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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PAGEANT AT WINDSOR CASTLE

What a joyful uplifting celebration this was with international, British and Commonwealth performers (shown in ITV on Sunday evening) in the Queen's presence. It must have gladdened the hearts of all who watched, and the Queen enjoyed it too.

We continue to give thanks for her life of Christian dedication and service to our country.

GLOBAL SUMMIT TO PROMOTE FREEDOM OF RELIGION IN LONDON JULY 5-6

This is being hosted by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

This will drive collective action in promoting respect between different religions and non-religious communities around the world. In 2020, the UK became a co-founding member of the International Religious Freedom or Belief Alliance, 30 countries now belonging.

MAKING OUR TREES SAFE

Work has started on making the trees in our local park safe after fungal infections made some of them dangerous. What is GOOD about this is that all trees are subject to an environmental assessment which will prevent work happening if birds are nesting or bats are present.

FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

- **THE HUGE PROFITS OF SOME ENERGY COMPANIES AND OIL PRODUCERS**
- **PIG FARMERS**

- Are finding that their rising costs are likely to put them out of business. Most of the big supermarkets have upped the amount they pay to pig farmers except the Tesco which made the greatest profit this year £2 million.

- **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON STUDY INTO INSECT POPULATIONS**

- Research shows that the number of insects was 49% lower in areas with high intensive agriculture than in the most natural habitats with no recorded climate change. This loss of insects could also harm human health as insects play an important role in pollination and pest control.

ACTION OF THE WEEK

HOPE FOR UKRAINE By Ioana Sabau, a third year Student here at Falmouth University and member of St Mary's Church Falmouth. Take a few minutes to reflect on this beautiful image (on the next page) and its meaning for you.

(Students made over £1000 for Ukraine, by setting up a pop-up stall and selling their work at the Princes Pavilion)



Hope for Ukraine

Spomena

I NO LONGER PRAY FOR PEACE

On the edge of war, one foot already in,
I no longer pray for peace:
I pray for miracles.

I pray that stone hearts will turn
to tenderheartedness,
and evil intentions will turn
to mercifulness,
and all the soldiers already deployed
will be snatched out of harm's way,
and the whole world will be
astounded onto its knees.

I pray that all the "God talk"
will take bones,
and stand up and shed
its cloak of faithlessness,
and walk again in its powerful truth.

I pray that the whole world might
sit down together and share
its bread and its wine.

Some say there is no hope,
but then I've always applauded the holy fools
who never seem to give up on
the scandalousness of our faith:
that we are loved by God.....
that we can truly love one another.

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Ann Weems
Ash Wednesday,
March 5, 2003