

**GIVE TO
GO GREEN**



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Are you a Church of England church wanting to raise money for projects to help you cut your carbon footprint whilst building your confidence in fundraising?

Give to Go Green can help!

What is Give to Go Green?

Give to Go Green is a match-funding grant to support carbon cutting projects in churches and church halls that cost up to £20,000. As a match-funding grant, Give to Go Green will double your donations raised locally thanks to match-funding from the Church of England.

Give to Go Green's fundraising tools will equip you with the support and confidence you need to raise those donations within your community - engaging not just your congregation but also wider groups around you.

Funding is available for PCCs that want to carry out small to medium sized projects from the list of eligible interventions (see page 16) that will reduce their carbon footprint.

[Watch the launch video.](#)



The match-funding available is from the Church of England's Net Zero Carbon Programme. The Net Zero Carbon Programme aims to equip, resource and support all parts of the church to tackle climate change through reducing carbon emissions from the energy used in its buildings and schools and care for God's creation.

What about alternative grant schemes?

If you take part, you will not be alone in taking action for God's creation. Give to Go Green is part of wider funding available within the Church of England to reduce the carbon footprint of all our buildings and schools, together making a big impact.

The Net Zero Carbon Programme is making support available for churches and church halls through the following three grant streams:

- Quick Wins: Grants of up to £10k (although generally in the £3-£5k range.)
- Give to Go Green: match-funding grants of up to £10k.
- [Decarbonising Churches Grant](#): Supports high emitting churches and those with failing heating systems to plan and deliver major carbon cutting projects. It focuses on improving energy efficiency and moving to electric heating, so buildings are fit for the future.

Which one is the right one for me?

The first step is to speak to your Net Zero Carbon Officer in your Diocese and they can help you decide. Get in touch with yours [here](#).

But here is a general guide:

- Quick Wins: best for churches which have a more immediate opportunity to undertake small decarbonising projects in the £3k-£5k range
- Give to Go Green: medium scale projects with total costs of up to (or just over) £20k in parishes wanting to grow their fundraising capabilities and confidence. Works well where churches have good capacity of volunteers and PCC members to commit to a matched fundraising campaign.
- [Decarbonising Churches Grant](#): Largest scale projects. Supports high emitting churches and those with failing heating systems to plan and deliver major carbon cutting projects. It focuses on improving energy efficiency and moving to electric heating, so buildings feel warm, welcoming and are fit for the future.



How will the match-funding work?

For every £1 donated to your Give to Go Green campaign, the Give to Go Green Grant Fund will donate an additional £1 up to an agreed amount. So the scheme doubles the funds raised locally through your campaign, and doubles the impact you can make.

Your Give to Go Green fundraising campaign will be digital and use specially designed fundraising software by the online and contactless giving platform Give A Little. If you are not yet one of the 7,500 churches using Give A Little, you will be supported to set up an account by the Give to Go Green team.

The money you raise locally will be transferred automatically into your bank account and then once you either hit your fundraising target or your campaign ends, you will receive the matched funds.

How much can we raise?

You can apply for match-funding of up to £10,000, or 50% of your project costs, whichever is lower. We aim to fund a wide range of projects and expect the average grant size to be £7,500.

How will your fundraising campaign work?

Give to Go Green is a targeted fundraising campaign designed to be run over six-weeks. You will have six months to run your campaign once you receive your grant agreement, meaning you can pick the best time to fundraise for you and your parish. For example, if you receive a grant offer in January you would have until June to complete a six-week period of fundraising.

By creating a time-bound fundraising window you can target all of your Give to Go Green fundraising endeavours without disrupting your usual fundraising or giving activities.

All successful applicants will be invited to attend fundraising webinars, hosted by professional fundraisers, to support you with your fundraising campaign. And the Give to Go Green team will be available to answer any questions before, during and after your campaign.



Using Give A Little for digital giving

Digital giving refers to donations made using a bank card or smart device, such as a mobile phone, either via a contactless donation unit or through an online giving page accessed via a web browser or QR code. Give to Go Green uses the platform Give A Little to allow your church to receive digital donations.

To take part, you will need a Give A Little and SumUp or Stripe account, and you'll receive support for how to set these up. If someone is unable to give via Give A Little, your PCC Treasurer will be able to manually add donations of cash onto the campaign.

