

# DBC Eco Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our monthly Newsletter.

## Choose the World You Want – Fairtrade Petition

This November is our last, best chance to secure a future for our planet. As global leaders meet at the COP26 climate summit, we need urgent action. Climate change is already damaging the livelihoods of farming communities who grow so much of our food. They are on the front line of a worsening crisis they have done the least to cause. It's not a faraway problem – it affects us all.

You may have seen the following cards from Fairtrade in the entrance to Church. Please take one and sign the petition now.



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## Tenants of the King

As a Fellowship Group we have been following a 4 part series entitled Tenants of the King put together by Operation Noah. This is an excellent series of group studies

which anyone can lead or could be used for personal study. There are 4 videos to go with the studies and even if you don't do the studies I would encourage you to watch the videos. They are only 5 or 6 minutes long and quite thought provoking. They can be found at [www.operationnoah.org](http://www.operationnoah.org) go to resources and you will find a link to the Tenants of the King section. Scroll down and you will find another link to the videos on YouTube.

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## Recycling Opportunities

Firstly, LUSH is no longer collecting plastic bottle tops. They have been inundated and the processing plant can no longer accept any more. Please put your plastic bottle tops, still on the bottle, in your burgundy bin. Thank you for all the support you have given to this project.

## New Opportunities

**Tablet blister packs.** Please keep the blister packs your tablets come in and pass them on to me. There is a local collection point for these.

**Babybel packaging.** All packaging from Babybel cheese can be recycled including the net and the outer packaging that they come in. Again save all the packaging and pass to me.

**Kinder Egg.** The inner capsule can be recycled. Again please save and pass to me to go to the local collection point.

For further information or collection please contact me on 07835455940 or [margaret.keen@talk21.com](mailto:margaret.keen@talk21.com) Many thanks.

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## **FAST FASHION**

The fashion industry has to change. Not a little bit, but a lot. We've got to break the cycle where a new crisis breaks out every few years in the garment industry. From the 2012 Rana Plaza disaster to the cancelling of orders at the start of the pandemic, there has been one constant: workers at the bottom of the supply chain being exploited.

We need to fundamentally change the rules of the game. Anything less will mean more suffering for the people who make clothes that are bought and sold in the UK.

Many garment retailers are owned by billionaires and yet they still cut corners and force suppliers to do the same to squeeze out profit.

Retailers demand last-minute changes, faster delivery times and discounts on previously agreed prices. As an example, say a retailer suddenly demands that the supplier factories deliver in two weeks instead of two months as previously agreed. If the supplier factory agrees to the new delivery date to stay in the retailer's good books, the supplier factory then must make workers meet incredibly arduous production targets and arrange for the clothes to be transported by air instead of by sea.

Working faster and delivering by air is much more expensive and might even wipe out the factory's profit from the work. This pressure is passed down to the people making clothes in the form of low wages and excessive, sometimes unpaid, overtime.

Retailers won't change the way they do business unless they're forced to. Asking fashion brands to voluntarily do the right thing will only get so far. That's why Traidcraft is campaigning for the UK government to set up a Fashion Watchdog. This would be a new regulator backed by law and would make sure garment retailers buy in goods fairly and properly from suppliers in the UK and

around the world. It is a big, systemic change that would make all big garment retailers change the way they do business.

Find out more and take action at [traidcraftexchange.org/fashion-watchdog](http://traidcraftexchange.org/fashion-watchdog)

(Taken from Trade Matters from Traidcraft Exchange magazine)

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## **Christmas Traidcraft Stall**

Obviously we were unable to hold a stall last year in the run up to Christmas due to the pandemic but it is planned to hold a stall after the morning service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November. There will be the opportunity to buy Christmas cards, gifts and foodstuffs all fairly traded.

If there is any particular item you would like me to obtain please contact me on 07835455940. Margaret Keen.

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**Please Pray for all the World leaders who will be attending COP26 that they would turn words into actions.**

## **DRONFIELD BAPTIST FREECYCLE**

Remember if you have something that you no longer need advertise it here – it may be just the thing someone else is looking for. Lets avoid items going to landfill.

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