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The Ecological Conversion Group is a small group of Catholic volunteers responding to Pope Francis's encyclical "Laudato Si" in which he calls for us to become Ecologically Converted.

The Ecological Conversion is whereby the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us.

Brothers Edward and John Paul made friends with Eleanor over a heated discussion on our planet's current ecological crisis, its cause: our everyday mediocre lifestyles and the apparent lack of interest people showed to the subject. We realised we all shared a passion for saving our common home and that there needed to be a big change to the way we were living if we were to truly say that we loved our neighbours.

Spurred on by the publication of the Pope's document "Laudato Si" we set out to help people understand how little things in our daily lives can be changed in order to build community, and in doing so build stronger relationships with God, ourselves, our neighbours through care for our common home.

This Website is intended to be a resource for anyone who wants to know more about the ecological conversion or spread it's joyful message. We are producing resources for you to download and use, as well as creating a library of useful articles, links and videos to help you along your journey to a holy and sustainable life.



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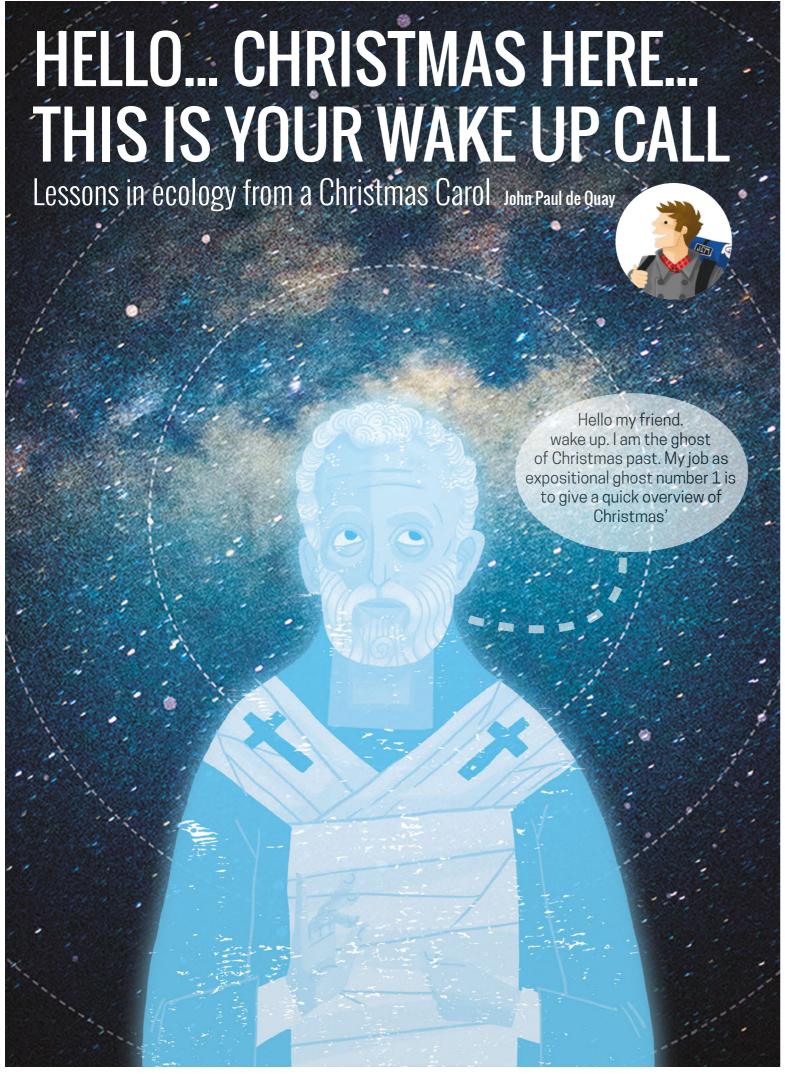
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dvent; the time leading up to Christmas means 'the Lord is coming'. It is a time of preparation, of making changes in our lives. In the first two weeks we fast and seek forgiveness for our misdeeds and failings thus shedding the harmful and unnecessary and re-prioritising to move forwards. The third week is one of joyful anticipation, with the final week giving way to celebration. So the important components of Advent are fasting, anticipation and joy.

Gifts are a huge part of Christmas. The three wise men brought practical, meaningful gifts, baby Jesus himself is a gift to us. Gifts were originally given as a way of helping those in need. Just look at the story of St. Nicholas; the first father Christmas. Christmas is traditionally considered a time of showing love, especially to those who may otherwise be forgotten or marginalised. I'm Done. Boom. See you next year.



