

## Green Journey Renewed

Since its inception in 2015 the “Green Journey”, a package of energy services provided for churches in the Diocese of Leeds, has been run as a dynamic partnership with energy procurement specialist Green Energy Consulting (GEC).

As contract had ended, the bundle of services was retendered in February. In the two stage retendering process, run by the Diocesan Energy Services Scrutiny Group, 11 companies bid to offer green energy services for parishes in the Leeds Diocese. Green Energy Consulting were confirmed as the winning provider with their Green Journey scheme.

“There were a number of strong contenders,” said Jemima Parker, Diocesan Environment Officer, “but we were impressed by both the energy procurement expertise and the range of services GEC were offering to support parishes to save on fuel bills and reduce their carbon footprint.”

The Green Journey offers churches the opportunity to switch to 100% renewable electricity and carbon neutral gas, have their VAT payments checked, ongoing account management and dispute resolution with energy suppliers and a complementary energy survey for the church buildings to identify energy efficiency opportunities.

While the scheme started as a pilot in the Leeds Diocese 4 years ago, it is now offered nationally, with several other Diocese and denominations also working in partnership with GEC.



Under the scheme, there are no additional costs to churches; all the services are covered under the quoted price for gas and electric.

As a large company, with multiple commercial clients, GEC are able to broker good value renewable energy and with a team of 12 energy procurement specialists they can carefully monitor the energy market to work with the

best suppliers. They also have a dedicated ecclesiastical team, pictured with Kilian Coyne, one of their directors.

Jemima added “The scheme has come a long way since it started. Green Energy Consulting have always been very responsive to criticism, so the level of service had improved and developed. We are looking forward to working with GEC on some new features for the Green Journey, offered as part of their tender bid, including more effective energy surveys and running energy efficiency workshops across the Diocese.”

If you would like more information about how the Green Journey could help your church or for a no obligation quote please contact Craig Hogg, Green Journey Ecclesiastical Account Manager, on [craig@greenjourney.org](mailto:craig@greenjourney.org)