

Plastics



As dead flies give perfume a
bad smell,
so a little folly outweighs
wisdom and honour
(Ecclesiastes 10:1)



Human Creativity

From Tubal-Cain mixing elements to make bronze in Genesis 4 to Lydia mixing fibres and snail shells, with perhaps a bit of madder root to make her purple cloth, the Bible is full of clever craftspeople messing and mixing the ingredients of God's creation in order to create ever more new composite materials for every kind of use you can think of. For better or for worse.

The quote above from Ecclesiastes 10:1 reflects on the truth that a small bit of foolishness can greatly overshadow any wisdom. So it is then, that in our wisdom we can split an atom and because of our foolishness we cause mass destruction. In our wisdom we refine oil into monomers, then use polymerisation to create complex chains resulting in plastic, from the Greek word *Plastikos* which means "can be molded," and it sure can. Plastic is everywhere, absolutely everywhere! In our folly we are clogging up life, and destroying environments, and killing wildlife in their millions.

"God saw that it was good . . . God saw all that he had created and it was very good!" (Gen 1)



Let us pray:

Creator God, who made human beings in your own creative image, forgive us our folly, our arrogance in our relationship with your good creation. Forgive us for the way we take life and living things for granted. Forgive us for the ways we exploit your creation and by making 'dead flies' we turn your perfume into a sickly odour, polluting the oceans and destroying the earth.

In your grace forgive us and help us. In Jesus name, Amen!



Get Active:

Get involved with 'Plastic Free July', let this be the beginning of the way you use plastic in your life.

<https://youtu.be/ByayHG5CscE>

- ✿ Recycle and reuse the existing plastic in your home.
- ✿ Think twice before buying anything packaged or made out of plastic.
- ✿ Celebrate all the creativity in your church, get people to bring things they have made and create a service of thanksgiving to God for all that is GOOD.

PLASTIC FREE LIVING -
Scan the QR code or visit
www.citytosea.org.uk for
brilliant ideas



SAND CREATURES

What you need:

buckets and spades

pebbles and empty shells you find on the beach, or stones, twigs etc. from the playground

home-made flags

What you do:

Use a sand-pit or take a trip to the beach.

Create sand creatures and make it into a competition.

Use lots of things you can find on the beach or in the playground.



Do not take pebbles or anything else from the beach. Leave them there!



Fascinating fact: “The Atacama Desert in Chile is the driest place on earth.”

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH



Plastic Free July

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution.



Could your church take the challenge?

You can do **Plastic Free July** for a day, a week, ALL of July or from now on!



Ocean Emergency

Our ocean is at a tipping point.

The **Marine Conservation Society** is fighting to turn the tide.

Together as communities, businesses and governments we can help fight the war on plastic, keep beaches clean and protect marine wildlife.

Why not take a look at the Marine Conservation Society website and learn more about their campaigns and fundraising. Visit their amazing online shop as well!

<https://www.mcsuk.org/what-you-can-do/fundraising-and-events/plastic-free-seas/>



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