

GOOD NEWS

U TURN RAIL REPRIEVE

In response to opposition from passengers and transport watchdog, the government has asked train operators to withdraw their proposals for ticket office closures. This is a big relief to those who do not or cannot get their tickets online, eg those with disabilities and the 12% of elderly people who are not online.

CORNWALL AND DEVON

New figures have revealed that Devon and Cornwall are the two safest places in the country, according to the Office of National Statistics.

RSPB

(Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Europe's biggest conservation charity), through consultation with its Youth Council is offering free entry to its nature reserves to all 16 to 24 year olds for a 2 year period. This will encourage young people to understand the importance of nature and conservation and participate in positive action to preserve our countryside and take action as regards climate change.

THE EDEN PROJECT'S SEED BANK

The Eden Project has announced a new Wild Flower Seed Bank to harvest, store and distribute wild flower seeds.

LONDON - USE OF CARS

The daily use of older, more polluting cars has dropped by 45% since June.

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

TRUTH IN THE MEDIA

It is alarming to hear that new techniques and use of AI makes it possible to create fake news that is impossible to distinguish from what is true, e.g. fake videos, that can interfere with politics and elections and international diplomacy.

AMAZON

Amazon's profit in the last three months have risen to \$8.1 billion.

RENTS CLIMB CONTINUES

Average rents are likely to reach £1550 a month by the end of 2026, according to recent forecasts by the estate agency Hamptons. That is an increase of 27%. Average salaries will only go up by 15%. Regrettably the government has delayed the passing of the "No Eviction" Rent Act. This means that at present landlords can evict tenants so as to get a higher rent for a new tenant. The effects of Eviction are detrimental and loom large in any family made homeless.

PEACE PEACE PEACE

We are seeing the most terrible suffering, distress and bloodshed on our TV screens, especially the suffering of mothers and little children, the bombing of hospitals, deaths of premature babies out of their incubators and lives destroyed in an instant.

Let us pray and continue to pray.

AMEN

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