

GOOD NEWS

WOODLAND TRUST

In pioneering research with the University of Nottingham, it was found that 1.8 million of the UK's oldest trees were unrecorded in England alone. Meanwhile its project partner the National Trust surveyed 22 of its estates in Devon and East Anglia, safeguarding more than 2,500 special trees/

NASA has announced its most diverse team of astronauts ever for its mission to the moon. It includes the first black astronaut and the first female chosen.

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST DAFFODIL PRODUCER

Cornish excellence...Varfell Farms in Penzance, the world's largest grower and packer of daffodils, producing 65% of the world's daffodil flowers has been held up as an example of regenerative farming methods, over the last decade improving soil and plant health, reducing erosion and run off as well as minimising input costs. In regenerative farming all elements of a growing system work together in a holistic way to optimise not just environmental, but also social and economic sustainability.

EASTER IN FALMOUTH

Our main local churches report that churches were packed to overflowing at Easter Sunday morning services.

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

WATER

There has been much in the national and local press recently about the poor quality of water in our rivers, our own SW water suppliers being one of the worst offenders for discharges of sewage and waste water. Yet CEOs are still being awarded huge bonuses. Environmental degradation due to

sewage and chemical spillages is a disturbing rejection of ways to "Save our Planet".

RUSSIA

The journalist who has notably been a major critic of Putin was this week sentenced to 25 years in prison for his political stance. He also holds a British passport. Let us pray for him and his family.

PEACEMAKING

Our Justice and Peace Group focussed on this at our April meeting.

Aspects of making Peace included: De-escalating violence. Restorative Justice, how to depolarise family- church-community conversations, Prisons, Economics of Peace and Skills of engaging injustice non-violently (eg nonviolent protest skills).

Also the importance of LISTENING to other point of view, and looking at my own prejudices and feeling pain myself.

EASTER RESURRECTION... "We are not saved from the world but saved for the world, made whole again so as to be peacemakers for humanity and for the earth itself. It has already happened once-for-all in history. Only we can make sure it is happening today. (Daniel O'Leary)

Jesus' first words to the disciples after the resurrection: "Peace be with you".

SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

- For an understanding of the religious and constitutional meaning of the Monarchy.
- For King Charles
- For our National Leaders that they may be inspired to work selflessly for the common good of all.

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