

## Just Life at Hope

### Newsletter October 2014

Firstly we thought we'd tell you about the *Climate Change* event we managed to attend recently – some of you will already know via Facebook or Twitter, but we were privileged to be able to join with the worldwide day of protest that was arranged by Avaaz. For those who don't know Avaaz please see <http://www.avaaz.org> – they are a campaigning organisation covering a wide range of topics... including climate change. At first we were disappointed to learn that on 21 September, the day of all the events, we would be away on holiday and therefore unable to support any local event. But then the penny dropped – it's worldwide! So we were able to join the one in Alicante and what a wonderful atmosphere there was there.



We did feel a little hypocritical, realising that we had flown there, flying being one of the causes of pollution leading to climate change – we won't go into how we manage to justify to ourselves (rightly or wrongly) our flights here and now – perhaps carbon counting / offsetting etc may form part of another email another time.



But back to the event... I think we were probably the only English amongst the hundreds of Spanish there, but they gave us a banner to carry and we marched with them through the streets to the accompaniment of a marching drum band and the guidance of the local police. Unfortunately as it was a Sunday we had to leave early in order to get the last bus home at 9pm... but when we left it was still going strong, probably only just over half

way around the city.

All these marches involving thousands and thousands of people across the globe will hopefully have shown the governments of the world that they must put care for our created world back onto their agendas if they want our votes.

So back to *Just Life at Hope*... watch this space for more details, but for now don't forget to put **Just Christmas 2014** in your diary – Saturday 29 November 10am – 4pm – it promises to be our biggest and best yet – already 21 stalls are signed up, Lily will be doing children's work, and the pasties have been ordered!

Posters / flyers will be out very very soon!

**JUST CHRISTMAS 2014**  
CHICKS  
Making Memories...  
Giving Hope

**Sat 29 November  
10am - 4pm**

Everything for sale, including the refreshments, will be either locally or ethically produced, Fairtrade or charity merchandise.

**FREE** - entrance and childrens activities

All proceeds to 'CHICKS'  
[www.chicks.org.uk](http://www.chicks.org.uk)

**Hope Baptist Church**  
Peverell Corner PL3 4QG

FAIRTRADE

## Upcycling our 'rubbish'

Hopefully all of you will have seen the information that Alice has put on the notice-sheet this month – thanks to her hard work and all our rubbish, in just over a year we have as a church been paid £60 just for biscuit wrappers! Now she has extended this work to include 2 more Terracycle brigades – we are now also able to collect empty **wet-wipe packets** (any make) and empty **baby food pouches** (again any make). They can be placed in any of the marked bins around the church building and once again we will be paid 2p for each one.

Here is a short clip which shows what happens to the biscuit wrappers are sent to Terracycle for upcycling; [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXgS5Du\\_upo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXgS5Du_upo) There is of course much more information on the Terracycle website too.

**Kenco refill packs** can also be sent for upcycling – please pass them to either Nicky or Paul. These are sent to terracycle too but the money generated goes to Stop the Traffik, the people trafficking charity.

And to end this first newsletter we thought we could include a prayer written by Martyn Goss of Devon Green Network which seems very appropriate for us

## Shaping a Just Future

God of heaven and earth, sky and soil,  
you are holy, as is this planet you make.

May we live on it as you would have us become:

gracious, not greedy  
care-full not care-less  
creative not destructive  
just not unjust  
hoping not hating.

Let us feed one another  
as you nourish us,  
tempted not by what suits us best today  
but shaped by the future of this world to come  
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Martyn Goss, March 2014