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"Positive Stories have a role to play when War is dominating the News"

- WHO research findings:
- o "In times of crisis it is more important to manage our media diet, balance is necessary to main one's mental health.
- Today technology over feeds us.
- We need to find stories to amplify positive and hopeful stories "

AFRICA: SOLUTIONS TO PLASTIC WASTE POLLUTION

Sub-Saharan entrepreneurs meet the challenge:

- o In Nigeria, plastic waste is used to make designer textiles.
- o In Rwanda, plastic waste is made into school benches.
- In Kenya, women are earning money by plastic recycling.

VAGRANCY

- The UK government has pledged to repeal the Vagrancy Act of 1824, which made rough sleeping illegal.
- The charity Crisis says "there are better and more effective ways to overcome homeless".
- Criminalisation of Homelessness has shamed our society.

FOOD WASTE

 WRAP Charity says "selling loose and without 'best before' dates could save 100,000 tons of food waste and 130,000 tons of CO2, people could buy only the quantity they actually need, as is happening in France"

THE HOUSE OF LORDS HAS REJECTED THE NATIONALITY AND BORDERS BILL

which is so detrimental to those seeking Refuge in this country.

FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

PRAY FOR UKRAINE

- For the Ukrainian President and those involved in fighting for the freedom of Ukraine.
- That the refugees will find safe and hospitable shelter.
- For the neighbouring countries receiving refugees, and those on the borders fearful for escalation of war in their country.
- Those in fear and distress, the bereaved, the families who have said goodbye at the borders to husbands and the mothers fleeing with their children.
- For President Putin, that he may experience a change of heart, repentance and that war will cease.

- The people of Russia who are demonstrating against war, risking imprisonment for doing so.
- For the international responses, for wise and effective diplomacy.
- That we may do all we can with prayer and monetary donations to show our concern for justice and peace for our brothers and sisters.

ACTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUGGESTIONS FOR LENT

Phone someone you know who is lonely or isolated or experiencing difficulties (and tell them you will remembering them in prayer).

- Fine out where your local Community Fridge is and donate some fresh fruit or veg.
- Walk instead of using the car.
- Have two meat free days this week.
- Support one local charity with a donation this week.
- Make a cake and give it to your local food bank.

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