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GOOD NEWS



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WALES TAKES THE LEAD AMONG NATIONS AND DECIDED LAST WEEK TO PLOUGH ITS OWN FURROW

Wales has introduced an agricultural reform that responds to the climate crisis.

The new Agricultural Bill pays farmers for enhancing ecosystems and conserving the countryside, planting trees, habitat protection and sustainable food production.

THE BBC YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION HAD ITS FINAL ON SUNDAY

Not held since Covid Lockdown, viewers had last week the opportunity to see young people each night in the semi-finals and final. What a joy it is was to have the pleasure of hearing these dedicated and talented young people. The finalist from the pianoforte section was a 19 year old who has been blind from birth. How important it is for children to have access to music and to playing an instrument, as there are no funds from the government for this in schools today. In Cornwall, the Cornwall Music Trust plays a pivotal role in enabling children to have these opportunities.

FILLING THE SKIES WITH HOPE

Over 100 organisations have joined together calling for simple measures of welcome to Refugees and Asylum Seekers, demonstrating that we are against the hostile treatment being given to them by the government and against banishing them to Rwanda.

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

SOUTH SUDAN

is one of the countries in the Horn of Africa where 20 million people are at risk of starvation. Recently floods in S. Sudan meant that trucks bringing essential supplies of food and other goods got stuck in the mud for a month and the markets were empty.

Thankfully they are on the move again now.

IRAN

Young women and schoolgirls have been protesting in their thousands against the laws impeding the dignity and freedom of women under the Islamic regime. One young person has died in custody, which has created more anger and violence.

THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

has been awarded to peace activists in Russia, Belarus and Ukraine

PRISON SUNDAY

was last Sunday. A small NGO called "PRISONERS ABROAD" is the only organisation providing essential help. There are over 700 prisoners, some in dreadful prisons, with infestations, no room to lie down, no safe water to drink, no decent food, unable to speak or understand the language and undergoing incarceration to months before a trial.

Prisoners Abroad provides material help and friendship, supports their families and children here in the UK and is a ray of hope and alight in the darkness, Contact the organisation if you would like to know more and also send a Christmas card to a British prisoner somewhere alone and forgotten in our world.

ACTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Reflect on what you decided to do in last week's news.
- Contact Prisoners Abroad. Pray for prisoners and especially their families and children.
- Pray for the women in Iran