

# St Paul's shrinking its carbon footprint



**St Paul's is an evangelical Anglican Church based in Kingston. With reducing its carbon footprint high on the agenda, St Paul's enlisted the help of Enterprise to reduce the environmental impact of travel by its staff and visitors to and from the site.**

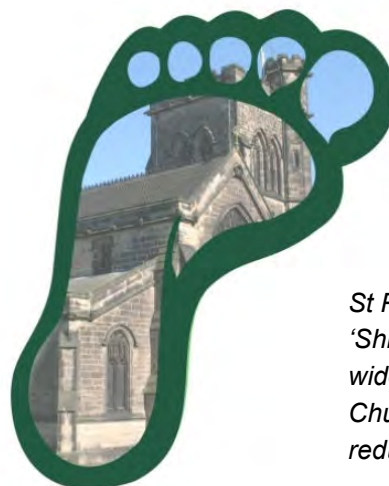
**'Enterprise has helped us to identify solutions to reduce congestion and minimise our carbon footprint, and cyclists are really happy with the facilities that Enterprise has provided.'**

**- Peter Watson, St Paul's**

St Paul's Church in Kingston is a busy Parish that receives over 1000 visitors a week. Having already implemented measures to increase recycling, waste management, and to reduce power usage, St Paul's wanted to expand this to include sustainable travel.

Peter Watson from St Paul's explains; 'Besides regular services, the Church also hosts a large toddlers group on Wednesday mornings, babies group on Fridays and an over-60 club on Tuesday afternoons. In addition, we have a medium-sized Korean Church that leases the premises on Tuesday nights and Sunday afternoons. Therefore we needed to look at ways of making access to the Church easier, reducing the congestion that was building up around the site, and improving on existing facilities that were proving inadequate.'

Taking advantage of the free travel planning service offered by Enterprise, St Paul's introduced a new sustainable commuting initiative for their staff and members, with a large focus on cycle travel. Enterprise's expert travel planners worked with St Paul's to develop a tailored approach to meet the individual needs of the organisation.



*St Paul's Church is part of 'Shrinking the Footprint,' a UK-wide program involving Churches that are seeking to reduce their carbon footprint.*

Enterprise also provided promotional items such as rucksacks, water bottles and cycle repair kits to help St Paul's encourage its staff to adopt the travel plan and choose cycling and walking over driving to the Church.

Additionally, St Paul's took advantage of match-funding provided by Enterprise to install new cycle racks and develop bespoke travel maps with detailed information for staff and visitors on how to access the site using sustainable transport modes; 'Existing bike users have commented on the improvement in facilities and the ability to park larger bikes that it was previously not possible to do;' comments Peter. 'The map has been really useful and will be made part of the induction of new members and staff;' he adds.

Peter has been pleased with the service and free support provided by Enterprise and would recommend it to other organisations looking to find travel solutions in a cost-effective way; 'Congestion around the building and surrounding streets has been reduced thanks to the facilities provided by Enterprise;' Peter says.



*St Paul's received free cycle stands as part of the Enterprise workplace travel plan offering*



**St Paul's free travel plan package from Enterprise includes:**

- Free travel planning expertise
- Cycling support packs including repair kits, drink bottles and backpacks
- Access to funding for bespoke travel maps for visitors and staff

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