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- **Still stuck for some presents?** Consider gifts that do good e.g., support wildlife organisations or buy eco-friendly gifts, gift someone a membership or a day out, adopt an animal, buy fairtrade, buy reusable gifts, buy experiences, buy local. There are loads of options and some links are below.
- The more we make it known that we are trying to be more eco-friendly, the more other people will learn! What you buy and give sends a message.
- Your gifts can help share the message that Christians recognise that the planet is a gift from God, and that God's people are called to look after it. **Caring for Creation for tomorrow starts today** and what you do can make a difference.
- Commit to doing your part to bring 'peace on earth'. Jesus said 'blessed are the peacemakers' (Matthew 5:9) and that is an active process and includes restoring relationships, pursuing fairness and justice (amongst other things). Your last-minute shopping can support peace and justice and the environment.

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Woodland Trust www.woodlandtrust.org.uk
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