



Fuel poverty is a big issue and rising in the UK. Your church can help by publicising these links:

The % of households in fuel poverty in our area, ranges from 12% in Bromsgrove, to 17% in Dudley.

<http://www.endfuelpoverty.org.uk/english-fuel-poverty-index-2021/>

Cold damp, housing is bad for physical and mental health. Advice and fuel vouchers are available via some Food-banks. <https://www.fuelbankfoundation.org/>

## Home & Church Energy

Fuel shortages, energy companies going bust and climate change! Add to this, predicted increases in fuel poverty, and energy use will be a really hot topic this winter.

This quiz is a good conversation starter.

*“Leaving your heating set on a lower temperature all day, is more energy efficient than having it on high when you’re home, and off when you’re out.”* TRUE or FALSE?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-49592241>



- Switch to renewable energy. <https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/energy/shopping-guide/energy-suppliers>
- A series of webinars on energy are available online. Watch with others to inform discussion. <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/webinars-getting-net-zero-carbon#na>
- The Energy Saving Trust has many suggestions for saving energy. <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/>
- Act on Energy is a local charity giving advice about energy, to people on benefits.

Phone: 0800 988 2881 Email: [advice@actonenergy.org.uk](mailto:advice@actonenergy.org.uk) <https://actonenergy.org.uk/>

Taking action on energy could support:

- **Eco Church** (for churches <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>) :  
Buildings: 2, 3, 5 - 11, 21, 24 & 25 Community & Global Engagement: 11 Lifestyle: 4 & 5
- **Creation Care** (for households <https://creationcare.org.uk/>) :  
Home: 2.1 - 2.11, 2.17 & 2.18 Community & Global Engagement: 7.12

