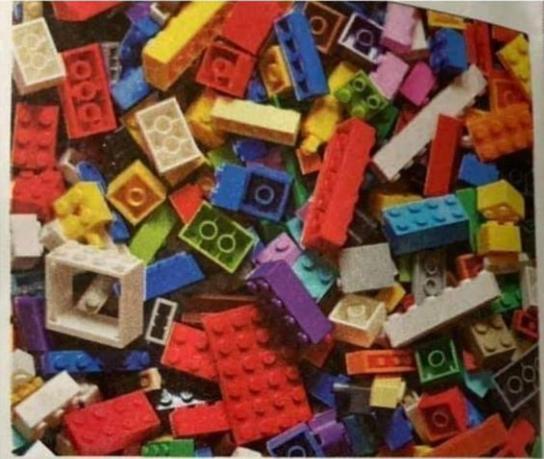


DBC Eco Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our monthly Newsletter.

Those of you with children may have Lego around. If you no longer have any use for it try advertising it on our DBC Freecycle or there is now a scheme where you can get it recycled.



DON'T TOSS OLD LEGO BRICKS. The company has a new service called LEGO Replay that will allow your hand-me-downs to be washed, sorted, and donated to a charity that works with children. If you're unsure whether your old bricks meet quality standards, send them anyway. LEGO can grind them down and use them to make new pieces. Go to GiveBackBox.com/LEGO, print out a shipping label, box your bricks and ship them from the post office. LEGO.com.

Earth Day and Traidcraft

Thursday 22 April was Earth Day and Traidcraft launched their Plant an Acre initiative as part of the Regenerators Appeal. They are raising money to plant 300 acres of fruit trees in Tanzania. It only costs £50 to plant an entire acre of trees. But planting these 300 acres gives additional benefits.

Firstly, and I am sure you know this, trees take in CO2 and give out oxygen. They actively reduce global warming. They also protect against the risk of flooding and erosion.

Secondly, the reason they are planting fruit trees is they form the start of future businesses. Selling fruit locally is another source of income for people who can use their profits to literally work their way out of poverty.

Planting 300 acres isn't the only tree planting they will do during the Regenerators appeal up to the 7th June, they are aiming to raise £30,000 and plant 632 acres in total.

Can you help – go to www.action.traidcraft.org.uk to donate.

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Caring for the earth is of course vital and there is much in the news at the moment. I came across this poster, which I thought was very thought provoking.



The following is from Chris Walton.

Jesus said:

'Whoever receives one such child (he had put a child in the middle of the group) in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me?'

Mark 9.13-16

Ross and I have used some of the pent up energy of COVID19's lockdowns reflecting on and writing about our ministry over the years. Among other things I have produced a series of six podcasts about our reflections about children as they discover the natural world. These podcasts suggest that our vocation is to become friends of creation rather than wage war with the natural world. They also teach that in order to do this we adults need to listen to and believe our children and let them become our teachers of awe and wonder remembering that Jesus also said:

"Whoever does not receive the kingdom like a child will not enter into it at all" (Mark 10.15)

The podcasts are a part of our desire to 'broadcast' the desperate need for all of us to participate in the 'Great Work'. Thomas Berry was a Christian ecologist who died only ten or

so years ago whose vision was that we should all participate in the Great Work, that is: to carry out the transition from a period of human devastation of the earth to a period when humans would be present to the planet in a mutually beneficial manner.

The podcasts implore us all to care for, listen to, and believe the children for, whoever receives one such child also receives God the creator of all things.

You will find them at:

<https://soundcloud.com/chriswaltonpodcasts>

1. **Becoming friends of nature**
2. **The innate mysticism of children**
3. **"and a little child shall lead them"**
4. **Spirituality re-imagined**
5. **A Child Crushing society**
6. **The hope of childlikeness for adults**

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