

Churches and the energy crisis

Thursday 16 March 2023, 7pm, Hathersage Methodist Church

Organised by Hope Valley Faith and Climate Network

Are you wondering how to deal with rising energy costs in a large hard-to-heat building? How to keep your church warm and welcoming? How to support people in our community who are struggling with energy bills?

Use of energy derived from fossil fuels is one of the most significant aspects of the climate crisis. It is also now a significant financial burden. Come along **on 16 March 2023 to Hathersage Methodist Church from 7.00 – 8.15 pm** to discuss how use of church buildings might change in response. There will be opportunities to hear local examples of action already taken.

Themes will include:

- Saving energy – should we be re-thinking our use of church spaces?
- Generating energy – using church property to generate renewable electricity
- Warm spaces – helping to meet needs when people are struggling to heat their homes
- Telling the story – using our voice to influence those inside and outside the church.

Hathersage Methodist Church and Hathersage Parish Church will share how they are responding to some of these challenges. There will be opportunities to exchange ideas in groups. We will also be signposting to resources and expert help.

This evening will be of interest to anyone re-imagining the use of community buildings post-Covid, with the planet and energy saving in mind.

Hathersage Methodist Church is a short walk from the train station and bus stops. To plan your journey by public transport visit www.traveline.info

The Faith and Climate network is an informal network of people of faith in the Hope Valley, who meet to share ideas and encouragement for faith-based action for the climate.

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