



Christ Church, Portola Valley, CA

Inspiration for Village Power Finance

At a Glance...

Project Cost: \$285,000
Project Size: 55kW
Community: Church Members
Funding: 100% members
No. of Investors: 15
Return on Investment: 7%
Power Purchaser: Christ Church
Church Savings: \$7,000/year

Solar Champions:

- Reverend Mitch Lindeman
- Tim McAdam, Board Member
- Dan Hill, Congregant

Contractor:

Cobalt Power Systems

Going solar and improving energy efficiency saves your Church money and protects the planet.

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The Challenge

Christ Church, the Episcopal parish for the California towns of Woodside and Portola Valley had a congregation that was eager to go solar. Under the leadership of Rev. Mitch Lindeman, the church had received bids on building the system, but financing the project turned out to be a challenge. Inquiries to solar finance companies and banks were fruitless, despite the long history of the church and the strong financial condition of the parish.

The Solution

Rev. Lindeman partnered up with members of his community to pull together a community finance solution. Tim McAdam, a member of the church vestry and a partner in local financial services firm, tapped his professional network for guidance on the financial structure, legal issues, tax policy, and operational challenges. Dan Hill, a church member, was a development executive for Cobalt Power Systems, a local solar contractor



Christ Church's Rev. Mitch Lindeman, blessing the solar panels.

The Result

"There's tremendous pride among the community that we're doing the right thing here. I can't think of a better example of faith in action, rising as a community to a challenge and caring for God's creation." – *The Rev Mitch Lindeman*

"It was a thrill to realize the financing solution lay right here within our own community. The Parish really united behind the project to get it across the finish line" – *Congregant Dan Hill*

Congregant Rob Morse says, "there's no downside." Morse, a father of three and a proud investor in Christ Church's solar system, notes that "the church is saving money, the planet benefits, and I get a check from my church every month."

