

Some of the seed fell among thorns, the story goes.
Wealth and desire strangled them.
In today's world, enslaved to economic growth, that goes for all of us.
But something in the seed has changed. The thorns have competition.

End of the Age of Thorns

Surviving consumerism



Saturday 5 March 2011

11.00 am to 5.00 pm
St John's Church, Waterloo Road,
London SE1 8TY (opposite Waterloo Station)

Peter Owen Jones

Sussex vicar, writer, presenter of BBC's *How to live a simple life*, *Around the World in 80 Faiths* and *Extreme Pilgrim*.



Tim Cooper

Professor of Sustainable Design and Consumption,
Nottingham Trent University, author *Longer lasting products*.

Christian Ecology Link's annual conference 2011

Workshops: Green economics; Shopping as if the planet mattered;
Greening the church in daily life.

Cost: £20 (£15 before end of January). CEL members £15.
Bargain tickets of £5 for the first 20 students, under the age of 25,
who apply.

Booking: 0845 459 8460 or bookings@christian-ecology.org.uk

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Come and explore spiritual roots for a new economics, for our own humanity and all life on Earth. Engage with Peter Owen Jones on a new relationship with money and how we can challenge the consumerist age we live in. Take part in a seminar on green economics led by Tim Cooper, and join in workshop discussions.

Peter Owen Jones is a long-time supporter of CEL and a popular speaker. You will probably have seen at least one of his fascinating BBC series: *How to live a simple life*, *Around the World in 80 Faiths*, and *Extreme Pilgrim*. He is a Church of England vicar in a parish near Lewes in East Sussex; writer of several books including *Letters from an Extreme Pilgrim* (2010) and *Psalm: The World's Finest Soul Poetry in a Contemporary Idiom* (2009); and founder of the Arbory Trust, the first Christian woodland burial site.

Tim Cooper is Professor of Sustainable Design and Consumption at Nottingham Trent University, a founder member of CEL and former CEL Chair. He is author of *Longer lasting products: alternative to the throwaway society* (2010) and *Green Christianity* (1990).

Workshops:

Green economics: Tim Cooper will lead two different sessions combining input and discussion. Both sessions will be self contained so you can go to both, or just one.

Shopping as if the planet mattered: Bring your own ideas to share, led by Ashley Ralston, CEL trustee and a director of Better Tomorrows.

Greening the church in daily life: Eco-congregations are not just for Sundays. They should give every member the chance to change their life. Come and discuss ideas and experiences that can help people start on a journey of a lifetime – including CEL's *ecocell* programme, led by Ruth Jarman, CEL trustee and climate change campaigner.

Time Out. Networking and useful resources to check out.

Access:

The main floor of St John's Church is fully wheel-chair accessible. Please let us know if you have problems with steep stairs as this will limit your choice of afternoon workshops/seminar.

Other queries:

If you have any questions about the event, please contact CEL's Information Officer, Jo Abbess on 0845 459 8460 or email bookings@christian-ecology.org.uk

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