

THE FIFTH MARK OF MISSION

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation
and sustain and renew the life of the earth



What a Waste!

The best way to do something about the problem of waste is prevention, by reducing the finite resources we consume. Below are links to interesting ideas and inspiration. The next pages have practical suggestions about reusing and recycling.

The story of Stuff A cartoon with Annie Leonard

www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GorqroiqqM

Economics of Climate Change with Tim Jackson

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lp29wq5F4Fw

'Trashed' new film/documentary with Jeremy Irons www.trashedfilm.com

REconomy Tools for building a better local economy www.reconomy.org/

12 Baskets 'Loads of ways to share stuff better'

www.actionweek.org.uk/history/PHAW10_12_baskets.pdf

Friends of the Earth outline for a Waste Review

www.foe.co.uk/resource/briefings/rubbish.pdf

Reusing what we no longer want

You name it, you'll find out what to do with it here! **Derbyshire County Council A-Z on Waste** www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/rubbish_waste/az_waste

Many schemes such as those which pass on 'white goods' and furniture, are alleviating poverty by re-distributing surplus! Some of them mend and restore donated goods providing skills and jobs.

Specs can be taken to High Street Opticians – most have arrangements to send on to international charities e.g. Vision Aid Overseas www.visionaidoverseas.org/

Churches might consider hosting a textile recycling bank on the premises – **A third of all clothes end up in landfill!** www.traid.org.uk/host.html 020 8733 2580



Your rubbish could be someone else's treasure!

www.ilovefreegle.org/groups/east-midlands

www.freecycle.org/group/UK/East%20Midlands

There's also Scrapstores www.scrapstoresuk.org/ or items can be sold locally - www.gumtree.com/

We throw away a third of the Food we buy – half of which is edible!
www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/

Foodbank schemes will welcome items which are well in-date
www.advisederbyshire.org/foodbanks.asp

Recycling

Follow your local Council guidance for kerbside collections by separating items and avoiding contamination e.g. rinse out plastic containers.

Retailers have an obligation to take-back an electrical product you are replacing like-for-like - Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) directive – the aim is to recycle 85% of this waste by 2016.

Be aware of hazardous items e.g. Low energy lighting Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFL) have mercury in them. These should be disposed of to local Council waste facility or other depots not put in the 'black bin'.

www.recolight.co.uk/Consumers/FREE-Light-Bulb-Collection Most supermarkets take used batteries.

In all purchasing, choose products with low environmental impact, e.g. cleaning materials www.which.co.uk and search for “natural cleaning products

Look for wood, stationery products and furniture with the UK or global forest stewardship mark.



Avoid single-use, disposable products such as polystyrene cups and plates.

Use recycled materials whenever possible e.g. from Reclamation yards

For a more in-depth look at Greening Church spending have a look at Eco-Congregation Module 8 <http://ew.ecocongregation.org/resources/module>

Building Community

Linking up with other people locally, who are reducing, reusing and recycling is getting more possible through the Transition movement and other grass-roots sustainability initiatives. The 'Transition Network' supports community-led responses to climate change and shrinking supplies of cheap energy while aiming to build resilience and happiness. www.transitionnetwork.org/

Change is more likely to be kept up if **groups of people come together** to challenge and support each other. One scheme is **ecoteams** run by www.globalactionplan.org.uk Our local contact is Tom Veitch tom.veitch@globalactionplan.org.uk

Streetbank shows you all the items and skills your neighbours are offering. It's a giant garden shed, toolkit, fancy dress chest, book and DVD library as well as a skills bank for your neighbourhood. www.streetbank.com/splash

Can your Church get involved in any of these ways?

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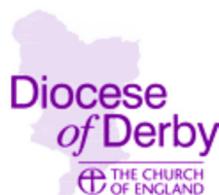
Faith in Derbyshire – Environment Group

www.faithinderbyshire.org/environment

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