hristmas is still a time of great joy for many. A time of beauty, when Christmas lights bring joy and warmth to an otherwise grey and dull landscape (in England anyway). However Christmas has been hijacked, it comes to an anticlimax once we have opened our presents, eaten the roast beast (or nut roast) and 50% of the time been disappointed with the Doctor Who special. Anticipation is replaced with stressful preparation and fasting is replaced with over eating. Even more alarming is our practice of mindless consumption which has replaced the more meaningful gift buying. Our obsession with buying things that we do not need, and especially at Christmas is putting our world in danger. Pope francis explains in his letter to the whole world "Laudato Si";

that this mindless consumerism by the wealthy countries exploits the poor, risking turning God's creation into an "immense pile of filth". Our forests are being destroyed, our waterways polluted, our climate is changing to the extent that we have only 12 years to prevent irreversible damage¹, we are currently undergoing our 6th mass extinction², we have an estimated 40.3 million³ slaves working for us, our oceans are acidifying and there is a patch of plastic in our oceans three times the size of France⁴, all because of our obsession with consumption of "stuff" such as gimmicky singing fish, a phone upgrade and wasteful diets. But how does buying stuff create all this destruction and exploit the poor? Let's take a step back from Advent and explore the mechanisms that connect us.

1. IPCC Report on 1.5 degrees. 2. Read the WWF 2018 Living Planet Report. 3. Anti slavery commissioner report, 4. The Guardian



This is Dan

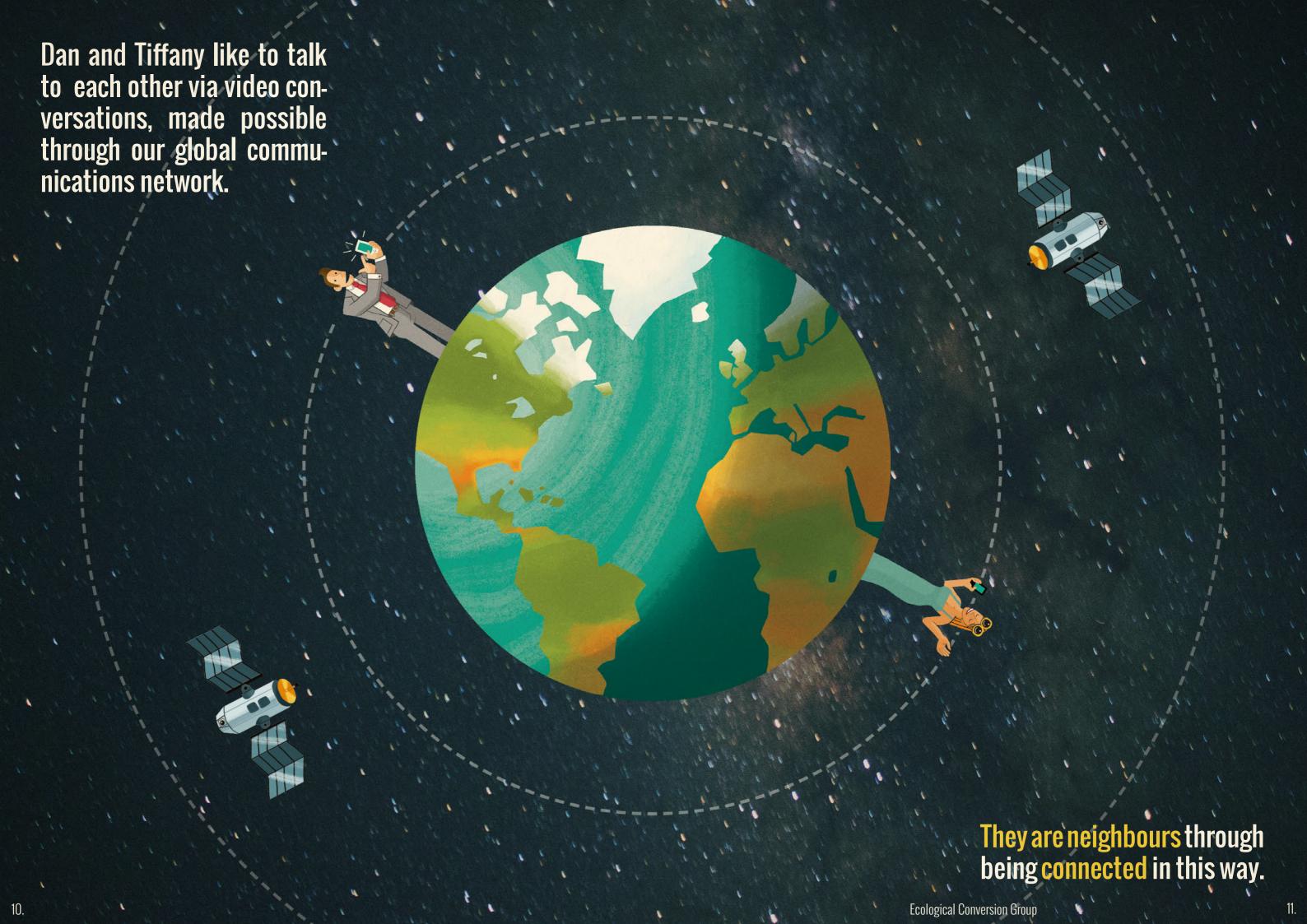
Dan lives in Canada. He runs a supermarket franchise. He is possibly a Scrooge but you will have to wait to the end of the story to find out.



This is Tiffany

Originally from Canada, Tiffany currently resides in a hostel in Tel Aviv. She backpacks while working remotely for a marketing firm.





