supplied by 100% renewable energy sources, but 50% of this is more traceable than the other 50%. All sources are backed by the relevant energy certificates. The supplier and their parent company:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Has no investment in fossil fuels◦ Transparently report their emissions◦ Have no evidence of ethical non-compliance◦ Is working to support wider decarbonisation	<p>Better green electricity suppliers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bryt Energy▪ Ecotricity▪ Good Energy▪ Octopus Energy▪ Parish Energy (using Ecotricity)▪ 100 Green
<p>BASIC Electricity is supplied by 100% renewable energy sources, but 10% of this is more traceable than the other 90%. All sources are backed by the relevant energy certificates. The supplier and their parent company:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Has no new fossil fuel investments planned◦ Transparently report their emissions◦ Have no evidence of ethical non-compliance◦ Is working to support wider decarbonisation	<p>Basic green electricity suppliers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Engie▪ Opus Energy▪ Smartest Energy

GREEN GAS TARIFFS

<p>BASIC The most sustainable energy procurement strategy would exclude the use of gas entirely. However, if your church uses mains gas, a basic green gas tariff will supply gas from 100% biomethane produced in the UK from renewable sources, backed by Green Gas Certificates. The supplier and their parent company:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Has no new fossil fuel investments planned◦ Transparently report their emissions◦ Have no evidence of ethical non-compliance◦ Is working to support wider decarbonisation	<p>Basic green gas suppliers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 100 Green▪ Parish Energy (using Corona Energy) <p>100% biogas and expected to meet our definition, but still undergoing assessment across the other criteria.</p>
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Imagine the impact we could make if we all switched to a green tariff...for our children, our grand- children, for everyone in every nation on God’s beautiful earth.

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