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*In those days, John the
in the wilderness of Judea
the kingdom of heaven*

*This is he who was spoken
Isaiah:*

*"A voice of one calling in
the way for the Lord,
him' "*



*Baptist came, preaching
and saying, 'Repent, for
has come near.'*

of through the prophet

*the wilderness, 'prepare
make straight paths for*

Matthew 3: 1-3

May we be brave enough to repent, generous enough to bear fruit, and open enough to welcome the kingdom that is already coming near...

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Please refer to last week's newsletter for details of circuit Christmas events.



Please note that the Christmas day service begins at 10am and not 10.30 as stated in the last newsletter.



14th December at Connect 4pm.

Burbage Methodist Church

We welcome Geoff and Caz Shave from Agape. Caz (Caroline North)

grew up and used to worship in this area.

Agape is an international charity inspiring people to discover Jesus at home, at work, at university and abroad. Their flagship resource is "Living and Telling", which helps Christians share their faith naturally. It has been successfully used at Burbage in a house group setting.



Happy Eco Christmas to you all.

1) **Buy less**

Consider other options for gifts? Simplify the "gift-go-round," purchase locally made presents, or decide to only accept used gifts are some possible solutions.

2) **Are gifts to be brand new?**

There are a lot of options from charity and second-hand shops to get good items, for a cheaper price. Sometimes, they even have the original packaging and tag attached!

3) **Reusable packaging makes a difference**

Reusable cloth or bags to wrap gifts can be found on sale in many shops around the country. For the craftiest, you can make your own using whatever textile you have.

4) **Find a Christmas jumper exchange to expand (or decrease) your collection**

5) **Rummage in charity shops for your Christmas outfit**

6) **Don't throw away what you got!**

It is tempting to get rid of our plastic trees, Christmas lights and old ornaments for more sustainable options, but it is not sustainable. Keep them and start replacing them with more sustainable options when they are broken.

7) **Choose an eco-friendly wreath**

When purchasing a Christmas wreath, the best way to ensure sustainability is to enquire about the wood's origin and confirm that all other materials are plastic-free and environmentally friendly. An even better option is to make it yourself, a great activity between friends and family!

8) **Try eco-friendly crackers**

There are many options nowadays for original and eco-friendly crackers.

9) **Get ethical chocolate**

Check where it comes from and pick ethical chocolate whenever possible.

10) **Make homemade cards**

But, most of all, have a great Christmas!

Wellbeing walks at Bradgate Park



8th December

22nd December

5th January

19th January

Meet 9.45am to 10am at Bradgate Park Newtown Linford Car Park.

Car Parking charges apply.

Walk starts at 10am prompt and lasts 90 minutes.

2 walks take place - a gentle stroll along the carriageway or a ramble into the Outer Park.