This is Emilio. He is a cameraman.





He is currently filming a man burning some rain forest in order to clear the area to grow soya beans to feed Dans's cows in Canada.

Janet lives in the arctic circle. Making use of the worlds communication system, She is watching the news and sees the forest burning in real time.

Janet is connected to the world through the media. She is Emilio's neighbour as she sees what he sees.





She is horrified yet cannot peel her eyes from it.

She thinks she might eat spag bol for dinner.

This is Sigourney.
She lives in North America.



Sigourney wants a new phone. She is about to order one.

Her current phone works but she saw an advert for a new one with wifi dongle ear phones. Now when she loses her earphones she will only lose one of them.

Using the internet she is connected to businesses around the world.

It is cheapest online.

It ships from Europe in three to five days.





Where did your phone come from Sigourney?



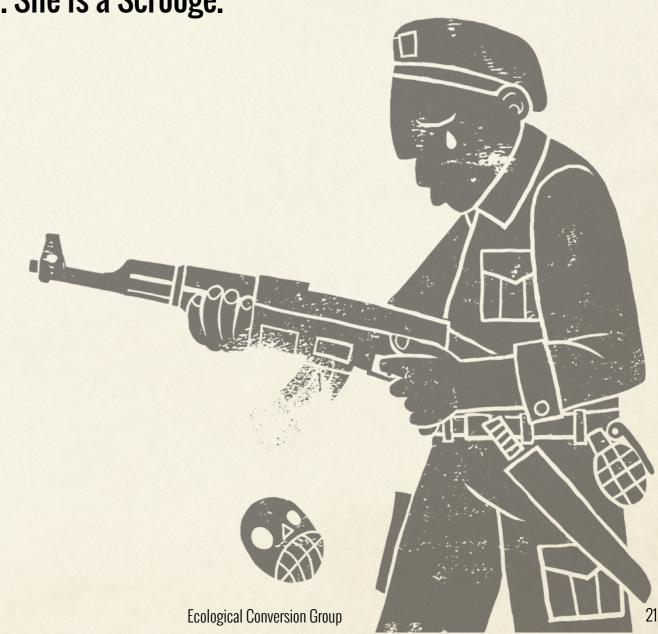
Sigourney doesn't have the foggiest. She is too busy taking selfies on her new phone. The camera is so sharp she has to add a photo smoothing filter as a pimple is visible if you zoom in.

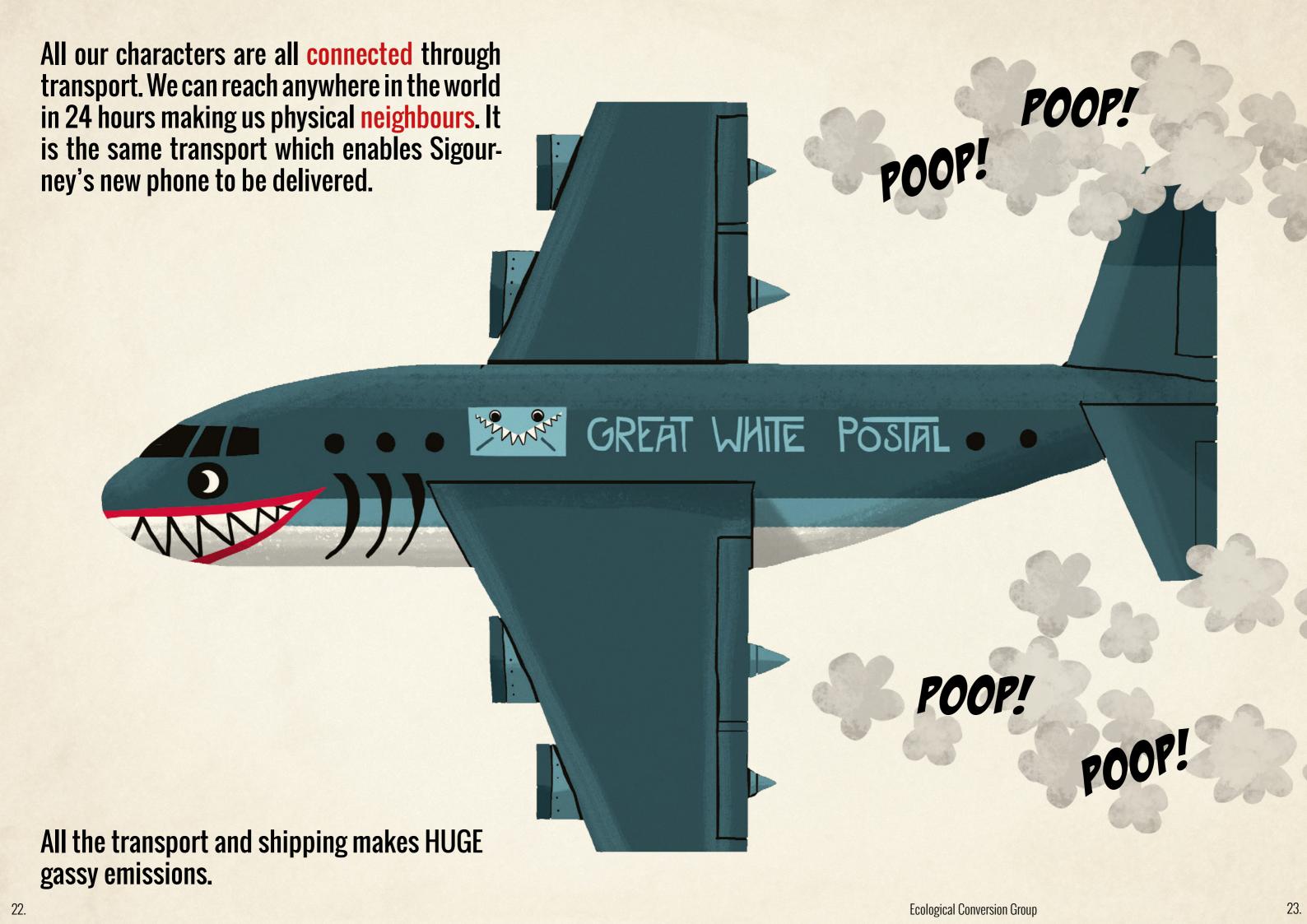
The truth is Sigourneys phone contains Oil, Gold, Cobalt and various other valuable metals and minerals.

