

DBC Eco Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our Newsletter.

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Green Eggs – Celebrate Easter with Morrisons' eco-friendly eggs. Mindful that growing soy for chicken feed accounts for extensive deforestation, the supermarket chain has switched to insect feed at ten of its free-range egg farms. It's all part of a circular agriculture scheme: the chickens feed on black soldier fly larvae, which are fed by waste from Morrisons' fruit and veg processing site in Yorkshire.

Earth Day 2022 – 22 April 2022 – Earth Day has taken place every 22 April since 1970. It is credited with inspiring the modern environmental movement. It started in the US with 20 million people protesting against issues such as polluted rivers, oil spills and air pollution and their actions led to several new laws being passed. Check out the web site for lots of interesting facts – www.earthday.org

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Traidcraft Easter Appeal – Small Farm. Strong Business.

Lydia Karimi and Jenny Kajuju Rugiri met at a market in Nanyuki, Kenya around 5 years ago and after building a strong friendship, they started a business selling produce together. Both have received training through Traidcraft Exchange – in budgeting, record-keeping and small group leadership. *“Our income has increased, our records have improved. Now we are able to sort out what is for the market and what is for your home. Even, to build yourself. Being in a group also helped, especially through table banking.”*

Their group has over 120,000 Kenyan shillings circulating through the table banking initiative and a desire to expand. Jenny says *“We ensure that we have lent out to the last penny. We see it best the money be earning interest for the group.”*

Lydia and Jenny's entrepreneurial instincts built a business, and a small amount of support helped their business to thrive.

This Easter, your donation will help farmers turn their land into a business which supports them through the most difficult times.

For more information and to donate online to www.traidcraftexchange.org/easter

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Fans of *Bake Off* may remember Nancy Birtwhistle, former winner who has now turned her hand to green cleaning. Nancy has a 'Pure Magic' recipe for cleaning almost everything.

You will need:

200g citric acid	10 drops
150ml just-boiled water	organic tea
20ml eco-friendly	tree oil
washing-up liquid	400ml spray bottle

Method:

Place the citric acid crystals in a heatproof measuring jug and pour over the just-boiled water. Stir until the liquid is clear and the crystals have dissolved. Add the eco-friendly washing-up liquid and tea tree oil and mix well using a small whisk. Leave the liquid in the jug to cool completely, uncovered, for a few hours, then pour into a spray bottle and it is

ready to use. Remember to rinse the nozzle after use to prevent it seizing from the sticky citric acid.

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Eco Friendly toilet cleaner: Mix equal quantities of bicarbonate of soda with citric acid. Ensure the bowl of the toilet is wet and sprinkle around the bowl and in the water. Leave for 20 minutes, clean with a toilet brush and flush. You can add some essential oils if you want it to be fragranced. I find it best to mix it just as you need to use it so it doesn't absorb any dampness.

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3.4 million journeys by foot, scooter and bike were clocked up as part of Sustrans' Big Walk and Wheel to school last April. See www.bigpedal.org.uk for info on this year's event.

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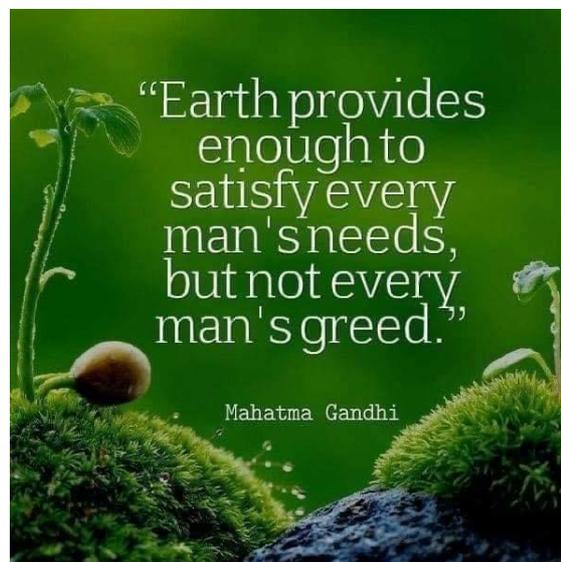
Here is a quick reminder of what can be recycled at Sainsburys.



Recycling at Boots of toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes and make up.



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Don't forget to make use of DBC Freecycle. Let me know if you have anything to post on here.