

ST GEORGE'S LAUDATO SI GROUP

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Our parish group hopes to answer the call of Pope Francis and our diocese to care for our Common Home and the people we share it with.

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MEETINGS

Our group meets monthly in the sacristy – at 6pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for about an hour. Check the parish bulletin and social media for details. Everyone is welcome to join us. Our next meetings are:

8th November 2022

13th December 2022

10th January 2023

14th February 2023

14th March 2023

FAIRTRADE STALL after Sunday 10.30am Mass

Fair trade products, including food, drink and craft, are sourced through a fair supply chain, where small-scale farmers, producers and artisans are treated with dignity, respect, equality and fairness. Supporting our monthly Fairtrade stall is a great way to support these people around the world. Please note it is cash only.

The next dates are:

13th November

20th November – for Christmas products, gifts, Advent calendars etc

11th December

CARECENT – FUNDRAISING

Thank you for the donations of shoes and money for Carecent - a breakfast centre for vulnerable people at Central Methodist Church in the centre of York.

Thank you to Dave and Felicia who took **40 pairs of shoes and £105.85** to them, which was greatly appreciated. We will be supporting Carecent again later on in the year.

PARISH WALK

A small group of us went for a wet but an enjoyable stroll along the city walls, down the cycle path and around St Nick's nature reserve, finishing at the Rose and Crown!

We hope to have more parish walks when the weather is better.

This month why not be part of WALK, PRAY, CHANGE – a Jesuit Missions initiative to walk a mile during COP27 in solidarity with those who are already affected by the climate crisis.

You can walk a mile with friends, family or by yourself. There are prayers and information for walkers on the Jesuit Missions website jesuitmissions.org.uk/cop27-walk-pray-change/

COFFEE after 10.30am MASS

Thank you to everyone who stayed after morning Mass on 30th October and donated to Carecent. We will be serving Fairtrade tea, coffee and biscuits after morning Mass on Sunday **27th November** and **18th December**.

COP27 – Sharm El-Sheik, EGYPT

Following last year's COP26 (Conference of the Parties) in Glasgow, COP27 is about to take place from **6th to 18th** November.

It is thought that over **35,000** participants will attend and that **2,000** people will speak at the conference. These participants will come from over **190** countries and will represent governmental and non-governmental organisations as well as private companies and the media.

If you can't walk a mile as part of WALK, PRAY, CHANGE, **CAFOD** has lots of resources about COP27 on their website cafod.org.uk/Campaign/COP27

Here is one of the prayers.

*God of blessings,
the universe sings of your glory.
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made
and awaken in us a renewed commitment
to care for the earth and each other.
Inspire world leaders at COP27,
with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change
and with courage to act urgently and wisely,
so that our common home may be healed and restored
and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it.
Amen.*

GET TO KNOW "LAUDATO SI"

Laudato Si was Pope Francis's second encyclical and published in 2015. It is addressed to "every person on the planet". It has an introduction and six chapters

1. What is happening to our Common Home
2. The Gospel of Creation
3. The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis
4. Integral Ecology
5. Lines of Approach and Action
6. Ecological Education and Spirituality

From next month's newsletter, we will bring you an excerpt for reflection. We are also planning ways to explore the document in greater depth within the parish.

COMING SOON – DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

We hope to set up a mailing list so you never miss news or reminders about Laudato Si activities in the parish. We will still produce a paper copy. A digital version will help us to reduce the amount of printing and allow us to include photos and more news.

GET INVOLVED

To get involved, please email our new address stgeorgelaudatosi@gmail.com

Look out for more news in the weekly bulletin and on social media.

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