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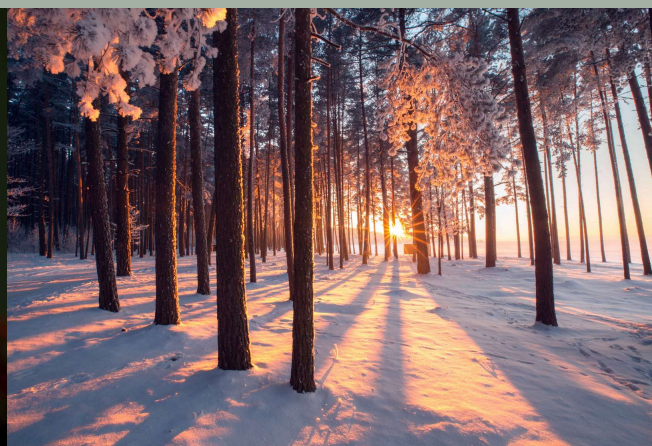
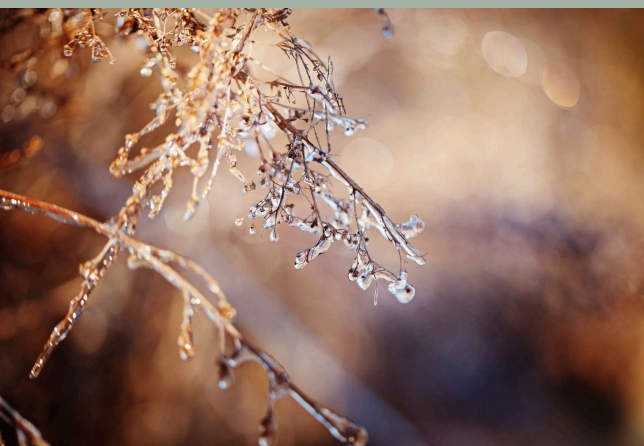
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A photograph of a small green seedling with two leaves growing out of a pile of dark soil. The seedling is positioned inside a clear glass lightbulb that sits on the soil.

Eco Task Force

Inform, Support, Encourage

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Time to Shine

As at the time of writing, those who are concerned about the Climate Crisis hit a low. There are many concerns about the potential 'to do list' of the new Trump administration, but here I particularly draw attention to the Climate Policies, or lack thereof. The fact that stocks of oil companies rose on the day his victory was announced and those of renewables fell says it all.

The job of the climate movement just got a whole lot harder. However, I feel cautiously optimistic. Don't get me wrong, I 'lamented' along with everyone else and felt anxiety grip me the morning of the announcement. Then an article I read reminded me that it was during the last Trump administration that several movements came to prominence: #Me too, Black Lives Matter and Climate Justice. Movements actually went relatively quiet during the Biden administration. Faced with such a challenge, protest groups galvanise into action. The challenge before us is huge, but giving up is not an option. We have hope in each other and hope in Jesus Christ:

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out." John ch 1 v5

The darker it gets, the brighter the light shines. In this newsletter, we will offer some bright lights to give you hope...

Have a peaceful Christmas

Lorraine Jones, Eco Task Force



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A Sustainable Advent Guide

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Meat free recommendation

Not all meat substitutes are made equally and they are not for everyone, but I was really impressed with the Beyond Meat Burger. It's both vegan and gluten free and really delicious. I also recently tried Happiee! plantbased breaded shrimpiee. I wasn't sure what to expect but myself and one of the other local pastors (who isn't a vegan) demolished them between us!

Lorraine

Saving trees through World of Books

So far World of Books have saved 2 million trees through people buying preloved books. Not too shabby eh? Every day over 1.7k trees are saved and they donated nearly 300k books to charity. Over 28m books rehomed. It's the small acts, done faithfully day in day out that make a difference. www.worldofbooks.com. Kay





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Well Done Heworth!

Huge congratulations to Heworth for reaching their bronze award! Well done to all of the team. Do you think your church could give Eco Church a try? Contact Lorraine - the Group is here to support you on your journey.



York Environment Weeks 2024

A lot of work went into putting on various events in September. There were events all over York. The Methodist Churches and Anglican friends were hosting repair cafes, craft stalls, talks, Eco Services, Lego Church, nature trails, eco fairs and the hub hosted a gathering for Eco Educators in schools. It was a lot of hard work but well attended and really worthwhile. Well done to everyone involved!





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Book Review

I love Sewing Bee, so when I knew that Patrick Grant, one of the judges, had written a book about buying less 'stuff' I had to give it a go. It's a bit of a history lesson - going through how we got to the position where clothing and other household items seem to be cheaper but incredibly poor quality. He's an engineer, so some of it got a bit technical for my simple brain, but it put a new perspective on why our systems seem so 'broken' now. It also offers hope for a way forward. Lorraine



Watch out for the 2025 Programme

In November we'll start to come up with a series of meet ups and activities for 2025. Do you have a subject you'd like to cover, or a site visit you'd love to have? Contact Lorraine to pass on your ideas.

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