

**Subject:** Celebrating 7 years of Laudate Si'

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**From:** St Edmund's livesimply group

**To:** Parish



Dear Parish,

Anniversaries are in the air at the moment and last week Pope Francis inaugurated the 7th anniversary of his encyclical **Laudate Si'**, advising us that we need to 'listen ever more attentively to the cry of the earth' and inviting everyone to participate and be inspired to care for our Common Home.

If you would like to read the Laudate Si' encyclical click [here](#)

'All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.'

Pope Francis, Laudate Si' 14

### Supporting the St Francis of Assisi community school in Kasanka

An enormous **thank you** for supporting our fund-raising to help the school in Kasanka to transition to 'learning in the digital age'.





At our **Cake Sale** we raised over **£600** - fantastic! Many thanks for your generosity, and to everyone who made cakes and bought cakes. We certainly have some great bakers in our parish!



And at **Pete's Plant Sale** we raised an amazing **£727**. A huge thank you to everyone who grew plants and gave them to us to sell and to everyone who bought plants and made such generous donations. Mary wrote afterwards:

*'It's hard to believe it's over two years since Pete came up with the idea of a plant swap. Sadly, he never got to see the fruits of his idea, but he would be so thrilled with how it has progressed. He was passionate about encouraging people to start sowing seed and plants and watch them grow. He felt everyone should be able to grow something even if it was on their windowsill.*

*Thank you Jo and everyone who helped to make this weekend such a success. What a great result. Please God this will continue to grow year on year.*

*I can imagine Pete smiling down on everyone tonight - with a glass of wine in hand - thinking well done team! Thanks again for keeping Pete's memory alive through the plant sale. It is a great accolade to him.*

*I planted out my purchases this afternoon and look forward to seeing them bloom!'*

The funds will go towards purchasing a variety of resources to help teachers make learning more accessible to pupils, such as a projector, screen, laptops, wireless router, TV, and printer/photocopier.

As we know, education can help lift people out of poverty and create a better life for themselves and their families, and in today's world access to the internet and digital resources are vital to the process.

Overall we had hoped to raise £1,000 from the cake and plant sales and we're delighted that we've not only exceeded this goal but nearly doubled it as our current total of **£1,828** is without Gift Aid included.

If you would like to support the work of the FMDM Sisters in Kasanka you can still donate online via this [link](#)



## Ten Step Guide to Living Simply



Laudato Si' calls us toward sustainability in the spirit of integral ecology and to achieve this together we need to spread the word -

- Use social media – post your tips and stories to get the message out there
- Write to your MP – on climate change and environment issues
- Take Action – support CAFOD campaigns, sign petitions
- Sustainability is one of the three core goals of the Live Simply movement - so why not join our Live Simply group?
- Remember - actions speak louder than words
- Share your knowledge and raise awareness
- Pray for the ecological conversion of all people
- Follow the Ten Step Guide to Living Simply

'Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others. Since the

world has been given to us, we can no longer view reality in a purely utilitarian way, in which efficiency and productivity are entirely geared to our individual benefit. Inter-generational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of justice, since the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us’.

Pope Francis, Laudate Si’ 159

## Support CAFOD’s campaign ‘Fix the Food System’



There's enough food to feed everyone in the world, but millions still live in poverty.

Our broken global food system can be changed to truly serve the needs of everyone, not just the powerful. Alternatives already exist, as small farmers and communities are leading the way, growing food in ways that are good for people and the planet.

Pope Francis has said, *“Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet.”*

Take Action and send a message today to Lynne Truss, Foreign Secretary, urging her to take steps to ensure that the UK government implements its COP26 commitments and backs agricultural systems that tackle the climate crisis, put local communities at the centre and protect the planet.

