

Dear friends,
For your attention and action where appropriate: (this information can also be found on our website <http://bit.ly/2udGQts>)



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

Season of Creation / Creation Time 2019

<https://ctbi.org.uk/season-of-creation-creation-time-2019/>



Sued for protecting tribal lands.
Sued for banning a harmful petrol additive.
Sued for clamping down on tax avoidance.

Doesn't seem fair, does it?

Welcome to the real world, where ISDS* courts allow the world's multinational companies to sue poor countries for lost profits.

We've designed a quiz to let you experience just how tricky it can be to deal with ISDS – by putting you in the shoes of a newly elected leader standing up for the environment and the rights of your people.

Answer the questions using your conscience - and we'll let you know how that works out when ISDS is involved

Take the quiz

Good luck!

The Traidcraft Exchange Team

*P.S. If you're short on time today **you can jump straight to signing the petition***

**ISDS stands for Investor-State Dispute Settlement*



Baptised and Sent: Our call to be Missionary Disciples

Pope Francis has declared October 2019 as an Extraordinary Missionary Month, being 100 years since Pope Benedict XV's teaching on mission. It will be a special month of prayer and action, calling us to renew our missionary commitment to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples.



For the four weeks of October 2019, four themes have been approved by the Holy Father:

1. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ living in His Church
2. The witness of missionary saints and martyrs
3. Biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological formation for mission
4. Missionary charity as a commitment to support the Church's missionary activities and communities too poor to support themselves

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission and the Columban Missionaries invite you to reflect on your experiences, celebrating and putting into action the call to mission for justice, peace and care for creation at our Assembly on Saturday 12th October 2019.

Book now:- http://bit.ly/JandP_Assembly2019



Please note new date Friday 20th September, St Peter's Parish Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AA

7 to 9pm.

Global Healing, Food, film and discussion.

A Justice and Peace, Live Simply Parish and CAFOD event.



In the first week of September, Pax Christi will be joining with other faith groups to prayerfully protest against the manufacture and selling of weapons - including nuclear weapons.

If you would like to join us please let me know.

<https://www.thecatholicuniverse.com/pax-christi-to-lead-protests-at-londons-weapons-fair-33860>

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We are all responsible

According to Plastic Oceans UK, we manufacture over 300 million tonnes of plastic every single year. That is equivalent to the weight of the entire population of the planet.

Plastic Pollution

- We manufacture over 300 million tonnes of plastic a year. Around half of what we produced is single-use plastic.
- Around 8-12 million tonnes of plastic ends up in our oceans every year.
- It is estimated that 75% of seabirds in the world have ingested plastic at some time and that figure is only likely to increase.
- Everyday approximately 8 million pieces of plastic pollution find their way into our oceans.
- There may now be around 5.25 trillion macro and microplastic pieces floating in the open ocean.
- 100,000 marine mammals and turtles and 1 million sea birds are killed by marine plastic pollution annually.

What are we doing to help improve the situation?

- Have we tried to reduce the single-use plastic we use?
- Have we taken part in any clean up campaigns?
- When organising events do we make sure that we are using bio-degradable or re-usable cutlery/plates/dishes instead of plastic ones?

Reducing our carbon footprint

It is generally recognised that we need to reduce our carbon emissions significantly if we are to pass on a world to future generations which is sustainable.

Zero carbon initiative: There is a responsibility on everyone of us to become carbon neutral.

There are many ways to reduce our carbon emissions, however, it is virtually impossible for us to live a life which is carbon neutral.

Each person normally generates about 12 to 14 tonnes a year and, with careful planning and changes in lifestyle, this can, in many cases, be reduced to about 8 tonnes. One way to become carbon neutral is to plant trees.

Depending on their variety it requires between 5 and 12 trees to offset one tonne of carbon dioxide, though it is estimated that the planting of British native hardwood trees would require about 10 trees per tonne of carbon dioxide.

How many trees have you planted recently?

How many trees have your local council planted recently?

How many trees have your local council cut down recently without replacing them?

If you are holding environmental events, why not tell us about them so that we can publicise them on our website or include an article with photographs in our newsletters.





Season of Creation 2019 Theme: The web of Life.

Here are some ideas for actions during the Season of Creation.

The GCCM website has a number of suggestions: <http://seasonofcreation.org/guide/> which include a Liturgy for Creation.

CAFOD have this on their website: a **Vigil for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This can be used at any time during this season.**

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/World-Day-of-Prayer>

I have used this successfully.

Also, if you have not yet taken part in CAFOD's current campaign you can do so in September. There is a suggestion for a Celebration Mass and a shared meal. Details here:

https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/48375/582074/version/2/OCH_guide_for_downloading.pdf

Some prayers for use at Mass:

https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/19885/140491/version/9/file/Prayer_intercessions_climate-and-environment-intercessions.pdf

and a Novena to St Francis:

<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/20027/141347/version/12/file/Novena%20to%20St%20Francis.pdf>

Liverpool Justice and peace Commission resources

<https://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/resources/creation/>

Churches together

<https://ctbi.org.uk/season-of-creation-creation-time-2019/>

information supplied by Phil Mayland

To help you keep abreast of what is going on in the diocese our Website is updated regularly. We also now have a twitter account so please follow us. Don't forget if you are running any Justice and Peace related events or holding Justice and Peace related meetings email me the details so that they can be added to the Justice and Peace Website Calendar.

We are also looking for articles for next months News Letter, so please send us information about what you have been doing or what you feel would be interesting to others.

With best wishes as always,

Janet Vaughan

Administrator, on behalf of the Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission

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