

GOOD NEWS

DRONES SAVING TIME AND LIVES

In the Isle of Wight, the NHS is trialling the use of drones to deliver fragile medicine in a short time, which saves money and means patients do not have to go to the mainland for cancer treatment. Chemotherapy drugs have a short shelf life. Ferry and car takes 4 hours to get the medicines from Southampton to the IOW. Drones take only 30 minutes. So patients can have their treatment on the island rather than having to go to the mainland.

CHOCOLATE

Nestlé have taken innovative steps to increase their payments to poor farmers, increasing their income and giving additional payments and will by the end of this year will have planted 2.8 million trees. Visit <https://www.transform-trade.org/iac/day-4> to learn more about supporting an ethical chocolate industry.

KIDS SING CORNISH FOR ANNIVERSARY

School children have been singing in Cornish to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Cornish Language being officially recognised by the UK government. Currently 25 schools are teaching Cornish, through the free Go Cornish for Primary Schools programme commissioned by the County Council.

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY IS ON DECEMBER 10TH

Human Rights are not recognised in many countries, including our own with regard to the policies regarding those seeking refuge and asylum.

The United Nations declared the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, rights to be treated as a human being regardless of Race, Sex, Language, National or Social origin, Property, Birth or other status, Colour or Religion.

UNIVERSAL CREDIT

Over 850,000 persons do not claim their right to Universal Credit. Why should this be? when so many are impoverished, having to choose between eat or heat.

A TIMBER SCANDAL

Britain has failed to ban imports of wood produce in Belarus, despite evidence that the country's authoritarian regime is using forced prison labour to supply customers who include Western furniture companies. New figures show that the UK imported nearly £2 million in the two months after Putin's invasion of neighbouring Ukraine.

This in spite of Belarus and its grim record of human rights, Whitehall officials have confirmed that wood products and timber can still be imported into Britain leaving it to companies to effectively impose their own bans in cutting trade ties with the country.

ACTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine and for specific situations of human rights abuse.

Pray for the 1100 or so British people in prison in other countries and find out more about the organisation "PRISONERS ABROAD".

Pray for prisoners and their families at this time of Advent and Christmas.

Pray for the people of Somalia.

In Somalia, 7 million people are in danger of starving, and HALF of all children are severely malnourished. Hospitals are becoming overwhelmed, and parents are being forced to make impossible decisions about who to feed.

The country is being devastated by the worst drought in 40 years. Without rain, nothing grows anymore - and aid isn't arriving fast enough.