These are natural resources extracted from the ground, often fuelling conflict and destroying natural habitats. She is a neighbour to those suffering in the mining and making of the product.

How does that make you feel Sigourney?

Sigourney does not care. She feels entitled to a new phone. She is a Scrooge.













MENU







'me again'

connections are unfairly loaded.

'This is the great paradox: the countries that have most benefitted from industrial development and have most damaged the natural environment by producing greenhouse gasses are also the ones best prepared to defend themselves from the more than ever a wake up call. By failing to recogconsequences of the devastation'.

'The populations which are most innocent of destroying the environmental the ones most exposed to the consequences, the ones who will pay the highest price.' - Patxi Álvarez, S.J. Yearbook of the Society of Jesus 2015

All things we buy are extracted from somewhere, built somewhere, shipped somewhere, used somewhere and disposed of somewhere. We are exploiting nature and neighbour at every stage of a products life.

It is not just at Christmas that we are exploiting others. The characteristics of the lifestyle of the richest few define our culture. It is perhaps surprising to find that this lifestyle which is entirely unsupportable by the planet we live on can be defined by:

a couple of long-haul flights a year, daily car usage, regular shopping sprees and a meaty diet. Basically a fairly normal western lifestyle.

Due to our connectivity today our "doorstep" is Even those of us who believe we are "green" can Global, everyone is our neighbour. However these realise that we are part of this top few responsible for the largest share in ecological destruction.

> So this destructive behaviour has become the norm, we go along with it, only noticing it rearing its ugly head at Christmas when it reaches its flamboyantly greedy yearly climax. Christmas is nise the nature of our current lifestyle, we fail to realise that climate change and habitat destruction, colonialism and slavery are an unfortunate consequence of our daily lives. Our culture has become idiosyncratic to our well meaning lives as disciples. That is; it is unintentionally and often unknowingly contrary to our mission; To love God and neighbour.

> Pope Francis states "Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technical solutions."

> The truth is we would rather not know the truth for fear of having to change...





the beggar Lazarus, and how he made himself so comfortable that he blinded himself to the needs of the beggar on his doorstep. He forgot his neighbour and marginalised him. Our culture has become one that marginalises its global neighbour. We are Scrooge asks: "who is this man who's death has that rich man. In the example of Dickens 'A Christmas Carol' we are Scrooge. Our global neighbour could be seen as Tiny Tim. Not helpless, but undermined by Scrooge's actions. In a Christmas Carol, I (the Ghost of Christmas future) show Scrooge the effects of his actions should he not change his greedy individualistic lifestyle. In the same way we now ask YOU to look at the way you are normalising destructive habits and make a change.

Advent provides a perfect opportunity to do this. The simple living during Advent is how we are called to live our entire lives through yearly improvement. Popes John Paul II and Francis both say that the way to achieve this is through the "Ecological Conversion". This Ecological Conversion is where "the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us".

Scrooge undergoes his ecological conversion when I showed him the future if he doesn't change Much as scrooge woke up a changed man, we are

Let's think about the story of the rich man and his ways. In this future his neighbour Tiny Tim is dead because of Scrooges selfishness (spoiler alert). There is also a mysterious man whose death has brought great joy to many people.

brought so much joy to others?"

I point at a grave. Scrooge, realising it is his own asks; "are these the shadows of things that will be? or are they the shadows of things that may be only? These events can be changed. A life can be made right. Why would you show me this if I was beyond all hope?"

Having been shown the future consequences of his lifestyle, Scrooge has a complete change of heart and mind. He wakes up. Promises to honour Christmas and keep it all year round and sets to work redeeming himself. He finds Tiny Tim alive and brings the town together for a feast, and as Gonzo tells us; he was better than his word and became like an uncle to Tiny Tim. In this moment Scrooge becomes a disciple. He builds ecologically positive interactions. In other words; relationships and community.

