



Are you a £1,000 parish?

There are a growing number of parishes throughout the country who are saving over £1,000 by using the Parish Buying service. Thousands of parishes have already signed up and are taking advantage of this service. If you haven't done so already you can register for free by visiting www.parishbuying.org.uk

The Parish Buying Service was launched earlier this year with the aim of saving parishes £10 million a year across the Church by uniting our buying power through a series of national contracts, and also providing a series of practical Buying Guides. It is not just about financial savings – we seek to help parishes save time, to buy with confidence and be better stewards of their spending. This service has been developed by the national church working with dioceses, and is available to parishes, clergy, dioceses, church schools, and cathedrals.

Join the Energy Basket

Energy is a key spend area for parishes. We have recently heard from several parishes from around the country that have saved over £1500 by using the Parish Buying energy consultant Solis Consulting. As well as currently offering very competitive prices Solis are working with us to bring parishes together with coterminous contract end dates – creating an “energy basket”. By going to the market with a group of several hundred parishes, we expect further savings of at least 10 % compared with the best market price for an individual parish. To find out more details on the energy basket or to log your details so you can be contacted nearer your contract end dates please email: parishbuying@soliconsulting.co.uk or call 0800 980 3959.

We also appreciate that many parishes make a conscious decision to purchase renewable energy. In order to support these parishes we have also negotiated specific deals for green electricity with Good Energy and Ecotricity. You can find more details by registering at www.parishbuying.org.uk.

Save across a range of spend areas

Parishes throughout the country are making savings. We have received positive feedback including 40% savings on stationery, 50% savings on photocopier leases, 60% savings on fire extinguisher contracts and up to 80% saving against RRP with the Parish Buying IT software contract. In the near future national deals for IT hardware, telecoms, and church consumables will be added. Whether parishes are small or large, rural or urban, all can access the same prices and can benefit from buying together!

If you haven't already registered with Parish Buying you can do so at www.parishbuying.org.uk. If you are already using Parish Buying for one deal why don't you try another – and if you are one of the growing number of £1,000 parishes please let us know!

For further information please email procurement@churchofengland.org or call the Parish Buying team on 0800 368 0887.

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