

## **Eco Church: Community and Global Engagement**

Eco Church is about how we, as members of Amersham Free Church, are caring for God's Earth.

*"You shall not pollute the land in which you live..."*  
(Numbers 35:33)

### **Recycling**

Did you know..?

1. Recycling five plastic bottles creates enough insulating fibre to fill a ski jacket.
2. London Zoo has 80 benches, each one made of 2,000 recycled plastic milk containers. Whipsnade Zoo has so many of them as well that, to date, they have saved over a quarter of a million milk containers from landfill and oceans, helping to save the planet from pollution.

### **The problem**

The UK's landfill capacity is diminishing. In 2017, it was calculated that England has 6.8 years left of non-hazardous landfill capacity.

### **What could we do to help?**

The Government's goal is to maximise the value of the resources we use, minimise the waste we create, cut emissions of greenhouse gases, and help create a cleaner, greener, healthier planet. Let's make sure we are part of the solution and not part of the problem!

As well as filling our blue wheelie bins with items that can be recycled by the Council, we now have an opportunity to recycle some other everyday items as well and, in the process, we can help raise funds to provide scholarships for socially and economically disadvantaged students training as healthcare workers in Malawi, and other countries with critical shortages. The project is called Medic to Medic, and you can find out all about it on this website: [www.medictomedic.org.uk](http://www.medictomedic.org.uk)

This way we can now recycle the blister packs that our pills come in, all our old toothbrushes, interdental flossing brushes, toothpaste tubes, Walkers crisp packets, cheese

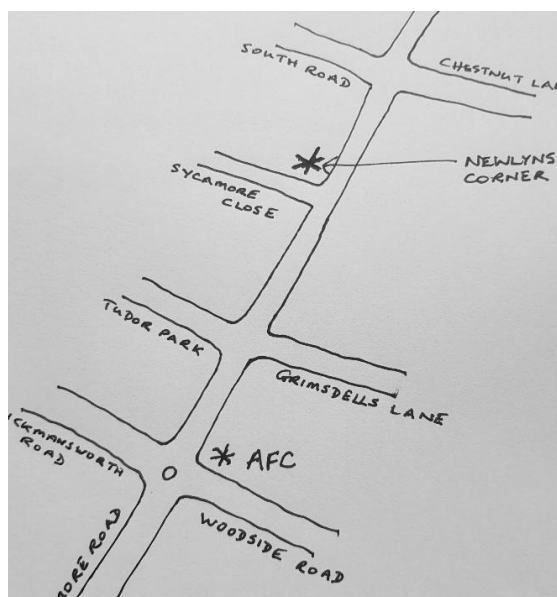
wrappings, books, CDs, DVDs – and much more!

And the extra good news is that we can drop off these items just a couple of hundred metres from AFC, in a yellow wheelie bin in the garden of a house, called Newlyn Corner, in Sycamore Close (see map). The best way is to save these items at home and then, when you've collected a bagful, take them along and put them in the wheelie bin. You can put books and CDs etc in a separate bag if you want to, but please still put it into the wheelie bin – which is easy to spot. You may also want to wear gloves and take hand sanitiser with you.

Have a look at the posters to see how you can help. They show the most popular items that are being recycled this way at the moment. If you would like a full list of all the recyclable items that can be accepted for this project, Hazel will be happy to send it to you.

Let's support this initiative, thereby engaging with both our own local community and the wider world in communities that need our help. Together we can make a difference!

(And while we're at it, what about trying out reusable, and compostable, beeswax food wrapping, instead of clingfilm - perhaps if we have any left-overs from our delicious meat-free recipes?)



## RECYCLING

DROP OFF POINT: YELLOW WHEELIE BIN, NEWLYNS CORNER, SYCAMORE CLOSE, AMERSHAM HP6 6BW

### ITEMS RECYCLED:

WRITING INSTRUMENTS; CRISP PACKETS; ELLA CYCLE; TOOTHBRUSHES/TOOTHPASTE CONTAINERS; STAMPS AND COINS; LAVAZZA ECO CAPS; CAREX; BAYLISS & HARDING PUMPS; RING PULLS; EMPTY MEDICATION BLISTER PACKS; BOOKS/CDS/DVDS IN CASES;

**MONEY RAISED GOES TO MEDIC TO MEDIC  
SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE IN MALAWI**