

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CHRISTMAS 2019

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SRO DIARY DATES

JANUARY

7 Poverty Forum Meeting, Truro
Samaritans, Treyew Road, Truro, 2pm.
13 Modern Slavery Training, Plymouth
Guildhall, Plymouth, 9.45am - 1pm;
14 Modern Slavery Training, St
Michael's Church, Newquay, 9.45am -
1pm. To book, click [here](#).

FEBRUARY

4 Poverty Forum Meeting, St Mary's
Church, Penzance, 2pm.

SPECIAL DAYS & SUNDAYS

This resource is now available on the
diocesan [website](#) or hard copy from
Church House.

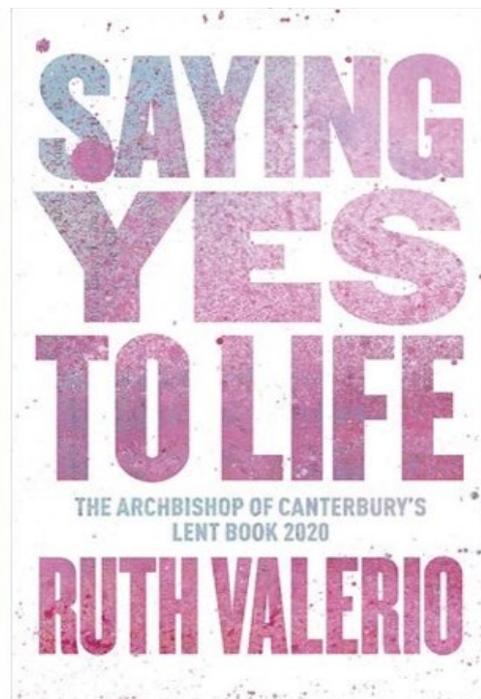
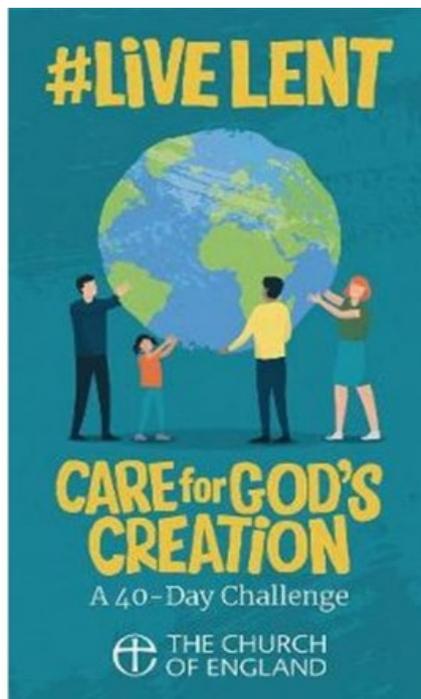
SPOTLIGHT ON

RESOURCES FOR RESPONSE TO CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The issue of climate change and our
response as churches and as followers of
Christ is now a high priority. Below are a
number of resources you may find useful
as you prepare for the keeping of Lent or
at another time of year.

SAYING YES TO LIFE

This year's Archbishop of Canterbury
Lent Book is 'Saying Yes To Life' by Ruth
Valerio. He writes in the forward that this
book is perfect for individuals and groups
to think, reflect, pray and be challenged
together. As people made in the image
of God, we are entrusted to look after
what he has created: to share in God's joy
and ingenuity in making a difference for
good. Ruth Valerio imaginatively draws
on the Days of Creation (Genesis 1) as she
relates themes of light, water, land, the
seasons, other creatures, humankind,
Sabbath rest and resurrection hope
to matters of environmental, ethical
and social concern. Available at
spckpublishing.co.uk/saying-yes-to-life



#LIVELENT: CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

#LiveLent is the Church of England's Lent
Campaign for 2020. With weekly themes
shaped around the first Genesis account of
creation, it explores the urgent need
for humans to value and protect the
abundance God has created. This year's
#LiveLent challenge offers 40 short
reflections and suggested actions to help
individuals, families and churches live in
greater harmony with God, neighbour
and nature.

