

DBC Eco Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our Newsletter.

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SOME TOP TIPS TO TRY OVER THE NEXT YEAR.

August – Make your own ice lollies in reusable freezer moulds

September – Reuse bread and cereal bags as sandwich or freezer bags

October – Don't buy individually wrapped sweets – go for those sold loose in boxes or jars

November – If you can afford it, order milk online for delivery in glass bottles

December – Find old wrapping paper to use for this year's presents

January – Leave your reusable shopping bags at the front door so you don't forget them on the way out

February – Carry wet flannels in a box instead of wet wipes for babies and toddlers

March – Buy loose fruit and veg

April – Reuse small soft-fruit punnets as seed trays or use cardboard loo roll tubes for planting seedlings instead of little plastic pots

May – Use paper tape, reused bubble wrap and cardboard boxes for packaging

June – Put a plate over leftover food in the fridge. No more clingfilm!

July – Cut up old clothes that aren't good enough to pass on and turn them into cleaning cloths

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SECOND HAND SEPTEMBER

Last year we encouraged you to take part in Second Hand September. We are asking you to do it again this year but not only September but to continue to buy second hand.

What is Second Hand September?

Second Hand September is an Oxfam campaign to encourage all of us to shop second hand and donate, reuse, rewear and restyle during September – and beyond!

Since 2019, Second Hand September has inspired thousands of people to shop in a way that is kinder to people and planet.

This year, signing up will get you a free limited edition poster and postcard set, so you can spread the word about sustainable shopping, and help fight the climate crisis in style. Go to <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/get-involved/second-hand-september/>

Donate Clothes

Fashion doesn't have to add fuel to the climate crisis. Donate your pre-loved clothes, and give them another life. Every item you donate gives clothes a second life, reduces waste, and funds change that the world needs, now.

Why Shop Second hand?

What you wear has never been more important. The fashion industry is one of the worst offenders for greenhouse gas emissions. Meanwhile, people who have done the least to cause the climate crisis are facing the very real consequences.

Shopping and donating second hand is one step we can take towards building a better, safer, fairer world.

Climate change is impossible to ignore – and it’s pushing people deeper into poverty. So, it’s more important than ever to act now, to prevent this global crisis from becoming a global catastrophe.

When a new pair of jeans is made, an estimated 16.2kg of CO2 is emitted – the equivalent of driving over 58 miles in a car. So, by recirculating our clothes – buying, wearing and donating second hand – we can help to reduce the demand for new clothes. And this could in turn help to reduce the damage to our planet.

By shopping with Oxfam, you’re investing in vital work to beat poverty – standing with communities worldwide as they fight the climate crisis and speak out against the global inequalities that push people deeper into poverty.

(Taken from Oxfam Web Site. Visit for more information and ideas - <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/get-involved/second-hand-september/>)

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Dronfield Baptist Freecycle:

TV Aerial for camping and caravanning



A collection of tent poles. Can be used as non-rot bean/plant poles or framing up for netting or Polytunnel



Fiamma Awning tie down kit



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