

## Ten ways to use Parish Buying

Did you know that the Parish Buying service was created by the national Church to serve parishes and other church communities, and that over 23,000 PCC members, church wardens, treasurers and clergy have joined so far?

### Importance of digital giving



Registering is quick, easy and free - [parishbuying.org.uk/register](https://parishbuying.org.uk/register)

## WHY DID THEY ALL JOIN?



### GIVING AND PAYMENTS

The average gift online to churches is four times more than a contactless gift, and for people who prefer to give this way, it is an important method to offer. An excellent solution, currently free of all charges except the transaction charge, is available on the Parish Buying online giving page, ([parishbuying.org.uk/giving](https://parishbuying.org.uk/giving)) For people who like to pay via mobile phone, you can offer QR codes too ([parishbuying.org.uk/QR-codes](https://parishbuying.org.uk/QR-codes))



### ENERGY, INCLUDING SUSTAINABLE ELECTRICITY

Something really simple has become quite complicated in the last few months, with huge price changes for electricity and gas, and chaotic conditions in the market. The Parish Buying Energy Basket ([parishbuying.org.uk/energy-basket](https://parishbuying.org.uk/energy-basket)) – with its green electricity – has protected member churches from price changes year after year. And if your church prefers to enter into a 1, 2 or 3-year fixed-term contract, you can do that too.



### CONNECTIVITY AND TELEPHONES

Connecting to the internet for your church, church office or hall gives lots of benefits – there are some examples at [churchofengland.org/connectivity](https://churchofengland.org/connectivity). Parish Buying suppliers can help set you up on [parishbuying.org.uk/telecoms](https://parishbuying.org.uk/telecoms)



## CONTACTLESS GIVING

Some people still carry cash, but many don't, and the place to go if your church is deciding which contactless giving unit to buy is Parish Buying ([parishbuying.org.uk/giving](https://parishbuying.org.uk/giving)) which has negotiated some keen pricing. On average people give between three and five times more than when they give in cash. You can also find devices for taking payments for concerts, hall rents, fundraisers, raffles and fees.



## NET ZERO CARBON – ENERGY AUDIT

Are you considering an Energy Audit for your church, to work out the changes you can afford to make a difference? Take advantage of a subsidised one ([parishbuying.org.uk/energy-audit](https://parishbuying.org.uk/energy-audit)) from Parish Buying.



## NET ZERO CARBON – SOLAR PANELS AND HEATING

Some quite small changes to your building can make a surprising difference. When you have a plan, then some suppliers/installers of solar panels and heating solutions are available on our Net Zero pages at [parishbuying.org.uk/net-zero-2030](https://parishbuying.org.uk/net-zero-2030).



## INSURANCE

Insurance is often one of the biggest items of expenditure for a parish, after the cost of ministry. Before your current contract comes up for a renewal it is worth getting a quote from one of the two specialist insurers, Ecclesiastical and Trinitas. There is a helpful buying guide at [parishbuying.org.uk/insurance](https://parishbuying.org.uk/insurance).



## AUDIO-VISUAL

Maybe you're looking for a sound system, or perhaps you want to share your activities over the internet to include those who are house-bound or unable to be there in person. Either way there are solutions available on the Parish Buying AV pages, ([parishbuying.org.uk/av](https://parishbuying.org.uk/av)).



## SUPPLIES AND PRINTERS

We can't list every product category available on Parish Buying, but if you need catering, hygiene or cleaning supplies you will find them at [parishbuying.org.uk/office-products](https://parishbuying.org.uk/office-products). Parish or team printers are available on the photocopiers and printers page, ([parishbuying.org.uk/photocopiers](https://parishbuying.org.uk/photocopiers)).

## CAN'T SEE WHAT YOU NEED?

We survey our members regularly, and try and respond where there is enough demand.

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