

The 3 most impactful things we can do as individuals in the fight against the Climate Emergency are i) eat less meat ii) fly less iii) use green renewable energy for our homes. Other than that, inter-governmental policy and corporate decision making needs to happen. For these three weeks, we will consider each one and the associated mindset as the helpful 'Eco Tip'.

The efforts to make our homes more energy efficient and use green sources of energy are almost limitless. An easy quick win is to make sure our utility providers for Electricity and Gas generate and provide green energy. Many companies 'green wash' and charge a tariff but not all companies invest in renewable energy or generate their own sources of energy. This is a significant difference. Using wind, solar, wave, micro-generation, ground heat sources, biogas are all possible ways employed by some companies. It may mean paying a little more than the cheapest, though often they match the regional supplier cost. Reviewing energy suppliers for Eco Church, we found the top 3 rated for genuine green credentials are Good Energy, Ecotricity and Bulb. Though do check Which or similar for yourself as customer service is also important. Being practical, Andrew Oldershaw one member of the Eco Task group has offered to donate his recommend a friend reward to your church if you switch. Contact Andrew directly for details, [a.oldershaw@webleicester.co.uk](mailto:a.oldershaw@webleicester.co.uk). Our own efforts to use less energy are paramount, and in terms of generating our own source, it can prove costly and in the bigger picture, is it worth it? Partly, our efforts are about the moral choices we make, we cannot change the world, but in all our choices, you can make decisions that improve or worsen a situation. At least choosing an genuinely green supplier is a decision that does not require much hassle or investment.