

DBC Eco Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our Newsletter.

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THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT – The results are in. The bit plastic count revealed that UK households throw away 96 billion pieces of plastic every year and only 12% of it is actually recycled in the UK. The other 88% is burnt, buried or dumped overseas.

Greenpeace has launched a petition to change this. You can sign the petition by going to www.action.greenpeace.org.uk The Big Plastic Count was the biggest ever investigation into plastic waste, it has helped expose the shocking and powerful truth about the scale of the crisis and what really happens to all that plastic.

If the government is really serious about tackling the plastic crisis, they need to cut the amount of plastic being produced in the first place and help the UK move to reusable packaging which works for everyone. So many of us recycle and should keep doing our bit but the government needs to step up and do theirs too. **Please sign the petition.**



On The Road

Saturday 3 September 2022-07-19

This is our Eco Event in partnership with Green Christian. Please do come along from 9.30 to 3.30. Join us as we seek ways to care for creation and to make the necessary lifestyle changes both as individuals and as nations.

The event is free (donations welcome), but please bring something for a 'bring and share' lunch.



Finding our way and walking gently together

Green Christian

'On the Road'

Dronfield

Saturday 3 September 2022

9.30am till 3.30pm

Dronfield Baptist Church

Join us as we seek ways to care for creation and to make the necessary lifestyle changes both as individuals and as nations.

Please bring something to share for lunch.
Cost free – but donations on the day are welcome.

greenchristian.org.uk/on-the-road-together-in-dronfield/dronfieldbaptist.co.uk/

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Stubley Lane
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Come to the 'On The Road Event' for more ideas.

The day will including sessions on:

• Joy in Enough - Awakening to a New Economics. Joy in Enough is a challenge to join in building a just economy while being mindful of how it impacts on our fragile earth and its inhabitants.

*Joy
in
Enough*



• The Green Christian Way of Life. How Prayer, Living Gently on the Earth, Public Witness and Encouragement equips and aids us for our ongoing journey.

Weather permitting there will be an opportunity to experience the Lea Brook Valley, a local nature reserve.

DBC Freecycle



Camping/picnic electric cool box, 12 volt and mains and in good working order. Contact Mike Herman 07759820818

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What is Earth Overshoot Day?

Earth overshoot day is when humanity has used up more resources than the earth can regenerate in a year. 2022 sees the earliest it has ever been – Thursday 28th July. Each country has a different date based on the rate they use resources. We've already zoomed past the UK Overshoot Day, which was 19th May but we're still a long way off Jamaica's Overshoot Day which isn't until 20th December.

How can we move the date? To permanently move the date we need to tread more lightly and live within our ecological means.

- **Diet** - Eat a planet friendly diet, buying from local, sustainable producers.
- **Voice** - Use your voice to demand change: vote, sign petitions, protest.
- **Energy** - Use energy sustainably and try to reduce the amount that is wasted.



Electric air purifier, useful for asthma sufferers. Contact David Grime on 01246 413952

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