

Thoughts from
Christianity

The Environment



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"God made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment - to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ."

Ephesians 1:9 - 10
New International Version of the Bible



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Ten Action Ideas to help prolong the life of the planet!

- Don't overfill your kettle
- Stop taking carrier bags
- Have one meat-free day a week
- Change to green household cleaners
- Use your car less
- Turn off the tap when cleaning your teeth
- Recycle your rubbish
- Switch to energy-saving light bulbs
- Support responsible organisations
- Encourage others

We do not own the world, and its riches are not ours to dispose of at will. Show a loving consideration for all creatures, and seek to maintain the beauty and variety of the world.

Work to ensure that our increasing power over nature is used responsibly, with reverence for life. Rejoice in the splendour of God's continuing creation.

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- Sales of products carrying the FAIRTRADE Mark in 2005 topped £195m. (2004 - £140.8m)
- 50% of adult population can now identify the FAIRTRADE mark. (Mari May 2005) (2004 - 39%)



The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1Corinthians 10: 26 & 31
New International Version of the Bible

Living Together in the Community



**Churches Together in Maidenhead
Christmas Lunch**

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Jesus said: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.

Matthew 22 : 37-39

Jesus said: Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Luke 6 : 13



**Good Friday Walk
of Christian Witnesses**

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WHAT OUR CLIENTS HAVE TO SAY

"Care has helped me to maintain my independence by providing transport to the shops each week"

"I'm disabled but regularly use Shopability. I don't know how I would get there if Maidenhead Care couldn't take me."

"The Care volunteers have been so good to my mother. At a way of saying thank you, I take part as a collector at their street collection"

CARE IS ALWAYS AT THE END OF A TELEPHONE MAIDENHEAD 434567

"When all other plans for help went unworkable, Care was there... and responsive"

"I got so depressed about having hospital treatment but my spirits are lifted the minute a Care volunteer calls for me"

434567 MAIDENHEAD CARE

WHO ARE WE?

Maidenhead Care is a "good neighbour" scheme uniquely focused on meeting the needs of OUR TOWN and its PEOPLE. It was founded in 1985 by the Reverend Peter Hudson, a former Minister at Maidenhead Methodist Church. Care is supported by Churches Together in Maidenhead but its volunteer membership has grown far beyond its original church foundation. Maidenhead Care is a registered charity and relies on client and other donations, a stall at the Maidenhead Combined Charities Fair and an annual flag day.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Churches Together



Churches Together is a visible sign of the Churches' commitment as they seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another and proclaim the Gospel together by common witness and service. Its strength comes from people from different traditions finding new ways to work and worship together.

HOW DOES CARE WORK?

Care is an entirely voluntary organisation operating a 24 hour telephone answering service every day of the week. Some volunteers, known as duty officers, working in their own homes, receive the phone calls for assistance and then contact other volunteers to provide the support required.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Requests for help can vary from providing transport to hospitals, doctors, or dentists, help with shopping, simple DIY tasks, respite care (for carers) or just visiting the lonely and having a chat. Each new request for help is vetted as the scheme is designed to help those who would have difficulty in doing a task for themselves. Their ability and the availability of volunteers are taken into consideration to ensure that provision is maintained.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Is this kind of thing for you? Maidenhead Care can always use more people. Currently there are over 20 telephone calls for help received each day and over 800 commitments are undertaken each month, and the number of volunteers is decreasing. Many active people now take early retirement. Those temporarily unemployed can be involved. Whether you volunteer regularly, occasionally, or in blocks of time (such as school holidays) all offers are valuable to the scheme. How much time you give is up to you. You are never put under pressure. If you would like to know more about becoming a volunteer for Maidenhead Care then please contact us on 01628 434567.

The telephone number for Care Maidenhead 434567 is provided by North Networks as their contribution to the local community.

re:charge brings H.O.P.E.

- H** help for young people and young parents in 'sign-posting', befriending, mentoring and working in partnership with other agencies
- O** providing opportunities for learning new skills, having fun, getting involved in community.

We deliver these through:

- P** people – our staff and volunteers, agencies and supporters
- E** environment – providing an attractive and spacious user friendly building.

Values for Life

“Sisters and brothers, by grace, through the sign and seal of Baptism, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we become God’s people, the Church.”

Methodist Worship Book



Photo courtesy:
John Rowe

“Jesus said: Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

*The Gospel of Matthew 28: 19
(New International Version)*

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance.”

*Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 2 & 4
(New International Version)*

“Jesus said: At the beginning the Creator made them male and female, and for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one.

Therefore what God has joined together, let no-one separate.

*The Gospel of Matthew 19: 4-6
(New International Version)*

“In the sacrament of Christian marriage, before God and in the presence of the assembled community a woman and a man promise to take each other:

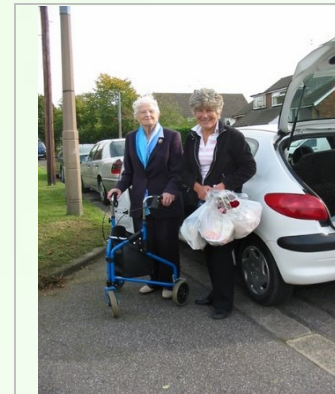
for better , for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
from this day forward,
until we are parted by death;
and this is my solemn vow.”

Wedding Vows

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you.

*1 Peter: 3-4
(New International Version)*



“I was young and now am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken.”

*Psalms 37: 25a
New International Version*

Are you able to contemplate your death and the death of those closest to you? Accepting the fact of death, we are freed to live more fully. In bereavement, give yourself time to grieve. When others mourn, let your love embrace them.

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