

**Please have a go at a short survey to work out your carbon footprint
and tell Mike the result!**



At church we are trying to reduce our 'carbon footprint' in line with the Church of England's aim to be at 'net zero' by 2030. As of this week and hard work by Maggie and Chris, we are measured at 14.9 tonnes of carbon emitted from our heating. The aim is to reduce it to zero, either directly or by 'offsetting' by supporting initiatives elsewhere that absorb carbon, such as tree planting.

I'm trying to keep an occasional track on people's individual environmental impacts, as it is part of treasuring God's creation as one of the national Church's Five Marks of Mission.

The Worldwide Fund for Nature have a calculator which only takes a few minutes: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/questionnaire>. It asks a few simple questions and tells you where you are compared to the local, UK and world averages. I scored 8.3 tonnes which is below the CH4 average (12) but above the UK average (8) and the world average (6.3) tonnes. The average amongst the congregation previously was 9.58. Please do tell me your figure and I'll anonymously track the changes.

Don't get hung up on details of questions, just give a best guess, and for some choose you as an individual if there is a different answer for your household. I'd love to hear your results and any thoughts - we can publish (without names) our range and any issues. Please come and chat to me on Sundays or email me.

Other calculators are available but generally need more detail: climate stewards <https://www.climatestewards.org/offset/> need gas and electric usage in KWh (which you can find from statements), car mileage and transport mileage. Giki <https://giki.earth/> needs monthly electric usage.

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