

ST GEORGE'S LAUDATO SI GROUP

LAUDATO SI WEEK - MAY 2024 UPDATE

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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LAUDATO SI WEEK - 19th - 26th May 2024

The theme this year is Seeds of Hope.

Laudato Si' Week marks the anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on Care for Creation. The organisers encourage us to "gather in community to contemplate and nurture seeds of hope for our "suffering planet" (LD 2) ... Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love."

Laudate Deum, Pope Francis' Laudato Si (LS) update reminds us of the urgency of and the need for both personal and cultural transformation amidst our ecological and climate crises.

Pope Francis writes, "*There are no lasting changes without cultural changes ... and there are no cultural changes without personal changes*" (LD, 70)

You are invited to download the Celebration Guide from the LS Week website to find inspiration so we can all make changes to the way we live and care for Creation.

<https://laudatosiweek.org/>

This year's theme ties in with the recent document **Spes Non Confundit** (Hope does not Disappoint) which outlines Pope Francis's vision for the Church's Jubilee Year. The Jubilee Year is called "Pilgrims of Hope" and will run from Christmas Eve 2024 until early 2026. In **Spes Non Confundit**, Pope Francis calls for, among other things, an end to arms sales, for renewed action to tackle poverty and hunger and for the debts of poorer nations to be cancelled as an act of justice. Find the full text here:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls.index.html>

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK - 8th - 16th June 2024

The theme this year is "Let's swap together for good."

This is a UK-wide celebration of action to tackle the climate crisis, asking as many people as possible to make a swap in their life and call for political leaders to do the same.

It is organised by The Climate Coalition, a collection of 100+ organisations, including CAFOD. CAFOD will be displaying swap messages on its website and social media so that others can be inspired to make their own swap.

CAFOD will also share messages with political parties to make sure they hear in the run-up to the general election how people want policies to care for our common home. You can add your swap via their website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/campaign-with-us/great-big-green-week-tell-us-about-your-swap>

If you need some inspiration for swaps, why not try ...

HEIMA, 34 Gillygate, York

An independent homeware, hardware and eco/refill shop with plenty of alternatives to plastic items. They aim to be a “go-to shop for all your practical and sustainable household needs”.

The Giftery & The Shop of Small Changes, 177 Burton Stone Lane, York

This is two shops under one roof - a zero waste lifestyle shop and a gift shop with lots of eco and locally sourced items. You can refill your own containers with items including shampoo, detergent and vinegar for cleaning.

Laudato Si Bookcase

Come and borrow a book from the bookcase at the back of church (near the piety stall).

There is a selection of religious themed books. Please take a book, read and return it for someone else to enjoy.

Fairtrade Stall after both Masses

The next dates are 19th May and 16th June

Please continue to support growers and producers by buying fairly traded goods.

Food Collection for Carecent and St George's Primary School

Thank you for your support and donations. The weekly parish bulletin has an up-to-date list of items to leave at the back of church. All donations are gratefully received.

Recycling Collection Point

There is a bin for the items below at the back of church:

- Used plastic pens, felt tips and markers
- Unwanted wires, cables and chargers
- Aluminium foil (washed and squashed)

Please read and either pass on to someone else or recycle. Thanks