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GOOD NEWS

....lots this week!

COP28 FINAL AGREEMENT

This has been hailed as a historic agreement, even the petrostates agree.
The agreement commits nations to transition away from fossil fuels. The end of fossil fuels is nigh.

YOUNG CHEFS IN UK COMPETITION

The local round of the Rotary Club's "Young chef of the year" took place recently.
Rotary does a lot to further the interests and support young people in various projects such the Public Speaking Contest and this event for budding chefs. The four boys chosen to proceed to the next round will compete at Bristol in March and were from Falmouth, Penryn and Mullion. The judges said they demonstrated very high professional standards and should seriously consider a career in cuisine.

THE AMAZON

Recent data shows deforestation in the Amazon plummeted by 55% in a year following efforts to tackle illegal forest clearance, notably in Brazil.

ECUADOR

A landmark ruling in Ecuador returned a swathe of rain forest back to an indigenous tribe.

CORNWALL COUNTY COUNCIL CARPARK GOES SOLAR

Work is about to start on a canopy of 543 solar panels that will cover the entire County Hall visitors' carpark. This will power a third of the energy needs of Cornwall County Council's headquarters in Truro. This follows installation of solar panels on the roof of County Hall. Cornwall will now have one of the highest renewable energy levels among local authorities in the country. The solar canopy is only the second in the whole county of Cornwall.

FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

THE RED SEA

The continuing of war in Israel/Gaza, despite 150 nations calling for a ceasefire.
The escalation of warfare as Iran's drone attack, causing the world's biggest shipping lines to avoid the Red Sea and go around the Cape, a much longer and more costly route.

REFUGEES

Faith and Belief organisations join to call on the Home Office to re-examine a change in practice. Since August, refugees are having much less notice than the stated 28 days that their asylum support will end. Some have been in asylum accommodation for months or even years, with no opportunity to work or to form relationships. They are being given only a few days to navigate the systems and processes for living in our society. Many are falling through the net and councils are being inundated with requests for housing them. It takes 6 weeks for benefits to come through.

MINING DEAL THREATENS BIODIVERSITY

Norway's minority centre-left government has made a deal to open up the Arctic Ocean to mineral exploration despite warnings that it would threaten the biodiversity of valuable ecosystems in the area.

Well, this is the last Justice and Peace Weekly News for 2023.

We hope that our weekly bulletins have been fruitful in enabling reflection to lead to dialogue, prayer and action for a more just and peaceful world.

May you have a peaceful and blessed Christmas and some time for yourself for refreshment and rest.

*May God Bless you
Mary Bradley*