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called to wake up to reality. Advent reminds us that we are awaiting the saviour. We must not be found asleep when the bridegroom comes knocking at the door.

being frugal, sharing and caring for those around using our planets ecological network to empower others rather than exploit them. Therefore a true life of discipleship should lead to, sacrifice, build-

Clear a way for the lord.

If Advent; a time of simple living and preparation has become the epitome of a greedy culture that destroys the gift of life and creation, then we need to rethink how we live. Perhaps it is the wake up call we all need.

Like myself; the Ghost of Christmas future, this subject may be terrifying. But I would like to recall scrooge's question; "why would you show me this if i was beyond all hope?" What would be the point of we three ghosts of Christmas showing you this if we thought we were beyond hope?

There is hope. We can make a change by using our planets connectivity. By changing our lifestyles we can empower the poor and protect nature and the environment. Is reducing our flying, driving, meat eating and clothes and gadgets buying really a hardship? Or are these an opportunity to put God and neighbour before our own desires. Scrooge was miserable before his conversion. He was greedy, selfish and had a general lack of interest in the world around him. So by tackling these things that make us miserable we can find joy in

being frugal, sharing and caring for those around using our planets ecological network to empower others rather than exploit them. Therefore a true life of discipleship should lead to, sacrifice, building community and active opposition to ecological destruction. This is where our true happiness lies, not in the false promises of materialism and over consumption, but in a life of mission, a sense of belonging and a re-building of community. The good news is we are declaring war on misery.

Through living an ecologically converted life we can look after our global neighbours, through acts that have far reaching effects into the future, by ensuring there is a planet with enough resources, beauty, wildlife and ecosystems for future generations.

On snow days or times without electricity we find inventive activities to do, pop in to check our neighbours are ok, share resources. On these frugal days we grow in friendship and community. We should live every day as a snow day.

We need to change our hearts and minds in order to act and start a new era of kindness and goodwill. And what better time to start than at Christmas. It is time I got back to the future.

"God bless us...Everyone!"







MY LOVE-HATE (MOSTLY HATE) RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BRITISH CHRISTMAS David Jevakumar

Special report by the foreign correspondant.

First, some context. I am Catholic, born and (partly) raised in Sri Lanka, a country of four religions - Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Christianity. Each faith has its own annual observances, and each observance belongs to its respective faith. Vesak belongs to the Buddhists, Thaipongal to the Hindus, Ramadan to the Muslims, and Christmas to the Christians. This might paint a picture of division and exclusion, but actually it means festivals or solemnities are grounded in the religious realities that give them meaning, and are celebrated mainly by the communities who appreciate these realities. That isn't to say there is no joy, community, or sharing in these occasions. Non-Christian friends would come to my place for lunch, I would partake of Ramadan meals with my Muslim friends, and everyone would eat from the street-side 'Dansals' during the Buddhist festivals for Poson and Vesak. Public spaces and organisations hung up decorations such as Christmas trees and Vesak Lanterns, and of course people would spent time with their families. As for my family, we wore our church-bests on Christmas day, went to mass, had a delicious home-cooked lunch, and then just rested. Christmas wasn't a big deal unless you celebrated Christ's birth. There was no reason for it to be a big deal. There was no Christmas shopping, no Christmas sales, no obligatory gift-giving. It was largely "tradition-free", unless you count the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.





I came to the UK when I was 21. Since then, my Christmases have been a time of accepting. Accepting that Christmas no longer belongs to us Christians. It has been hijacked and Christ has been (mostly) kicked out; some people will see it as an excuse to have a feast, whilst others will say "it's for the children", thus implying that there is no other relevance to the occasion. Others will whole-heartedly look forward to family time, warmth, carols, winter traditions, and even Midnight Mass, but Christ himself is ignored. Then of course, there is the mass commercialisation, the sales, the advertising slogans, the way brands attempt to associate themselves with Christmas. and the weight of gift buying. I guess all this is not so much a deliberate hijacking of Christmas and eviction of Jesus, but rather a gradual degradation

as British society becomes increasingly secular, non-believing, and (arguably) materialistic.

Nevertheless, and perhaps most importantly, Christmas for me has become a time of uncovering. Uncovering the hidden presence of Christ under the superficial "desecrations". Whether it is a family inviting dozens of friends to their home to act out the nativity every Christmas Eve, the genuine pleasure my colleagues have in organising secret Santas, or my wife reminding me that we can enjoy all this without losing the true meaning of Christmas. Perhaps this need to "uncover" has given me the opportunity to really put Christ at the centre, and now Christmas has become more meaningful to me than it has ever been. And perhaps Jesus hasn't been kicked out of the British Christmas; he's just in disguise.

David Jeyakumar. Foreign correspondant. In disguise.



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HAVE YOURSELF A VEGGIE LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Eleanor Margetts

An effective step in reducing your carbon footprint and ecological damage is to eat less meat. Ellie (a vegan) gives some tips on reducing your animal intake this Christmas.



