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GOOD NEWS

BBC CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

It is 100 years since the British Broadcasting Corporation was founded, the technology that changed lives and brought enlightenment to millions.

The BBC started on 18th October 1922, funded by the licence fee.

The World Service started in 1932, its news and analysis meant primarily for those in the British Empire and English Speakers, funded by the Government International TV Broadcasting started in 1991 with World Service TV and BBC world news.

Perhaps these days it does not always bring enlightenment as it seems to revel in broadcasting bad news, omitting the good news.

But how fortunate we are in having the BBC and the freedom to listen and watch to what is happening in our world, when such freedom is not allowed to citizens in some countries e.g. Russia.

MEXICO: PETITIONS CAN BE EFFECTIVE

1030 people e-mailed the Mexican Government this summer re the Christians in Chiapas State who because of their beliefs have for 6 years been denied access to water, sewage services, and electricity. After 6 months of campaigning the state now recognises that crimes may have been committed and it is hoped that services will now be restored.

FISH AND CHIPS

Facing a battle to survive, a third of UK's 10,500 chippies could be forced to close. In addition to other rising costs, a sack of potatoes costs £8.50, but this could soon rise to £20. Britain's dry summer means potato yield is smaller and poorer. average chippie uses 40 bags of potatoes a week. In Scotland the James Hutton Institute is researching varieties that will grow in warmer conditions. The Lady Jane potato has been specifically bred and needs also less water. Some potato crops are needing irrigation that represents a loss to the environment. So look out for Lady Jane at your local chippie in the future.

GREAT BARRIER REEF

In the Northern part of the great coral reef, coral is growing at the fastest rate for 36 years which shows that the Coral Reef is resilient.

ALDI A LIVING WAGE

ALDI supermarket has raised the wage paid to its employees to a minimum £10 an hour.

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

SHELL

made a profit of £8.1billion in the last quarter and £9.1billion in the previous quarter. Its top boss has just left and received a bonus of over a £1million.

NORWAY

Is experiencing a rate of climate change that is 6 times the average. War in Ukraine is undermining the effort to recognise this and take action as it is necessary to share news with Russia. Survival is becoming more precarious. Norway has just shut its last mine, which was a profitable operation.

COP27 starts next week in Egypt, this year's international meeting of world leaders to take action on Climate Change.

Liz Truss was to have attended. Our new prime minister says he is too busy with affairs here so will not be going. King Charles now as monarch cannot attend for constitutional reasons.

So as one of the world's leading countries we will not be represented. What message is this for the world??

POVERTY

Out of a class of 30 children, it is estimated that 10 are living in poverty.

ACTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Let us remember the Climate Change Conference of the World's Nations in Egypt and pray for good outcomes and especially for those attending from poor countries and the countries most affected.