

ALTERNativity
Just God simply Christmas



October saw a landmark occasion for Scottish based charity Alternativity, when they celebrated 10 years since their launch. The celebrations included the Moderator of the Church of Scotland the Right Reverend Alan McDonald as a special guest speaker.

During his speech Alan highlighted the effectiveness of Alternativity's work to date in helping many people to overcome the stress of a modern Christmas and to look at it from a different angle. Many people are burdened by the commercialised Christmas and society has lost sight of its true meaning. Alternativity seeks to redress the imbalance of modern advent economics and consider how we can celebrate the coming of the Messiah in a way which reflects that half of God's children are starving.

One of the ways that the Moderator suggested we can start to address these issues is to see the world through our neighbours' eyes. If we truly love our neighbour we need to understand their needs, consider how we can help them and how we can offer a Christmas that provides light in their darkness. To allow them to focus less on the presents and more on the presence. To focus less on gift giving as the perfect parcel, frantic shopping and ticking lists, and more as a humble sharing of the blessings that God gifts us.

Alternativity has many resources available which help to release people from the burden of providing the perfect Christmas and allow a return of peace to their Christmas celebrations. If you would like more information you can reach Alternativity on 0141 221 4242 or check out www.alternativity.org.uk