



Bobbing Church – Building Operations Plan (Energy Use)

1. Purpose

This plan sets out how Bobbing Church manages its buildings to minimise energy use and improve energy efficiency, as part of our commitment to care for creation.

2. Principles

We aim to:

- Use only the energy we need
- Avoid unnecessary heating and lighting
- Improve efficiency where possible
- Balance comfort with sustainability

3. Heating

- Heating will be used only when the building is occupied
- Thermostats will be set at a reasonable level
- Heating times will be limited to necessary periods
- Doors and windows will be kept closed when heating is on
- Heating systems will be serviced regularly

4. Lighting

- Lights will only be used when needed. Natural daylight will be used where practical
- Lights will be switched off after services and events

- LED bulbs will be used where possible

5. Electrical Equipment

- Equipment will be switched off when not in use
- Standby power will be avoided where possible
- Appliances will be used efficiently (e.g. full loads only)

6. Building Use

- Rooms will be used efficiently to avoid heating unused spaces
- Activities will be grouped where possible to reduce heating times
- Users of the building will be encouraged to follow energy-saving practices

7. Maintenance and Improvements

- The church will maintain insulation, draught-proofing, and heating systems
- Opportunities to improve energy efficiency will be considered when repairs or upgrades are needed
- Advice will be sought where appropriate

8. Communication

- Church Wardens, Sunday Service Team and PCC will be informed of energy-saving practices
- Simple reminders (e.g. notices) will be displayed where helpful

9. Review

This plan will be reviewed annually and updated as needed.

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