

Subject: We know that things can change

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**our
common
home**

Dear Parish,

This week is [Laudate Si Week](#), which celebrates the 6th anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for our common home.



May 16th-25th 2021

'for we know that things can change' [LS13]

Click [here](#) to watch the webinars from Laudato Si week on the Global Catholic Climate Movement website

Pope Francis' Laudate Si' is unique in its focus on love for creation and our Creator. Inspired by love the entire Catholic Church can be a powerful force to help achieve the radical global transformation that is needed in our world.

'In order to ensure the proper care of our common home, we must become a

“we” that is ever wider and more co-responsible, in the profound conviction that whatever good is done in our world is done for present and future generations’. Pope Francis

Laudate Si’ Week celebrates the great progress the whole Church has made on its journey to ecological conversion and is a time to rejoice and celebrate the steps we have taken so far, and to look to the future with hope, ‘for we know that things can change’.

Prayer for the 6th anniversary of Laudate Si’

Creator God, we thank You
for the gift of life which you
lovingly wove into being.

We confess we have not cared for your creation.

Your world grows hotter, hungrier, sicker,
and the people of your planet cry out for hope.

In Your love Lord, we answer
for we know things can change.

Give us the courage to bring Laudato Si’ to life
to care for all communities and species
suffering from environmental harm.

Bless all who labour for an integral ecology
that they might inspire others to discover
Your face in our suffering and beautiful world.

We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen

Kasanka Appeal Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Kasanka Appeal to raise funds for a solar water pump to replace the water borehole pump and provide access to clean water at the St Francis school and community in Kasanka. With your help we are well on the way towards our target of £2,400. Please keep the donations coming!



How to contribute to the Kasanka Appeal

- Pick up a Kasanka envelope from the back of church during May
- Use the contactless devices at Mass
- Make an online transfer using the following account details:
Account Name: Zambia RD
Account No: 00754226 Sort Code: 60-09-04
NB Ensure that you put 'Kasanka' as the reference
- All donations from **Pete's Plant Sale** have gone to the project
- If you would like to gift aid your contribution please email:
godalming@abiocese.org.uk



Pete's Plant Sale

This second sale was as successful as the first! There was a real buzz after each Mass and everyone enjoyed swapping and choosing plants. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success.

'I invite all men and women in our world to make good use of the gifts that the Lord has entrusted to us to preserve and make his creation even more beautiful'

Building back better

Meeting with Jeremy Hunt MP on Friday 18th June at 3.45pm

We have arranged an online meeting with Jeremy Hunt to discuss the impact of the climate crisis on the poorest communities around the world, and to ensure our concerns are at the heart of the G7 and COP26 climate talks this year. The more there are of us the better, so please contact Jo by email: jolewry@aol.com if you are interested in joining the meeting.

'2021 - Year of Opportunity' Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD, will be giving this online talk on 26th May at 7.30pm. Christine will explore ways in which the G7 and COP26 talks could make a difference to our world, especially to the lives of people who live in poverty. She will reflect on the impact of COVID-19 and draw lessons for the future for our interdependence with one another and with our natural world as we seek to recover and heal after the pandemic. Tickets are £5 and you can book by phone: 01428 642161 or [online](#)

Prayer for the success of the G7 Summit in June

As the heads of government of seven of the world's richest countries head to Cornwall in June for the G7 Summit, we are encouraged to pray for a fairer, more just society, where the world's most vulnerable people can live in dignity and our common home can be restored for future generations.

Click [here](#) for the **Novena on the Care for Creation**

Nine days of prayer to help us respond in prayer and action to the urgent climate change issues that we all face

Recycling tips

Recycle your crisp packets and dental care products now that Waverley offices have reopened

Recycle more of your plastic packaging at the supermarket remember to read packaging information and take recyclable packaging with you when you go shopping

How good is your recycling? It has been said that a visit to a landfill site would drastically change our habits for ever! We will all need to step up our recycling as government policy is due to change, and by 2023 the intention is to increase all recycling to 60% with households provided with more bins and the requirement to separate items.

Zero Waste

Waverley BC encourages zero waste by providing a FREE grey (landfill) bin if you apply to replace your large (240 litre) bin with a small (140 litre) or medium (180 litre) rubbish bin.

Refill stations / zero waste / bulk buying In Godalming and Milford we have 3 refill stations: at the Yard Market, Secretts Food Hall and the Godalming Deli. It works well to keep two plastic containers on the go, so that your refilled spare acts as a ready replacement when you run out (and you're not tempted to buy new); store your empties together and refill the whole lot on one trip to the Refill Station.

Green Awareness

No Mow May Support Waverley's initiative for May and leave your lawns to grow to encourage wildflowers and wildlife.

Reduce the carbon imprint of your food

Concern about the CO₂ emissions from air-freighted food are valid but in fact more food is transported by road than air, though there are some exceptions - such as asparagus, green beans and berries which are commonly air-freighted (but surprisingly, avocados and almonds are not). Whilst it is good to avoid air-freighted foods where possible, we can reduce the carbon impact of our diets more effectively by eating less meat and dairy, and switching to chicken, pork or plant-based alternatives. Read more [here](#)

Planting more trees

The UK has the second lowest level of woodland of any European country and has recently been ranked worst of the G7 countries for losing wildlife and wild spaces. So there has been some good news recently with the announcement of some new tree planting initiatives.



Urban Tree Challenge

The Government has announced the **England Trees Action Plan (ETAP)**, which will treble tree planting rates over the next three years to help reach the target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050 (or 2030!).

The Queen's Green Canopy scheme

Communities across the UK are encouraged to plant trees in an initiative to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee. Trees should be planted during tree-planting season – October 2021 through to the end of 2022.

From Trees to Toilets!

There's no need to cut down forests to make toilet roll and eco-friendly toilet paper (TP) is now widely available; you can do a lot for the planet if you check out these alternatives. Read the label on your current TP packaging and make sure the TP is made from 100% recycled paper (and not from virgin timber/new growth).

Eco-friendly TP alternatives include **EcoLeaf**; **Who Gives A Crap** (who donate 50% of their profits to building toilets and providing sanitation to communities in need) and **Bumboo** (who plant a tree for every box of bamboo TP sold, and who are partnered with the Eden Reforestation Projects); there are also supermarket recycled options but read the packaging labels carefully.

Prayer for the sixth anniversary of Laduate Si'

Loving God, Creator of Heaven and earth and all that is in them,
You created us in your own image

and made us stewards of all your creation.

You blessed us with the sun, water, and bountiful land
So that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,
So that we may attend to your gift of creation.
Help us to be conscious that our common home
belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures
and to all future generations, and that it is our
responsibility to preserve it.
May we help each person secure the food
and resources that they need.

Be present to those in need during these trying times,
especially the poorest and those most at risk
of being left behind.

Transform our fear and feelings of isolation
into hope and fraternity so that we may experience
a true conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing
the consequences of this global pandemic.
Make us courageous to embrace the changes
that are needed in the search for the common good.

Now more than ever may we feel that we are all
connected and interdependent,
enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the Earth
and the cry of the poor.

May the present sufferings be the birth pangs
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Thank you for your support and we hope you stay well

The *livesimply* team



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