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**Dear All,**

We are writing to let you know that the Church of England’s Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) is now open for churches to enter last year’s fuel and power use. It's the new green box in the Parish Returns system, which can be found [here](https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/diocese-menu/verify-data).

Every parish has a responsibility to fill this in. The idea is that someone with authority to complete it on behalf of the parish – for example an incumbent/priest-in-charge, treasurer, administrator or churchwarden - should gather the data and complete the entry. If you could ensure it is done by 31 July 2024, we would be very grateful.

As well as helping us care for the environment, the data you collect from the EFT will help you better understand your energy use. That can help to inform net zero action plans and may make you eligible for carbon-reducing grants.

More information is available on the [Diocese of Chester Website](https://www.chester.anglican.org/news/energy-footprint-tool-now-open-for-churches.php).

Thank you for helping with the EFT. Responding to the climate crisis is an essential part of our responsibility to care for God’s creation.

**With many thanks**

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