

The Great Switch for Creation

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What is the Great Switch?

The Great Switch is a movement to encourage and support churches to switch to green energy tariffs, aligned with our net zero mission. This Season of Creation, we're helping churches reduce their environmental impact and in turn, the overall emissions of the Church of England.



How can I reduce my church's environmental impact?

As well as switching to a green tariff, it's really important to try to reduce the energy your church uses. There are lots of options to explore including energy efficiency measures, transitioning to electric heating and even solar panels. Find more information about the actions you can take to reduce your church's energy use.



BEST

Electricity is supplied directly from 100% UK-based renewable energy sources, backed by the relevant energy certificates. The supplier and their parent company:

- Has no investment in fossil fuels
- Transparently report their emissions
- Have no evidence of ethical non-compliance
- Is working to support wider decarbonisation

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.

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:

- Has no investment in fossil fuels
- Transparently report their emissions
- Have no evidence of ethical non-compliance
- Is working to support wider decarbonisation

Better green electricity suppliers:

- Ecotricity
- Good Energy
- Octopus Energy
- Ovo
- Parish Energy (using Ecotricity)
- Smartest Energy
- SSE
- 100 Green

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:

- Has no new fossil fuel investments planned
- Transparently report their emissions
- Have no evidence of ethical non-compliance
- Is working to support wider decarbonisation

Basic green electricity suppliers:

- So Energy

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/creationtide/great-switch-creation>





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