

Extracts of conversations with Archbishop Desmond Tutu on his visit to Netley Marsh in February 2009

On his tour round the workshop ...

Thank you for all the wonderful things you do. ... I'll wash my hands afterwards. ... This is quite an establishment.

There are not very many times when you can say I know I speak for millions of people, or something like that without being presumptuous, but now I know ... I do. Don't question me. Thank you so very much. Thank you.

And afterwards over a cup of hot chocolate ...

It is a fantastic idea, you know. And like many of these ideas you wonder why it took so long to think it up.

It's just in a way mind-boggling that you should give so much of your time, and give without consideration of any material reward.

I just wanted to say again on behalf of all of the wonderful people who are the recipients of all your splendid work, thank you, and go on going on. ...

The number of places I speak and know people will be overwhelmed by the extent of evil. And you can't pretend that there isn't.

And sometimes we forget how there are such many wonderful things taking place. Frequently things that do not get the publicity they deserve because it seems as if good stories don't always sell as well as the sensational, awful stories. And you are one of the good stories that make God looking down and saying, 'well, they just about vindicate me'.

But it's all just really just to say a really big thank you and we off whip off our caps to you.