



Suffolk Climate Change Partnership Community Buildings Advice Service

Emmanuel Church, Bungay



LED lighting has become the latest addition to Emmanuel Church, Bungay as it continues its journey towards achieving a Gold Eco Church Award. Funding for the project was secured following the continuing support and advice from SCCP's CommunityAdvisor.

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Emmanuel Church began their environmental journey back in 2007 after a local climate change conference rallied Church members. Since then, their Going Green project has gone from strength to strength, and in 2016 became the first church in England and Wales to achieve a Silver Eco Church Award.

Some key highlights from their project include:

- 220 solar PV panels installed in 2010
- Ground source heat pump and solar thermal panels installed in 2013
- Solid wall and ceiling insulation installed to the community rooms in 2013
- Developed their own comprehensive recycling scheme in line with TerraCycle in 2019

The Church's journey to becoming an exemplar in green community buildings suffered a setback in 2019 though when their funding bid for LED lighting was rejected. Following this, the Church enlisted the help of SCCP's Community Advisor for advice on how to move forward. The support and guidance received, allowed a second funding bid to be submitted which was successful and in January 2020, all the lights within the Church and community rooms were upgraded to LED.

Graham Gibbs, Going Green Project Co-Ordinator, said "We are continuously working to improve and encourage others to follow our lead. The support we received from the SCCP Advisor was instrumental in obtaining funding to continue our progress toward gaining the prestigious Eco Church Gold Award".

From the outset, the Church wanted to engage others, and as such, they have shared their experiences with many other individuals and community groups, both locally and nationally, enabling them to begin their own environmental journeys.



It is anticipated that the LED installation at Emmanuel Church will achieve annual cost savings of £345 and save 0.9tCO₂e per year.