I hen I first told my mother that I was going vegan, her immediate response was "but what about Christmas dinner?" (bearing in mind this was in the middle of summer when I told her!). Needless to say Christmas dinner, at least here in the UK, has become something so set in stone that it has become almost unimaginable to eat anything other than turkey, sprouts, stuffing. pigs in blankets, roast potatoes etc. (trimmings may vary according to family traditions).

Now at this stage I have to say, I'm not here to preach veganism; I actually fully understand that it's not for everyone (although it would be amazing if it was!). For me, I decided to become vegan as a way to lessen my impact on the environment after researching the effects of animal agriculture on the planet. I was vegetarian anyway (from not liking meat), and I don't like eggs, so all I really had to do was phase out dairy products and I was there. The worst part of veganism actually has not been missing out of cheese but putting up with the constant chorus of "but what do you actually eat?". So anyway, this article attempts to answer both this constant question, and my mother's question of what to eat for Christmas. Hopefully it will be useful to all vegans, vegetarians, pescatarians, flexitarians or meat eaters just looking to cut down a little bit; whatever stage you are at, perhaps you might dare to challenge the norm this Christmas! So here is my little Christmas survival guide to common festive foods:



1. Mince pies

This year, I'm making my own. Mincemeat is traditionally completely plant based (as long as veggie suet is used!) - and most ready-to-roll pastries are vegan, just check the packet. Alternatively, Sainsbury's Free From Mince Pies are also conveniently free from any animal products (and gluten!).

2. Christmas pudding

As Christmas pudding is traditionally made over a long period of time, they are naturally generally free from animal products (before you cover them with brandy butter that is!). Tesco, Sainsburys, Waitrose and Morrisons all offer vegan Christmas

puddings - I'm sure other supermarkets do too.

3. Mulled wine

Be aware that lots of wines use isinglass, a fish product, to clarify the wines. Many, however, are vegan but be sure to check the bottle. I find that Sainsbury's and the Cooperative are particularly good with vegan wines.

Admittedly, a difficult one to truly replicate. However, Alpro and Oatly both offer decent alternatives to drizzle over your mince pies. I have yet to find a shop bought vegan brandy butter, however there is a very simple recipe here to have a stab at!

In the words of comedian Michael McIntyre: "we don't eat turkey all year, there's no Kentucky Fried Turkey, we don't like turkey, it's quite a dry, flavourless meat, you only have to look at what we do to it to tolerate it, okay? We cover it with cranberry sauce and gravy. We stuff it with meat we'd rather be eating."

There are plenty of exciting vegan dishes to try: look here for some ideas going beyond the nut roast.

Again, most shop-bought stuffing will naturally be vegan in its dried form. If you make it home made, just be sure to fry the onions in vegan spread instead of butter and you're set!

7. Chocolate

Ok so Cadbury Selection Boxes are off the cards. but aren't they a bit excessive anyway? All maior supermarkets now offer dairy free chocolate. even vegan chocolate coins can now be found in most free from sections. If you're not a fan of dark chocolate, then brands like Moo Free can offer milk-chocolate style chocolate which is pretty

8. Cheese board

Again, a tricky one! But I've been excited to see that this year Sainsbury's are offering a number of different vegan cheeses; I'm particularly excited to try their Wensleydale-style with cranberries! Crackers will almost certainly be vegan by default - so load up with your favourite vegan style cheese a dollop of chutney and you're good to go!

10. Pigs in Blankets

Meat wrapped in meat is hard to truly replicate. If this is a staple from your Christmas dinner that you find it difficult to go without, there are plenty of vegan sausage brands to satisfy your cravings (Sainsburys and Linda McCartney both have a good range). Vegan bacon is hard to come by, so try wrapping your vegan sausages in sliced auberaine instead.

9. Gravv

Most standard gravy granules are vegan – just be sure to check the ingredients as some (especially have meat extracts in. There are also plenty of ways to make your own using veggie stock, onions and cornflour - search online and the web is filled with recipes.

11. Yorkshire Puddings

Vegan Yorkshire Puddings are dead simple. The ones labelled as a particular meat flavoured) will batter is made with flour, baking powder, soya milk and salt - cooked in the same way that you would ordinarily make one. Search for a recipe online or use Tesco's recipe.



SURVIVING VEGETARIANISM TOP TIP NO1:

If you fry anything in smoked paprika and salt, pretty much anything tastes of bacon.

try, or at least try a few substitutions this year? In most cases, common Christmas foods can be adjusted with just a change of one or two ingredients. Of course the roast turkey can never be truly replicated, but aren't there much tastier (If you have any other ideas or suggestions then mains that you could give a try?

With the huge increase in veganism that has been with our Facebook page)

o there you have it, a vegan Christmas. Now seen in the UK this year, thankfully most superthat wasn't so bad was it? Why not give it a markets are responding by offering a number of great alternatives. From vegan cheeses to Advent calendars, there's never been a better time to try a vegan Christmas!

please send them through and we will share them

CONNECTIVATE BOOK.