There are several key benefits to using digital giving mechanisms in your church:

- Easy to use: digital giving mechanisms make it easier for people to give when they wish to do so, including when they may not be carrying cash.
- Safe and secure: digital giving mechanisms are also a safe and secure way to receive donations. No personal donor data is stored on contactless donation devices and this means both the person giving and you as the church receiving the gift can have a high level of trust in the donation process.
- Higher donation amounts: in the Give to Go Green pilot, the average online donation was £213.50 and the average contactless donation was over £30 with 98.5% of churches being over 100% successful in their fundraising.

Special discount on contactless devices for churches taking part in Give to Go Green

Churches taking part in Give to Go Green can access an extra discount, on top of the one already offered through Parish Buying, on the CollecTin More and various Payaz products. These devices come pre-installed with the Give A Little software so are compatible with this project.

More information on accessing the discount will be available to successful grantees.



Eligibility criteria

In order to receive a Give to Go Green Grant your Diocese will have to support your application.

Before you apply please speak to your Net Zero Carbon Officer, or your Giving Advisor if your Net Zero Carbon Officer is unavailable.

You can find your Net Zero Carbon Officer [here](#) and your Giving Advisor [here](#).

Who is eligible?

PCCs in all Dioceses are eligible, including Sodor & Man and Europe, but excluding the Channel Islands where church repairs are funded through other routes.

Your PCC must have completed the most recent [Energy Footprint Tool](#) (chaplaincies in the Diocese in Europe will be expected to complete the Climate Stewards 360 carbon calculator).

Your PCC must be registered with, and preferably awarded, Eco Church.

Eligible buildings

- Churches and church halls where activities are taking place in a building owned by part of the Church of England (Different criteria will apply for chaplaincies in the Diocese in Europe.)

Ineligible buildings

- Church of England congregations meeting in rented or leased accommodation owned by others;
- Cathedrals, schools, housing, and other building types.

- In order to ensure the Net Zero Carbon Programme's limited grant funding reaches as many PCCs as possible, your proposed project for Give to Go Green cannot also be funded by another grant from the Net Zero Carbon Programme.
- If your PCC previously received a grant from the Net Zero Carbon Programme between 2023-2025, you can apply for Give to Go Green as long as it is a) for a different project to the one previously funded, or b) for interventions which are the next step in a larger project to support the transition to net zero carbon.



Capital Costs which can be funded through Give to Go Green

- This grant fund can cover the cost of eligible works detailed in the appendix – this includes:
 - Equipment;
 - Electrical work and connections to facilitate the low carbon technology, including 3 phase upgrades;
- Where solar panels are included in the project to reduce electricity bills and enable affordable running costs of the low carbon heating solution, the cost of solar panels, battery storage and installation can be funded from this grant.
- The scheme will consider supporting reasonable costs of work to 'make good' (e.g. when unsightly cables or electric controls in highly visible areas may need to be covered) but only when this is strongly justified.
- This grant fund will not cover the costs of associated works that would be undertaken regardless of the type of heating system installed.
- The grant fund will not cover any ongoing costs associated with the new heating system, for example increased electricity costs in running air source heat pumps or annual servicing costs.

Will Diocesan officers have visibility of grant applications from parishes in their diocese?

Yes, progress of the application will be shared with diocesan Net Zero Carbon Officers, Church Building Support Officers, Giving Advisors and DACs.

How does my church apply?

The first step should be to meet with your Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Officer or equivalent to discuss the project and gain their support.

Look at the requirements below and ensure you can provide as many of these as you can at the point of application. This will speed up the process.

To get started with an application process via the Church of England's Grant Portal:

Step 1: Create an account on the portal via [this link](#). Once you get access to the Grants Portal, you will receive full instructions on how to apply for this funding, including access to training and support

Step 2: Log into the Grants Portal.

Step 3: Select 'Funding Opportunities' from the top blue bar.

Step 4: Select the relevant open funding round title 'NZC - Give to Go Green - PCC - Date



What information do I need at the point I apply?

You may wish to refer to the [full list of questions](#) which the application asks to ensure you have the right information ready.

