

Cathedrals have an important role to play in promoting green practice, both locally and nationally.



new ways of working and demonstrate a commitment to environmental

## Going green

To begin the process of going green, ask yourself:

### Are you on green energy?

Are the cathedral and all its associated buildings on green energy?

Electricity from [Parish Buying](#), our national procurement service, is now 100% renewable.

### Do you have an environmental audit and action plan to reduce your impact?

Eco Church has a [survey](#) that can work for you.

### Can you work with other groups locally to take environmental action?

Manchester cathedral has established the [Our Faith, Our Planet](#) project. It works with local partners including the Carbon Literacy Project to run numerous events for faith communities across the city.

## Case studies

### Bradford Cathedral

The first cathedral to install solar panels, it has continued to be a leader in environmental action.

The cathedral has instituted wide ranging initiatives including:

- Food waste digester and composters
- Energy efficient boilers
- Recycling bins
- Using Fairtrade products
- Having milk delivered by a local milkman in glass bottles

They have also worked with the local council, faith groups and the Forest for Bradford on a project to plant 600 trees to:

- Reduce air pollution
- Offset their carbon usage
- Take the lead on our mission to sustain and renew the life of the Earth

Find out more about Bradford Cathedral

### York Minster

York Minster measured their carbon footprint and created an action plan to address it:

- They switched their energy supplier to 100% renewable electricity
- They ensured their light bulbs were LED or low-energy
- They planted a sensory garden outside the walls and recruited volunteers to manage it

The Minster got an Eco Church silver award for:

- Integrating environmental themes into their worship
- Promoting Fairtrade goods
- And committing to reduce energy usage, use sustainable materials and exercise good stewardship in all that they do

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