

DBC Eco Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our monthly Newsletter.

COP26

What is COP26 – It is the 26th meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP). Being held from 1-12th November the world is headed for Glasgow.

Why Does COP26 Matter

Six years on from the 2015 Paris Agreement, it's a key moment to take stock of progress, but also ramp up commitments alongside a clear plan of action for how climate action targets will be met in the short, medium, and long terms.

What is the Paris Agreement?

Adopted at COP21 in 2015, the majority of the world's nations committed to containing global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius, and preferably to 1.5 degrees. It was a major culmination of more than twenty years of diplomatic action.

How far are we to meeting the targets of the Paris Agreement – Not very far. We see all around us the effects of global warming and yet have we seen much in the way of action. There has been a lot of talk but little action. This is an important time for the environment and measures need to be put in place immediately if there is to be any hope of reaching the Paris Agreement targets. Our government keeps talking about how important it is but we don't seem to see much action. Prior to COP26 I would encourage you to write to your MP asking them to put pressure on the government to stop talking and start doing. You can find out who your MP is by following this link <https://members.parliament.uk/members/commons>.

WHAT IS YOUR FOOD'S CARBON FOOTPRINT?

Avoiding meat and dairy products is one of the biggest ways to reduce your environmental impact, according to recent scientific studies.

Switching to a plant-based diet can help fight climate change, according to a major report by the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which says the West's high consumption of meat and dairy is fuelling global warming.

But what is the difference between beef and chicken? Does a bowl of rice produce more climate warming greenhouse gases than a plate of chips? Is wine more environmentally friendly than beer?

To find out the climate impact of what you eat and drink, choose from one of the 34 items in our calculator and pick how often you have it. Go to www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-46459714

Food production is responsible for a quarter of all greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to global warming, according to a University of Oxford study.

However, the researchers found that the environmental impact of different foods varies hugely.

Their findings showed that meat and other animal products are responsible for more than half of food-related greenhouse gas emissions, despite providing only a fifth of the calories we eat and drink. Of all the products analysed in the study, beef and lamb were found to have by far the most damaging effect on the environment.

How about committing to meat free Mondays. You don't have to go vegetarian or vegan but by making one day a week you can help.

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Bras for Africa



Sandra Herman is collecting good used bras for the above charity. She will be collecting up to mid-October. If you have any quality used bras please let Sandra have them in time to send.

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Do you have empty paint cans that you don't know what to do with?

Crown Decorating Centres will recycle your used paint cans with Can Back. Once a paint can is empty it can be taken to any of Crown Decorating Centres. Whats more they will take any make of paint can. We have a centre in either in Chesterfield or Sheffield.

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DBC Freecycle

Collection of CD's of classical music. Contact Margaret Keen – 01246 416273 or 07835455940 for more details.

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For more information about DBC Eco Church Group contact Margaret Keen at margaret.keen@talk21.com

Unwanted Videos

If you have any videos you don't want they can be taken to The Lighthouse Charity Shop on Chatsworth Road, Chesterfield. Its located not far from Lidl supermarket. Most charity shops won't take them.

