



# We're going SOLAR....!

Brunswick church is hoping to put solar panels on the roof to reduce our energy costs and do our bit to respect our amazing God-given planet.



we can make a Big Green Statement!

Brunswick has got involved as part of our Refurb project - read more about that inside. We want to

We have joined with 17 other community organisations who would like to use solar power but can't afford to install it. Together we have formed 'Community Energy Greater Manchester'.

CEGM is a Community Benefit Society that will install solar panels on all of our buildings. Together

raise £3000 towards the cost of the solar panels and will be doing so in several fun fund-raisers. See the back page for more details.

Ultimately this is about enabling Brunswick to continue its work serving this community. Would you like to help us help you? We would love it if you did!

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# Simon says...



## “...God Goes Green

No, I've not seen the above headline on the news. Yet, with the growing concern for our environment and all things

'green', cynics could argue that any calls by the church, urging its followers to be environmentally friendly, is simply jumping on the bandwagon.

Fair point, for certainly the church should be concerned to follow truth, not just the latest 'trend'.

But wait a minute. What if responsibility for the earth isn't just a recent concern but in fact goes back as long as humans have been around?

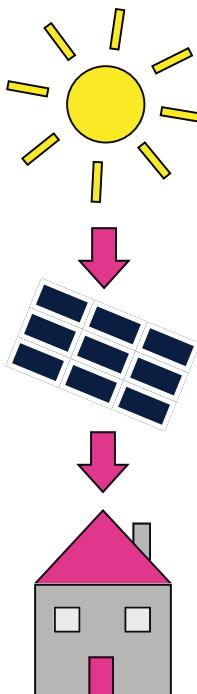
This I believe should be our starting point, for we're told in Genesis (the very first book of the

Bible) God saw all that He had made and it was very good (Gen. 1:31), and it was to us humans that God gave the responsibility of working and taking care of it (Gen. 2:15).

So, the call to look after our planet by acting more responsibly towards the earth and its finite resources, including making use of solar energy as we at Brunswick are seeking to do, could be said to be a rediscovered truth.

God goes green? No, He always has been, so any friends of God are friends of the earth - His earth.

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## Solar Energy Facts True or False? Try our Quiz

1. In one hour the sun produces enough energy to power the whole world for a year.
2. 10,000 houses in the United Kingdom have solar panels on their roof.
3. One million people in the world live without light in their homes.
4. Solar panels work in the winter.
5. In America a new solar panel is installed every 30 minutes.
6. Donkeys in Turkey carry solar panels so their shepherds can connect to the internet.
7. Solar energy is free energy from the sun.
8. Solar panels don't work when it is cloudy.



Answers on page 4.

# BRUNSWICK REFURB PROJECT

Believe it or not, Brunswick church building is over 40 years old! That is forty years of an open door to everyone and anyone in the Brunswick community through youth work, community work, senior citizen work and of course Sunday services. Some of you may be old enough to remember initiatives such as 'Friends of the Flats' or the 'Drop-In'. Nowadays we have our Open Access project, led by the brilliant Mo, which includes a whole range of services and activities such as Work Club, ESOL and Young@Heart.

That forty-plus years of people coming through the doors, walking over the floors, sitting on seats etc, has meant a lot of wear and tear Do we mind? Not in the slightest! It's what the building is here for, and various consultations and surveys have shown how much it is valued by this community.

However, the building could now do with a bit of refreshing and repair so, with the estate currently going through a programme of renewal and rebuilding by S4B, we thought this is the perfect time for what is in many ways the estate's community

hub to also have a bit of TLC. A refurbishment in fact. So we have launched a project called... Refurb.

A Refurb group, which includes church members and representatives from S4B has already started meeting and, after doing our own survey to find

out what local people wanted from this building, a number of ideas are in early stages of development. The solar panels project is the first of these. More will follow, but for these we will need to raise funds as no provision for community buildings has been made in the funding S4B have been given to work with. The members of the church are willing to do their bit (on top of the hours they give as volunteers running various activities), but we will need help and partners. Not just money, but ideas, expertise and encouragement. Wouldn't it be great if as a community we could make this 'Refurb' happen?

Find out more and contact us at: [www.brunswickchurch.org.uk/refurb](http://www.brunswickchurch.org.uk/refurb)



# Solar Panels for a fiver!

## (well, lots of fivers)

Over the next few months we will be raising £3000 towards getting solar panels installed on our roof. The easiest and simplest way in which you can join in is by going to the website [www.cegm.org.uk](http://www.cegm.org.uk), look for the Brunswick Church page and donate £5 to buy and personalise your very own 'solar tile'.



## Watch out for our other fun fundraisers...

**SOLAR STROLL:** May 1, 1:15pm starting at Brunswick Church. An all-age sponsored walk of 1300 metres to Whitworth Park. Walk, stroll, push, hop, 3-legged, skate, scoot - get there by any (legal) on-pavement means. Sponsor forms from the Church Office or download from: [www.brunswickchurch.org.uk/solar](http://www.brunswickchurch.org.uk/solar).



**CAKE SALE:** June 5, from 12:30pm in Brunswick Church foyer. Exact details are still, er, being cooked up, but this will be a solar sale of cakes and baked goodies like no other. Maybe ever.

We will also have stalls at **Swinton Grove Park Fun Day**, 12-4pm, Saturday July 9 and **Brunswick Community Street Party**, Hartfield Close, Saturday July 16.

Suggestions for more fun fundraisers welcome.

More info: [www.brunswickchurch.org.uk/solar](http://www.brunswickchurch.org.uk/solar).



True  
False  
Quiz  
Answers

1. True
2. False: it's 500,000
3. False: it's 1.4 billion
4. True
5. False: Every 4 mins.
6. True →
7. True
8. False

### S4B Information & Useful Numbers

For more information about the S4B regeneration scheme in Brunswick and to subscribe to the mailing list, please go to: [www.inbrunswick.co.uk](http://www.inbrunswick.co.uk).

Or you can phone the team on 0161 234 4995 or 0161 234 4805. You can also email: [info@S4Brunswick.co.uk](mailto:info@S4Brunswick.co.uk) or call 0808 280 2810.