For all applications:

- Contact details;
- Basic information about your church;
- A PCC resolution authorising the application;
- Latest EFT data, Eco Church status, and information on your electricity tariff;
- Information on how the church's Net Zero Carbon plans relate to your overall mission strategy;
- Statement of need, this should include the following information:
 - What is your project and why are you proposing it?
 - If this is a heating project:
 - What is your current heating system, and why are you replacing it?
 - What is the alternative heating system you are proposing, and what options have you considered?
 - Where you have multiple boilers or buildings on site, please be specific about what will be served by the new low-carbon heating solution.
 - What measures are included in the capital application to reduce energy use?
 - Confirmation that the parish has considered affordability of running costs in selecting the alternative heating system;
 - If you are intending to also install solar on affordability grounds:
 - Clear assessment of an increase in running costs due to switching to an electric heating system, and how the proposed solar solution will offset this;
 - Quotes for solar system;
- Evidence of professional advice, where appropriate:
 - Who has provided advice about your proposed solution?
 - Please provide copies of the advice received.
- Quotes for proposed project; this should demonstrate good procurement practice and capture all associated costs in a bill of quantities format;
- Evidence that the church/church hall and the project meet the eligibility criteria;
- A project budget.

Note: you do not need to have all necessary permissions in place at the point of application or grant offer. But if not, this will then be a grant pre-condition.



What happens after a grant application is submitted?

- A Give to Go Green Grants Officer will assess your grant application. If we require further information, we will contact you at this point.
- We may also discuss your project with your DAC, and/or Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Lead.
- If it is successful you will need to electronically sign our grant agreement and confirm that acceptance of the grant terms and conditions are contained in the minutes of a PCC meeting.
- If you did not have all necessary permissions in place at the point of application, you will need these to be in place before work commences.

How quickly will we receive a decision on our application?

- In 2026 the grants panel will meet twice, once at the start of August and once in November.
- From 2027-2028 the grants panel will meet quarterly in March, June, September, December.
- Applications will be assessed at these grant panel meetings:
 - You will be informed if you have been successful in your application within a week of the meeting.
 - If your application is rejected for whatever reason, you may be able to reapply using the same application whilst making some edits.

We know you will be keen to make progress on your project but please note that our grant cannot fund work which is carried out, or equipment purchased, before the grant agreement is signed.

Monitoring and follow-up

As this is a grant-funded opportunity, we are obliged to monitor the great work that churches will do with this funding. To do this, we will require a short update on your decarbonisation project when it is completed, and this will form part of the terms and conditions of the grant.

We might also ask you to participate in case studies to showcase the progress you have made in decarbonising your church/church hall so other parishes can learn from this.

We will also require that you complete the EFT in future years so we can understand the impact on energy usage and carbon emissions.



FAQs

When will my building project need to be completed by and how long do I have to start fundraising?

You can pick a six-week period at any time within six months of your grant award letter. Once you have finished fundraising your project will need to be completed within 12 months of receiving your grant payment. You may apply for a change request if works will need longer to be completed or you were unable to fundraise in the time.

What type of buildings can I spend the money on?

All building activities must take place in a church and/or church halls building owned by part of the CofE, please check the eligibility criteria for a comprehensive list of eligible projects. We may fund projects in Bishop Misson Orders and Local Ecumenical Partnership.

What counts as match-funding?

We will match £1 to £1 money donated by individuals through Give A Little, either online or on a contactless card reader.

Cash donations- what happens if someone cannot make an online or contactless gift using Give A Little?

Give to Go Green is primarily a digital giving fundraising campaign. If a donor is not able to make an online or contactless gift, or if you are running a fundraising event where you receive cash donations, Give A Little allows you to log cash donations against a unique bank receipt number you receive when depositing cash into your PCC bank account.

Can I include any gift aid on donations in my fundraising total?

Your fundraising total should include just donations and not gift aid. Gift Aid is treated as a bonus towards your campaign total.



What is the maximum grant size?

You can apply for match-funding of up to £10,000, or 50% of your project costs, whichever is lower. We aim to fund a wide range of projects and expect the average grant size to be £7,500.

What if our project costs more than £20,000?

Give to Go Green is intended to support medium size projects with total costs of up to £20,000. If your project costs are slightly higher and you would like to run a matched fundraising campaign you can still apply to Give to Go Green, but you must have all the remaining funding already committed.

For example, if a PCC has a project that costs £25,000 and already have £5,000 secured (e.g. from reserves or a legacy gift), they could apply to Give to Go Green for a £10,000 fundraising campaign matched by a £10,000 grant.

But if the PCC does not have the £5,000 already secured, they cannot apply to Give to Go Green.

Can I apply for Give to Go Green if I took part before?

A church which has previously received a grant from the NZC Programme between 2023-2025, including during the pilot for Give to Go Green, will be eligible.

What happens if my church doesn't raise enough money?

