Open and Sustainable Churches

Encouraging wider, more imaginative and more strategic use of the Church of England’s buildings

Education   Temporary Farmers’ market   Permanent Café alongside worship   Reversible accommodation

Giving the community back their church

Open

• for worship and for visitors
• providing a welcoming atmosphere for all
• for partnership - community, cultural & commercial
• providing good access and modern amenities

Sustainable

• environmentally, using resources efficiently
• socially, providing an accessible & attractive resource
• economically, covering cost of mission, outreach & maintenance
• conservation, responsibly managing change

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• The Church of England is responsible for over 16,000 cathedral and church buildings, 12,500 listed with two world heritage sites

• 45% of Grade I listed buildings in England are Church of England churches

• Funding for cathedrals and church buildings is raised by congregations, mostly volunteers

• Shrinking the Footprint is the campaign working to reduce the Church’s carbon footprint by 80% by 2050 and raise awareness of environmental issues

“For the Church of the 21st century, good ecology is not an optional extra, but a matter of justice. It is therefore central to what it means to be a Christian.” Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams

Cathedrals Shrinking the Footprint

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