



# St Peter's Eco Christmas Ideas

It's been wonderful to see so many people getting on board with our sustainability work and becoming more eco friendly.

We recognise that Christmas is a particularly difficult time of year when it comes to minimising waste.

We've put together some ideas for how to have a more eco Christmas.



# Wrapping

- Most wrapping paper can't be recycled. Ideas for more eco wrapping are...

**Brown paper or even newspaper.** This could be decorated or left plain and tied with string. Brown paper can be recycled.

**Gift bags** which can be reused.

**Fabric wraps** which can be reused again. In Japan fabric wrapping is so prevalent that it has become an artform called Furoshiki. Look out for scarves in charity shops. <https://www.wragwrap.com/> [Furoshiki fabric wrapping](#)

Swap Plastic ribbon for **string or raffia** and plastic bows for pine cones. Use old Christmas cards to make **tags**.

[More Wrapping ideas](#)



# Hire a Tree!

If you don't already have a tree that you reuse each year. Why not hire one?

Yonder Meadow are hiring out live Christmas trees. There will be a tree choosing day at the farm and they will then deliver and collect your tree.

[Hire a tree](#)

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# Rethink Gift Giving!

Gift giving has become a large, and sometimes stressful, part of most people's Christmas's. We give stuff as a token of our affections, in the hope of bringing happiness and sometimes just out of duty.

Our planet cannot sustain our current Christmas consumerism though. We have limited resources and, for those who already have everything, we're currently using them to make dancing solar Christmas trees. Even items which may seem more useful are soon become obsolete.

Annie Leonard discovered that of the materials flowing through the consumer economy, only 1% remain in use six months after sale.

We can't go on like this. We need to rethink our gift giving, changing our children's expectations and recognising that there are better ways to give happiness and show love at Christmas.



# Rethink Gift Giving

## Swap Christmas Presents for Christmas Presence.

Instead of swapping gifts, agree with your friends and family to spend your time and money on enjoying festive activities together.

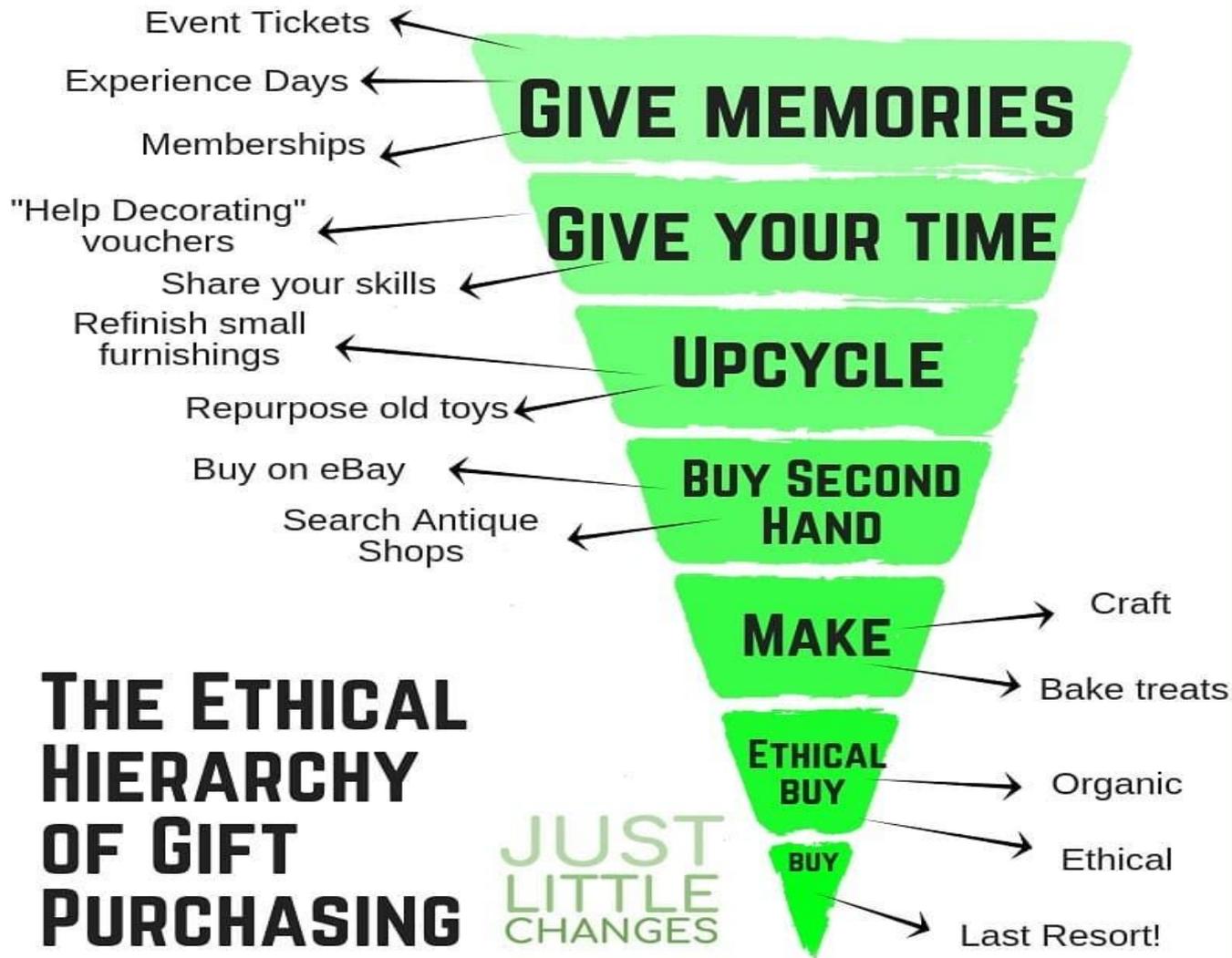
**Secret Santa** Decrease spending, stress and waste by having family members draw names and sticking to a 'one gift' rule. This allows each person to get one especially thoughtful and unique gift from someone who had the time to dedicate their effort.

**Less is more** We set the expectations of Christmas giving for our children. Instead of quantity, make sure that gifts that are given are cared for and appreciated.

**Give second hand** items. You can often give something much better quality for the same money and you get to do some great reusing too.

## [Ideas for Eco Gifts](#)





Look out for other areas of waste such as Christmas cards and Christmas crackers.

Do you really need them? Could they be home made from reused items?

Recycle what you can including taking unwanted gifts to the charity shop.

## More ideas

**Have a Happy Eco Christmas!**