EPILOGUE

DAN'S CHRISTMAS MORNING **ECOLOGICAL** HANGOVER

Hello. Yes it's Dan here. I too was visited by three ghosts last night and have realised that my methods of food production are unsustainable and only help drive people further into poverty. I have therefore decided to only stock Organic meat and dairy products from animals that only consume food from their local area. This will ensure I am not contributing to the destruction of our rainforests in order to keep my meat artificially cheap. Perhaps you could write to your supermarkets asking them to do the same?

You can do more to help too. Reducing your meat and dairy consumption is incredibly important in our fight against climate change. Why not start by only eating meat once a week, and when you do try and buy local, organic meat. Make it a real celebration. After all meat is a bit of an animal. It may cost more but this in reality is more what meat should really cost.

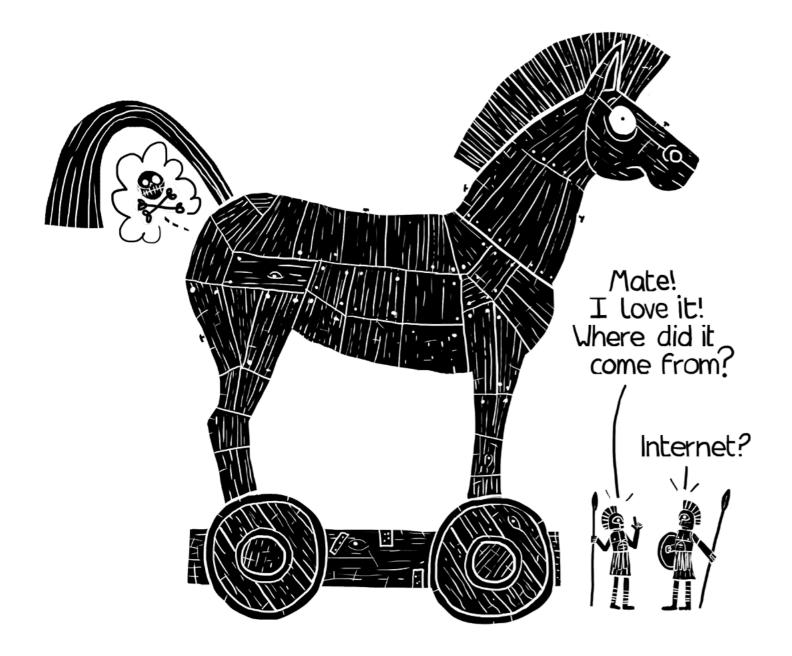
All of creation deserves treating with respect. Meat should not be seen simply as a commodity. It is very easy to see meat as something that rolls out of a factory pre-packaged. We can become very disconnected from our food and often the suffering involved in its production. We should celebrate the life of the animal when we eat it. So lets make sure it had a good one.





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THE ECOLOGICAL CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE 2018



NO GIFT HORSES PLEASE

Gifts that give rather than take from our ecological relationships. Edward de Quay



Advent is a time to prepare the way of the Lord, a time of penance, anticipation and joy. Christmas is a time of showing love, especially to those who may otherwise be forgotten. However, "today Christmas has become a commercial celebration, whose bright lights hide the mystery of God's humility, which in turn calls us to humility and simplicity. Let us ask the Lord to help us see through the superficial glitter of this season, and to discover behind it the child in the stable in Bethlehem, so as to find true joy and true light (Pope Benedict XVI, Christmas 2011)."

Gift giving is, of course, a part of Christmas (the wise men brought gifts), but advent is not always a time of joy! Instead, we can easily get caught up in a flurry of stressful preparation and shopping, often buying things that we do not need, and that will be lost in a cupboard or quickly discarded after briefly being appreciated on Christmas day.

Pope Francis challenges us to think about the legitimacy of "the present model of distribution, where a minority believes that it has the right to consume in a way which can never be universalized, since the planet could not even contain the waste products of such consumption (Laudato Si' 50)." He refers to "the disease of consumerism," as the opposite of generosity. Consumerism, he says, is "excessive spending to buy more than we need." He encourages us "to take up an ancient lesson, found in different religions and also in the Bible... the conviction that "less is more" and to "return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things and to be grateful

for the opportunities which life affords us (Laudato Si' 222)." At the same time he asks us to think about material generosity to the poor. Giving gifts so that someone can eat or have clothes is good for us! "It enlarges the heart and helps us to be magnanimous (Pope Francis, Homily on 26 November)."

The point is not that we should not buy presents, but to be thoughtful and considered about whether what we buy is necessary, and makes good use of the earth's resources and our capacity to show care for our neighbour. If you find yourself manically trying to decide whether a drumstick pencil, bacon flavoured toothpaste or gin and tonic tea bags are a good idea for your nearest and dearest/grown up children/colleague /cat, perhaps there are better options!

Last month we celebrated Red Wednesday, where Aid to the Church in Need drew awareness to Christians around the world being persecuted because of their faith. Helping charities like this at Christmas is the exact opposite of consumerism, showing care for our planet by not buying what we don't need, and for the poor and persecuted by helping them live without fear.

