

Midweek Matters

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Take your everyday, ordinary life- your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life and place it before God as an offering." Romans 12:1 MSG

Sunday 4th October 2020, Harvest Service

Steve and Sarah brought us a thought-provoking eco-service for Harvest, picking up where we left off last year with "Sow good things".

The **Vanderson's** shared their journey of renovating their new house and reducing household energy use (on moving in they discovered hay and straw insulating the loft!). I particularly enjoyed David's sage advice to "Put a jumper on!" rather than turn your heating up, a sentiment I heard many times growing up!

Save the penguins!



Sue and Lucy made us all hungry talking about growing your own fruit and veg. Get your Christmas Brussels sprouts from Lucy if you can get to them before the deer!



Mark and I shared about ditching and switching from single use plastics to reusable alternatives. Mark has challenged himself to move from compostable coffee pods to roasting his own coffee beans by next year's harvest service....watch this space...!

Our harvest offering will be going to Christian Aid to support their Amazon rainforest appeal. I didn't even know the Amazon Rainforest was burning, did you? The fires are caused by human activity, especially clearing lands for farming and illegal mining for gold. As well as giving to the appeal through church (label gift 'harvest'), if you follow the link [here](#) you can educate yourself on the issues of deforestation. There is also a petition to sign to ask Boris to put pressure on protecting the rights of the Indigenous people who are on the frontline of these fires.

Steve challenged us to be more mindful as consumers:

- How much justice are we spreading or taking away with our spending?
- How can we be more aware of our resource consumption and reducing unnecessary waste?
- What one change can you make this month to live more sustainably or ethically? We'd love to hear about it!

"For I, the Lord, love justice"

Isaiah 61:8

God Bless,

Hannah (with thanks to Sally for the images)

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