

The Cube, St. Paul's 55b Chapel Rd, Worthing BN11 1EE

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Save money on energy bills

Impartial free advice

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Introduction and approach

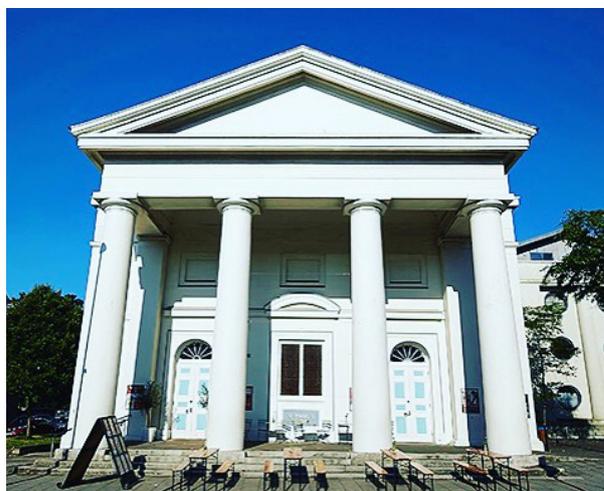
St Paul's Café, opposite the Post Office, is a real treasure trove of history and enjoyment that should be explored. It was originally opened in 1812 as a Chapel and was relaunched in 2010 as a community centre. It has gone from strength to strength to become a vibrant community hub in the heart of Worthing.

However, just like any building, business or home, it costs money to run, so with the help of the local Energy Switching and Energy Efficiency Service run by Transition Town Worthing, not only is the building going through an energy efficiency transformation, it should save St Paul's thousands of pounds in running costs in the years to come.

We want to offer you that service too, so come and chat about how to save energy - all you will need is your energy bill and your questions. The service is completely free and impartial, so if you are one of the 66% of the population who has never switched your energy bill, or you just want advice, come along and let us help you save money and energy at the same time. Funding is also available for both businesses and homes.

For example, in Worthing over recent months, the energy team has saved customers a collective £5000. One customer was able to save over £700 which equates to 211 pints of beer, or over 300 LED bulbs! Another customer ended up with the smallest bill ever of just £167...

What have you got to lose? Come and see St Paul's plans for their upgrade, have a chat about energy saving and share with us what you might have done yourselves to upgrade



your home. You could grab a drink and something to eat at the same time, it's a great community café! See <https://stpaulsworthing.co.uk/> for more details.

More about St Paul's

Originally opened in 1812 as a Chapel, the building later became a Parish Church known as St Paul's before facing closure in 1996 due to an unsafe roof. After many years of redundancy, a trust was formed to take over the building's lease; successfully raising funds to repair the dilapidated roof, the building was reopened in 2010 as a community centre.

This lively venue, right in the heart of Worthing town centre, is somewhat unique. Because it's so spacious, and such a beautiful old church, a lot of people have adopted it as their second home or workplace. You can regularly see groups of mums, and their little ones, in the area where there are toys and settees. Lots of us use it as an informal place to hold meetings – somehow the relaxed ambiance of the place, together with great food and drink, makes for a more creative and fun meeting!

TTW have used it countless times for our L2F (Look to the Future) group as have local strategic partnerships. Some people use it as an informal office – we certainly do. St Paul's

have been kind enough to allow us to use it as a pick-up point for brochures for all our Eco Open House events and for leaflet display for other events – in fact many community groups use it in the same way. There is a display table and stand in the foyer for this purpose.

St Paul's are keen to encourage more use by the community and local groups, so they are happy to give special rates to charities for room hire.

For the last couple of years, we have also run our pop-up energy shop from St Paul's every Wednesday from 10am-3.30pm. You can usually find Sam tucked down near the stage, trying to help people save money on energy bills and make recommendations about how to switch to renewable energy companies if you want to help the planet wean off fossil fuels.

Energy and CO2 performance, heating, hot water, glazing and insulation

St Paul's costs a fortune to run! In lieu of allowing us to use the space on a weekly basis to run our pop-up energy shop, and in order to try to help reduce CO2 and the impact of rising energy bills, TTW commissioned and paid for a full Energy Assessment Report. (http://worthing.greenopenhomes.net/downloads/homes/1519295388_St%20Pauls%20Art%20Centre%20EOA%20reportFFv3_TT%2009.53.54.pdf)

St Paul's are now starting to implement some of the more affordable recommendations from this report and plan to find ways of incorporating the more costly measures.

It's hard to insulate a building of this nature and size; to heat it is a nightmare, particularly with a front door that is constantly opening and closing! Lighting is one thing that's easier to control and it really eats a hole in their annual budget, so St Paul's have wisely made a start on that by replacing some of the very costly halogen lighting with LED bulbs. This will be a phased project and the proposal is to have low energy sensory lighting in the kitchen and toilets and replace all the high-energy-load lighting in all other areas.

St Paul's have two very worn out boilers and old-style radiators and are hoping they might be able to upgrade their heating system. They would like to install roof fans so that they are not losing all their heat up into the very high roof space. They are also considering solar PV. However, the added complication to all of this is that it is a listed building and British Heritage and the Church of England need to be consulted on any alterations, so we hope these issues can be overcome.

We hope that by being part of our Eco Open House event, local people might begin to get some insight into the challenges a building like this presents and help support St Paul's in their mission to cut costs and CO2.