The message (see below) is set up for you at [www.cafod.org.uk/food](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food) and all you need to do is add your name and address then click and send:

Dear Foreign Secretary, The current food system is damaging people and the climate. With millions more people going hungry as a result of the pandemic and the Ukraine crisis, and the urgent need to reach net zero, it’s critical that we rethink the way we produce, process, trade and consume food. However, rather than supporting

alternatives that put local communities first and that tackle the climate crisis, UK agricultural aid has focused on supporting commercial agriculture for export. I urge you to take steps to ensure that the UK Government implements its COP26 commitments and backs agricultural systems that tackle the climate crisis, put local communities at the centre and protect the planet.

Click [here](#) to send this email to Lynne Truss, Foreign Secretary



## Support our local Foodbank and Community Store

There has been a great deal in the press recently about the vital role played by foodbanks in our communities given the cost of living crisis, and donations are urgently needed.

### St Mark's Foodbank

The list of items required is [here](#) and is updated monthly. Items can be dropped off at St Mark's Church and Community Centre, or at collection points at Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Co-op.

The Foodbank also needs financial donations. The details for bank transfer are: St Marks Community Centre, sort code 402212, a/c 91277766, or send cheques to St Marks, Franklyn Road, Godalming GU7 2LD.

### Godalming and Villages Community Store



## Shopping List

Last updated 16th May

Most urgently needed items (in priority order):

Always Needed Items
• TOILET ROLLS
• UHT SEMI-SKIMMED MILK
• TINNED MEAT MEALS
• WASHING DETERGENT
• KITCHEN ROLL
• WASHING UP LIQUID
• CLEANING SPRAYS

- DECAF TEA
- DECAF COFFEE
- GRAYV GRANULES
- MAYONNAISE
- CEREAL BARS
- READY RICE (PLAIN AND FLAVOURED)
- PESTO
- PASTA BAKE COOKING SAUCE
- BIN LINERS
- CRACKERS



This has now moved to Broadwater Community Centre, and is based in the grounds of Farncombe Cricket Club, Summers Road, Godalming GU7 3BE Tel: 07493 435715.

The Store is open every weekday morning, and their list of needs is [here](#) They are also currently short of shopping bags/Bags for Life.

Referrals are needed for both the Community Store and St Mark's Foodbank, and the number of clients referred is increasing. Citizens Advice Waverley can



offer guidance on referrals.

### **Abundance for all**

Generous God,

We give you thanks for all your gifts.

We thank you for the bounty of creation and the food we can share.  
We thank you for all the people whose work brings food to our tables.  
You have blessed us with enough for all, yet many people go without.

Nourish our commitment to justice,  
until all people taste the abundance of your gifts.

Amen

*(prayer from CAFOD)*

### **Rewilding and encouraging pollinators**



Thank you for the offers of help with creating planters for St Joseph's church. The rewilding project is gaining momentum!

At this time of year we can also do our bit for the environment with the actions we take in our own back gardens...

Why not get some help with identifying honeybees and garden butterflies and advice on which flowers to grow to help attract butterflies to your garden? Some useful websites are the [Wildlife Trusts](#) and the [Bee Friendly Trust](#)

After 'No Mow May' you can sign up for June's **30 Days Wild** - the Wildlife Trusts' annual challenge.



## Recycle Reuse Reduce

**Are you recycling your soft plastics?** Set up a separate bin at home and when it's full take the contents to the supermarket collection points. If you are recycling your soft plastics you should find that your black bin is almost empty.

*\*\*\* Remember – throwing away should be a last resort.*

### Use local collection points for -

- Oral Care – take used items to the Borough Council offices
- Clothes/textiles – Oxfam guarantee that nothing is sent to landfill.

**Support ethically produced products where possible** which are Fairtrade, locally produced, organic. For example: **Ethical Superstore** – produces [Eco Living](#) a range of eco-friendly, sustainable household products which support a zero-waste, plastic-free lifestyle. Absolutely everything is ethically made from environmentally-friendly, natural materials and ecologically packaged too.

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## Prayer to celebrate the 7th 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

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If you would like to join our next Live Simply meeting  
on **Monday 13th June at 7.30pm**, please email Jo: [jolewry@aol.com](mailto:jolewry@aol.com)

**Thank you for your support**  
**The Live simply team**



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