

Opportunity Details

Improve Energy Management and Good Housekeeping

DO YOU HAVE?

- Church building occupancy that varies throughout the week, month, year?
- Heating controls?
- Lighting controls?
- Vestry or office I.T. equipment that is left on or in standby mode unnecessarily?

The Opportunities

These should be underpinned by monitoring of energy use by a monthly review of actual (not estimated) use based on meter readings. Comparison with previous monthly use and eventually with historic data (same month last year) can provide insights into any exceptional use or progress made.

An annual energy report could be provided to the Finance Committee to highlight progress made and future actions needed.

General good housekeeping approaches to managing energy incorporate shared good practice and can deliver energy savings of up to 15%.

Making it Happen –

- Share good practice where possible
- Instigate a good housekeeping programme to include turning off all energy using equipment where possible.

Good Practice

Regularly check timers on heating system

Labelling light switches
Regularly reminding users to switch heating and lighting off when not in use and/or exiting the building (verbal or written prompts)

Switching off of any IT equipment at night and when not in use

Sustainable procurement policy – i.e. purchase low carbon options, recycled and environmentally friendly products

Barriers

Lack of knowledge about what can and cannot be turned off

Lack of dedicated person to ensure systems are regularly checked