

Reducing Plastic Waste

Zoom meeting between A Rocha/ Anglican and other Churches. Wednesday 27th January, 18.00 GMT

Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/99994527139>

Producer, Reverend Rob Kean

Intro- Sir David Attenborough

Challenge song- Steve Allen (the Bard of Ely)- Where does all the plastic go?

Chair Chris Wells

Opening Prayer, Father Rob

Part 1 The problem with plastic.

Chair, Chris Wells

Robert Sluka "The Global Plastic Problem"

Reverend David Bookless "Environment, from Creation to New Creation, with a focus on plastic"

Marcial Felgueiras "A Rocha Portugal and plastic"

Discussion, questions

Father Reid, environmental song on guitar

Big Yellow Taxi

Part 2 What can we do in the future?

Chair, Archdeacon David Waller, Gibraltar

Isabel (Bebe) Soares “Plastic Free February”

*Elizabeth Bussmann-Morton “Plastic reduction through
Lent”*

Dame Ellen MacArthur “ Breaking the Plastic Wave”

Discussion- the way forward, all

- 1) What individuals can do, and how to do it.*
- 2) Bebe’s plan*
- 3) Lent*
- 4) Working together,*

A leaflets

B lobby plastic over-users, supermarkets

C help for industry (website)

D publicity, papers, radio, TV, social media

E Greenpeace

<https://www.greenpeace.org/international/campaign/toolkit-plastic-free-future/learn-about-plastic-pollution/>

Future Action Plan

Closing Prayer, Reverend David Waller

Thanks and Close

Diocese in Europe.

Agreed as Archdeaconry Project, Gibraltar, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Italy and Malta (Reverend David Waller).

Agreed as Diocese in Europe Environmental Initiative- (Reverend Elizabeth Bussmann-Morton)

A Rocha Local and International.

Rationale

At our Synod, in La Zenia in January, Reverend Bookless gave an inspiring and well received Key Note lecture (and a sermon) on ecological issues including irresponsible plastic waste disposal. This moved hearts and minds.

We are seeking to build on the energy that this interaction has created in a tangible way, by our Anglican Church being involved with, and going beyond, the A Rocha plastic free February project.

We are making this Zoom programme as a resource for others, and to prayerfully consider a way forward for individuals in the future. This not only in our personal life of reducing our ongoing reduction in our own plastic

waste, but also in the development of a campaign (it can be as big as we can make it) to influence others. This would include encouraging manufacturers, distributors, retail outlets, and our own family and friends, to change. The title and full nature of project is all up for discussion and refinement.

We are looking for at least an agreed leaflet, backed by as many organisations as possible, which can be distributed Europe Wide.

This should

Outline the problem (briefly)

Ask recipients to acknowledge the problem

Ask for action on addressing the problem

Ask for action on reducing the problem

Offering help and support in doing this

Offering customer support to active participants

If we can capture minds and energy, we can run an effective lobbying campaign in conjunction with others.

The Diocese in Europe and A Rocha could be hugely influential through this exciting project.