

## Plug yourselves into the energy basket now!

**For the first time in 2013, parishes can pool their energy spend and buy electricity and gas in bulk.** Supermarkets, hospitals and national and local government purchase in this way to take advantage of their economies of scale. Now parishes, cathedrals, diocesan offices and church schools can access prices based on our combined electricity and gas spends resulting in significant savings across the Church of England - releasing financial resource for mission and ministry!

Over the last year hundreds of parishes have made some remarkable savings by using the Parish Buying consultants. Other parishes have used brokers or are still with their original energy supplier. However you have been buying your energy, buying in bulk through the basket will offer cheaper pricing than the best possible price a parish could obtain for their own energy consumption. We expect prices to be at least 10% lower than the best price a broker could offer.

Other benefits include peace of mind - the energy basket is operated by the Church's National Procurement Officers using professional consultants to ensure high levels of service and competitive prices; and a long term solution - you should not need to worry again about if you are getting the best deal.

If your electricity or gas contract is due for renewal between now and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 it is important you **act soon** to ensure you don't miss this opportunity to save on your energy costs. Even if you are already using the Parish Buying service for your gas or electricity you will still need to sign up to join the energy basket and take advantage of this second phase of savings.

To find out more visit [www.parishbuying.org.uk/energybasket](http://www.parishbuying.org.uk/energybasket); email [energy@parishbuying.org.uk](mailto:energy@parishbuying.org.uk) or call the Parish Buying team on 0800 368 0887



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