We will match whatever you raise, up to the limit in your grant agreement. In your fundraising materials, you should make it clear that funds raised will be used for your specific project, and you must also include a statement saying what will happen to funds you receive if the total amount raised is not enough to reach (or is more than) the target.

We suggest saying 'We are fundraising for project x. If the total amount raised is not enough to reach or is more than our target, any funds raised will be put towards other carbon-cutting projects in this church in the future'.

If you don't raise enough money for the project you specified in your application, there are several options:

1. If your church has sufficient funds to make up the shortfall between the grant received and the total amount you need, you can contribute this from your church reserves.
2. If the shortfall is substantial, we will discuss with you whether a different smaller project would be suitable. We can help advise you along with your Net Zero Carbon Officer on what that project could be.
3. If you decide you can't complete any projects with the funds raised, you must return the match-funding component of the grant to us, and use the donations you have received to fund other carbon cutting projects in your church in the future.



Can I apply for other Church of England Net Zero Carbon funding for my project?

In order to ensure the Net Zero Carbon Programme's limited grant funding reaches as many PCCs as possible, your proposed project for Give to Go Green cannot also be funded by another grant from the Net Zero Carbon Programme awarded in the 2026-2028 period (e.g. Quick Wins or Decarbonising Churches Grant Fund).

The exception to this is the £3k grant offered following a fully subsidised energy audit. This £3k grant is intended as a contribution to support a church in undertaking the initial steps recommended by the audit. A church is therefore eligible to supplement this £3k grant with an additional Give to Go Green grant.

If your PCC previously received a grant from the Net Zero Carbon Programme between 2023-2025, you can apply for Give to Go Green as long as it is a) for a different project to the one previously funded, or b) for interventions which are the next step in a larger project to support the transition to net zero carbon.

What happens if my church raises more money than we need? Can we get a bigger grant?

If your church raises more money than you need, firstly congratulations! We will not be able to award more match-funding than you have been approved for, as our funding is allocated in advance. We will discuss with you how you can use your additional funds, perhaps in another project, and where you might be able to raise further funds from.

In your fundraising materials, you should make it clear that funds raised will be used for your specific project, and you must also include a statement saying what will happen to funds you receive if the total amount raised is not enough to reach (or is more than) the target.

We suggest saying 'We are fundraising for project x. If the total amount raised is not enough to reach (or is more than) our target, any funds raised will be put towards other carbon-cutting projects in this church in the future'

My church already has a Give A Little account, can we use that for this project?

Yes, you can use an existing Give A Little account to fundraise for this project. You will need to provide us with your SumUp or Stripe merchant ID so we can enable the Give to Go Green campaign in your account.



What is Parish Buying?

Parish Buying is a procurement service set up by the Church, for the Church. Its contracts and discounts are available to all parishes, cathedrals and dioceses in the Church of England and the Church in Wales. Through the bulk buying power of the Church it negotiates competitive prices with suppliers across a range of different contracts.

All of the suppliers undergo a careful selection process, and the contracts have been professionally reviewed, so you can purchase safe in the knowledge that there will be no catches or hidden surprises. Parish Buying manages the contracts too, and you can guarantee ongoing support from its dedicated customer service team.

What support/resources are available for my fundraising?

We have a range of resources available to support your fundraising, including guides on how to plan fundraising and how to fundraise in the local community. We will provide you with template leaflets, posters and flyers to customise.

All churches approved for a grant will be invited to attend a webinar, which will include information on how to fundraise effectively as well as weekly drop in sessions where you can bring questions and hear about other churches taking part in G2GG.

My church already has a SumUp or Stripe account, can we use that with Give A Little for this project?

If it is a SumUp account then yes; Stripe accounts have to be a particular type (Give A Little Stripe Express) to work with Give A Little. [See more on Give A Little's website.](#)

Six weeks is too quick – I don't think we can raise money in such a short period of time?

Running a targeted fundraising campaign can feel challenging but over 120 churches in our pilot successfully raised their full fundraising target. By focusing your fundraising efforts across six weeks, you can build enthusiasm from your congregation and wider community without impacting any of your other giving and generosity plans which are so important to parish finances.

Are there any costs associated with using Give A Little and SumUp/Stripe?

There is no cost to churches for using the Give A Little software. Both SumUp and Stripe charge a small fee on each transaction, so for any donation made to your church through Give A Little you will receive this amount net of the transaction fee. Match-funding is awarded on the basis of the whole amount donated, not the net amount received.



