In response to the call from General Synod for all parts of the Church of England to reduce their emissions year on year and plan towards net zero carbon by 2030, the Church Buildings Council and Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England have agreed and issued a joint statement on how the environment informs their work:

It is part of our role, and the role of all cathedral Fabric Advisory Committees, Diocesan Advisory Committees, and diocesan chancellors around the country, to ensure that our buildings support the Church of England’s mission.

The fifth mark of missions calls on us

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

This tells us that the way the Church heats, lights, and modifies its buildings is an integral part of the mission of the Church, a physical manifestation of that mission.

We have therefore written a statement Sustainability and The Environment, which informs our decision-making and our guidance.

The full statement can be found here
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