

Big Green Give-Away

Shoppers in the West Midlands are being urged to stop before they shop – or pray now and buy later – as the Diocese of Birmingham prepares for a day of Advent Action on Saturday November 29th.

On one of the busiest shopping days of the year, Birmingham Cathedral will host the big green give-away offering an extra present to those passing through the Cathedral grounds.

The Diocese is now recruiting ‘pilgrims’ to bring gifts to the city centre that can be given away to shoppers who will then be asked to give away the freebie to a friend or neighbour as a Christmas present.

Birmingham Diocese is organising the day in partnership with Operation Noah, an environmental organisation who are spearheading the Reclaim Christmas campaign which includes a drama written for school-age children, resources for churches, events at Exeter Cathedral and other Christian communities. More details at <http://www.operationnoah.org>

On November 29th pilgrims will walk to Birmingham Cathedral carrying with them their gifts for the give-away. There will be a short service of lament at 10.45am led by the Bishop of Birmingham. TV presenter Mark Dowd of Operation Noah will preach at the service which will be followed by the Green Give-Away.

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Green Advent – Birmingham Event

Saturday November 29th – Big Green Give-Away

“We want to remember the value of a gift is not measured by how much money it cost. At Christmas we remember the gift of Jesus – the most wonderful gift to humanity - was not wrapped in cellophane or badged with a designer label.”

The Rt Revd David Urquhart, Bishop of Birmingham

9.00 am – Pilgrims gather at household recycling centres around the city for a very short act of worship

9.30-10.30 am - Pilgrims walk/bus/cycle to the city centre bringing things from their home that they have never used

10.45 am – Short service of lament in Birmingham Cathedral

11.15 am onwards – All the donated goods are given away to people shopping in the city centre – with the request that they use them as a Christmas present for a friend or neighbour

2.30 pm - Screening of God is Green documentary presented by Mark Dowd

4.00 pm - Evensong – a celebration of creation and creativity

What we need ...

Pilgrims ● Musicians/singers