My church isn't in an affluent area, I don't think this is for us?

Give to Go Green has been proven to work in a variety of different contexts and we are passionate about making sure that you get the right support you need. That is reflected in the pilot of Give to Go Green where 98.5% of Parishes were 100% successful in their fundraising. 60% of Parishes were in an urban area and 40% in rural areas.



Appendix: Eligible works

Note:

- If interiors are of historic, architectural, or artistic interest, professional and DAC advice must be sought before these works are completed.
- Advice must be sought in connection with any project that could disturb bats.

Insulation and draft proofing

Generally, works that help reduce energy consumption and/or enable areas to be maintained at comfortable temperatures are eligible. Such works include:

- Insulating loft roofs and loft spaces where there is an uninsulated, easy-to-access void.
- Insulating around heating pipes.
- Draught-proofing doors and windows, including putting up a door-curtain.
- Installing a glazed door within a porch or a draught-lobby.
- Laying Rugs/floor-coverings (with breathable backings) or fabric wall-hangings or panels (with an air gap behind) if these are designed primarily to improve insulation to improve comfort and/or reduce carbon emissions.
- Ensuring opening windows shut tightly.

Lighting

Work that significantly reduces gross carbon emissions (as measured by the Energy Footprint Tool) associated with lighting will be eligible, in particular:

- Replacing lightbulbs with LEDs, where simple replacement is possible.
- Replacing floodlights with new LED units.
- Installing thermal and/or motion sensors on lighting.

Heating controls (including zoning)

Work that enables better monitoring and control of heating, including:

- Creating one or more smaller (separately heatable) spaces for smaller events.
- Matching heating settings better to usage
- Install a HIVE- or NEST-type heating controller, to better control heating.
- Improve heating zones and controls.
- Install TRVs on radiators in meeting rooms & offices.
- Install an energy-saving device such as Savawatt on fridges or other commercial appliances.
- Installing a smart meter, to better measure energy use.

Please note that if your project includes any of these works, the Give to Go Green will conduct a technical assessment once you have applied to check your plans are suitable for your space.



Efforts to reduce or eliminate use of oil or gas for heating

This can include supporting towards the costs of installation of electric powered appliances such as:

- Under-pew electric heaters.
- Infra-red radiant panel and/or halo heaters.
- Heat pumps.
- Heated chair cushions.
- Heat pumps

... which either replace or significantly reduce the use of oil and gas-fired space heating. Further eligible works could include replacing gas cookers with electric, and installing 'point of use' electric water heaters for sinks which avoid the need to heat tap water with gas/oil.

Destratification fans will not generally be eligible unless there is clear evidence demonstrating that in the specific building they will significantly reduce energy consumption / reduce carbon emissions as part of a wider plan to move towards net zero.

Please note that if your project includes any of these works, the Give to Go Green will conduct a technical assessment once you have applied to check your plans are suitable for your space.

Electrical upgrades

Work that enables a move towards direct electric heating approaches such as upgrades to the electrical system and/or supply serving the property, to enable a church or church hall to move away from oil or gas heating, or to substantially reduce their use of existing oil or gas heating

Please note that if your project includes any of these works, the Give to Go Green will conduct a technical assessment once you have applied to check your plans are suitable for your space.

Work that helps address ingress of damp

Repairs to roofs and rainwater goods (e.g. gutters, downpipes) can be considered eligible if:

- They do not constitute work that would normally be considered as routine maintenance.
- Align with the spirit of the Church of England to move towards net zero carbon and genuinely fit within part of a wider PCC plan of works to reduce carbon emissions in their buildings.



Solar PV systems

Give to Go Green support towards Solar PV systems will be eligible only when PV systems are part of a wider PCC plan which prioritises actions to decarbonise their buildings. A genuine commitment to decarbonise (with some other measures to transition to net zero carbon already completed) must be clearly evident before Give to Go Green support for a PV system is considered.

Please note that if your project includes any of these works, the Give to Go Green will conduct a technical assessment once you have applied to check your plans are suitable for your space.

VAT

It will be assumed that whenever reasonably possible, PCCs will take advantage of schemes for reclaiming VAT, or take advantage of schemes that allow reduced rates of VAT. Accordingly, the Give to Go Green fund will only contribute to VAT costs when such costs could not have reasonably been reclaimed or reduced through other scheme(s).

Ineligible Works

Non-capital works are generally ineligible unless they are a legal requirement of an eligible capital project (for example certification of electrical works).

