

DBC Eco Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our Newsletter.

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The Big Plastic Count – 16th-22nd May

How did you get on with your plastic count? Don't forget to send your results in by 31 May. We had 41 pieces of plastic over the 7 days, which would equate to 2,132 pieces over a year. We don't have a great deal of plastic as I use refill stores and plastic free supplies. If all households were like ours the UK would use 59,909,200,000 bits of plastic a year. Considering that probably most households use far more plastic than we do that figure will be much, much higher. Do let me know how you got on and what your results were.

What happens to your plastic packaging waste:

8% is recycled in the UK. Plastic waste that is sorted and reprocessed in the UK then turned into new materials.

11% is exported. The UK sends tonnes of rubbish to other countries every day – often to countries in the Global South. Investigations have shown much of it ends up being dumped or burned.

29% is sent to landfill. When plastic is buried in the ground at a landfill, it releases harmful gases into the atmosphere, while wind and rain carry microplastics into surrounding areas.

52% is incinerated. Burning or incinerating plastic releases carbon, toxins and pollutants into the air, presenting numerous health risks for local communities and contributing to climate change.

Thank you to all who took part.

Naturewatch

Churches Count on Nature was piloted last year and is becoming an annual event promoted jointly by Caring for God's Acre, A Rocha UK, the Church of England and the Church in Wales. During a week in June, it brings people together to discover and record the wildlife in their local churchyard. All the results are combined on the Beautiful Burial Ground portal of the National Biodiversity Network's database of wildlife in the UK.

This year's event will run from 4-12 June.



NO ONE IS TOO SMALL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE by Greta Thunberg. Published by Penguin

In August 2018 Greta Thunberg a fifteen-year-old Swedish girl decided not to go to school one day. Her actions ended up sparking a global movement for action against the climate crisis, inspiring millions of pupils to go on strike for our planet, forcing governments to listen, and earning her a Nobel Peace Prize nomination.

This book/audio book brings Greta's own words from her speeches across Europe. I would thoroughly recommend reading it or listening to the audio book. Available from Derbyshire County Council Library or from their online library collection.

Use your LOAF!

Bread is full of symbolic meaning for Christians. In the gospels Jesus described Himself as "the bread of life". When you next go food shopping, especially if you are buying for your Church, why not adopt some of Green Christian's LOAF principles? LOAF stands for food that is Locally produced, Organically grown, Animal friendly or Fairly traded.

A Message from Green Christian

Use your LOAF to make a difference!

The importance of food as an environmental issue is increasingly apparent. As you eat your meal today, Green Christian invites you to reflect on the LOAF principles:

Food matters. The kind of food we choose should demonstrate our care for God's creation.

What food is provided in our church? At home? How far did it travel?

Locally produced

Organically grown

Animal friendly

Fairly traded

Bread has symbolic meaning.

Jesus blessed and broke bread and gave it to his disciples saying 'Do this in remembrance of me'.




Do photography and use this placement at commercial events to prompt reflection on the environmental impact of our choice of food. Green Christian can be contacted at: 10 The Gardens, Harley Village, Hampshire, RG21 9BQ, UK. or by phone on 01463 458 840, email info@greencristian.org.uk website www.greencristian.org ©2019 Green Christian

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So beautiful is the world You created

So beautiful is the world You created – from soil to sea, plants and trees of every sort.

How wonderful the waters teeming with living creatures, birds flying across the skies, all creatures and beasts on the land

Oh, how we have taken for granted and so greedily from the earth – destroyed habitats, hunted to extinction, desecrated environments and species.

We are sorry for our ignorance, our selfishness, our behaviour

Turn us into agents of action –
 Help us to change our ways –
 Encourage us to bring others with us; families, friends, politicians and world leaders to....

Learn new fairer, greener ways to live with each other

On this beautiful blue planet, till every...

Valley and mountain top, field and forest, river and sea is restored, and we find a new balance to live as You intended, for....

EVERMORE.

Amen

Sue Charlton
 (Green Christian Website Prayers)

DBC Freecycle

One bag of sharp sand – Contact Gilli Gore.



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