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GOOD NEWS

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

began two days ago. This year for the first time a programme of events is taking place at both our local universities. This is the result of the networking of Falmouth Town Fair Trade Steering Group with the universities Sustainability Officer. Good links have been formed. (The steering group are from local churches).

SIR MO FARAH

long distance runner, has become a patron of the Bakhita Centre for Research on Slavery, Exploitation and Abuse at St Mary's University Twickenham.

SUSTAINABILITY

The EU has approved a common charging cable. All new portable electronic devices will use the same charging cable from 2024.

THE CONGO

After 14 years of advocacy, the indigenous pygmy peoples of the Democratic Republic of Congo have finally won recognition as a distinct people with rights and access to prior consent before the government and industries can exploit their land in the primary forests of the Congo Basin.

THE NORTERN IRELAND PROTOCOL

There seems at last to be good progress in this matter, hopefully a solution will be found that is accepted by all parties.

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ROUGH SLEEPERS

There has been a 23% increase in the numbers of rough sleepers in the Southwest since last year. There are currently a number sleeping out in our town doorways.

SHELTERBOX

has been providing tents for the people in Syria and Turkey. Their Lent appeal invites us to:

- Give up a daily chocolate bar...£30 will provide a Shelter Box toolkit with ropes and tarpaulins etc to help a family repair their home.
- Give up a takeaway coffee ... £60 will provide a water filter to give a family clean drinking water.
- As a group, raise £350 which will provide a tent for a family space to call home.
- Other suggestions: give up TV, your bed for a night, sweets, takeaways, Facebook.

CHURCHES AND FOSSIL FUEL INVESTMENTS

At the beginning of 2023, 40 CofE and RC dioceses in the country had yet to make a commitment to disinvest from fossil fuels.

AIDS

"Greater equality is needed in the distribution of medication against AIDS" says the UN head of AIDS. "There is a shortage of medication, especially in Africa. All people should have access to the care needed in these challenging times".

ACTIONS FOR THE WEEK

FIND OUT ABOUT A PERTINENT LOCAL ISSUE RELATING TO JUSTICE AND PEACE... is there any action to be taken?

PRAY FOR... integrity and justice in the deliberations of local and national government.

JOIN IN your local service on March 3rd for **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**, composed this year by the women of TAIWAN.

PRAYER FOR NIGERIA

Presidential and local elections last week were carried out with many irregularities, resulting in violence and disruption. The country is at a crucial stage in its history. Pray for justice and peace and miracles!