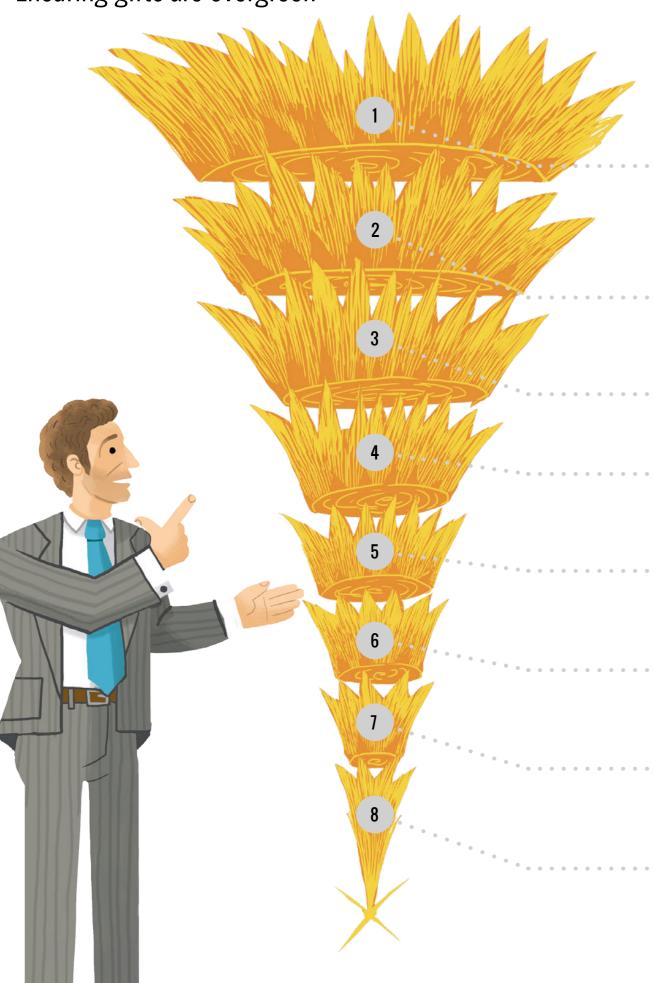
Gift thoughtfully, considerately and joyfully this Christmas

This blog appeared first in the December Edition of Edgeways, the parish magazine of Sacred Heart in Wimbledon

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THE UPSIDE DOWN CHRISTMAS TREE OF GIVING

Ensuring gifts are evergreen



Remember how we are all connected to one another through business, nature and atmosphere? This allows us to protect nature and empower our neighbours by having positive effects rather than simply taking from our planet's ecological network. You can still give gifts but first address what the recipients needs are. Whatever it is that they need, make sure you buy something that has been made to last. Buying the cheapest thing is usually a false economy (except custard creams).

If they do not need anything in particular consult the upside down Christmas tree starting at the top (bigger bit).

If you are simply buying through a feeling of obligation; don't buy anything. There are many ways of more genuinely showing love without buying anything.

CHARITY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Buying virtual gifts through charities both cuts down on material consumption and is a gift to the poor or needy. Charities such as Cafod and their <u>World Gifts</u> empowers the poor. you can buy things like water pumps, bees, vegetable gardens or even a goat. WWF's <u>adopt an animal</u> scheme allows you to help protect the natural world though saving the habitats of the world wildlife and in doing so helps protect peoples livelihoods.

HELPING HAND

Maybe what someone really needs is your time. The most expensive gift of all. The Christmas holidays offers us an opportunity to lend a hand to those around us. Whether it is family, friends or just the person next door.

EXPERIENCES

Give tickets to an event. Events give new experiences that are a break from everyday life. They also give you something to look forward to in the year, prolonging the joyful anticipation of Advent.

MAKE

The only reason this is not at the top of the list is the time limitation and the fact that actually some of the things we make are actually really bad and then we feel obliged to keep them. However the personal nature of this is incredibly powerful and really shows you care.

UPCYCLE

Repurposing something has a lot of the personal touches of making something but can be less time consuming. Consider repurposing old boxes into maintenance kits such as sewing boxes and shoe shine kits. These are recycled gifts that allow the recipient to care for products hey already own.

BUY SECOND HAND

A lot of things like books, films and music are just as good second hand, there is often no reason to buy new. If for some reason they complain that it is not brand new tell them that you did it purposefully to reduce your negative impact on the worlds natural resources.

ETHICAL PRODUCT

When there is a need for a new product try and source an ethical product with some environmental, or fairly traded certification. Look for <u>FSC</u> (wood and paper), <u>Soil Association</u> (food), <u>Fairtrade</u> and <u>GOTS</u> (textiles) Logos.

BUY NEW

This is your last resort. You have identified a need for a product but no ethical certifications are available. Things to look for here are build quality and the ability to repair the product as well as its recyclability at the end of it's life. Longevity is key to reducing environmental damage. Also consider that people are more likely to care for a product that they really care about. So buy something nice.



CHRISTMAS