Live Lent comes in practical booklets
with adult and young people versions
and is also available digitally at
churchofengland.org/livelent

CHRISTIANITY & CREATION GREEN DISCIPLESHIP FOR CORNWALL

If you are looking for something more
locally based then Revd Elly Sheard and
Dr Lucy Larkin have created a four-week
course which is perfect for personal
reflection and discussion by groups.
Visit [trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/
uploads/2019/11/Week-1.pdf](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Week-1.pdf)

WORSHIP WORKSHOPS

Incorporating the theme of Care for
God's Creation into our worship is
another important way we can involve
the whole congregation and outreach
into the wider community. The
Diocesan Environment Core Group will
be holding two workshops for clergy,
readers and worship leaders in 2020
On Saturday, May 16 during the day
and Wednesday, May 20 in the evening
so make a note of these dates.
Further details to follow.

TOLLING THE BELL FOR THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Warleggan Church tolls a single bell
12 times before services to represent
the dozen years it is thought we have
left to be able to stabilise levels of
atmospheric CO2. Could consider
ringing before your services? From
January 1, 2020 the number will
reduce to 11 to heighten the sense
of urgency.

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SPOTLIGHT ON HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

The 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau will be marked on January 27, 2020.

This significant milestone is made particularly poignant by the declining number of survivors who are able to share their testimony.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, the Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis and Senior Imam Qari Asim have united to write a new prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2020.

The prayer, which the faith leaders developed in partnership with Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, can be used by people of any faith at activities marking the day.

The prayer highlights the theme of HMD 2020, Stand Together, which encourages communities to stand together to stop division and prevent the spread of hate in society. The theme recognises that genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately fractured societies by marginalising certain groups.

The prayer reminds us of the horrors of history when prejudices

have driven people apart, and calls on people of all faiths and none to stand together to support those who are suffering today.

THE PRAYER

Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust.

In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart.

Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us.

In the light of God, we see everyone as equally precious manifestations of the Divine, and can know the courage to face the darkness.

Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish all darkness, love will prevail over hate and good will triumph over evil.

Amen

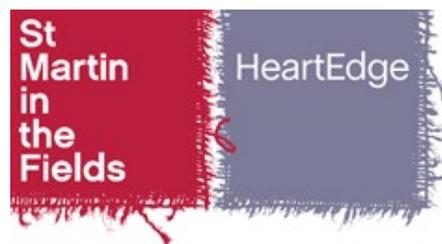
CHRISTMAS GIVING CATALOGUE

Are you stuck for ideas for that last minute present or something for those family and friends who seem to have everything?

Then look no further than the Cornwall Alternative Christmas Giving Catalogue. There you can support a number of local Cornish Charities working to help those worse off at Christmas and throughout the year.

Available in local churches, on the diocesan [website](#) and or by post from Church House.

MORE INFORMATION
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HEARTEDGE IN PENZANCE

HeartEdge supports churches in blending their mission around four key areas:

- Congregation: Inclusive approaches to liturgy, worship and day-to-day communal life;
- Compassion: models of outreach serving local need and addressing social justice;
- Culture: art, music and ideas to re-imagine the Christian narrative for the present moment;
- Commerce: Commercial activities that generate finance, creatively extending and enhancing mission and ministry through social enterprise.

'At the heart. On the edge' will be a day exploring mission by sharing ideas, uncovering solutions and finding support including input from Dr Sam Wells and the St Martin Singers.

BISHOP ISSUES UNITY PLEA

The Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, has issued a plea for unity this Christmas.

"Unity is a very fitting theme for Christmas. One of our Anglican prayers often used at Midnight Mass says: 'On this holy night, Heaven is come down to Earth and Earth is raised to Heaven.' The birth of Jesus, who is both God and man, creates a touching place where heaven and earth meet, in unity. And in Jesus, God invites us to enter into a relationship, into union, with him. But we can't stop there. God steps towards us in the baby of Bethlehem to draw us into union with him. And that also puts the onus on us to step towards others, and into unity with them."

READ MORE HERE

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