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GOOD NEWS

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

This year is celebrating its 200th anniversary. Our local lifeboat is frequently called for variety of emergencies from people on the cliffs cut off by the incoming tide, capsized vessels, people stuck in the mud and vessels in distress. Here in Cornwall, people remember that awesome night when the entire crew of the Penlee lifeboat lost their lives on a stormy night emergency callout.

Thousands of lives have been saved by the courage and bravery of our lifeboat crews.

CSW: CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE

is an organisation which continues to raise awareness of religious freedom violations through their work with journalists, human rights defenders and communities in the countries in which they work.

More recently they have held training courses for journalists in Mexico and Nigeria to improve their reporting. Trainings have been effective in bringing together the government, people affected by violations and journalists.

CSW are optimistic that the new awareness created will lead to journalists making a positive impact in their states.

CSW in 2017 was granted United Nations accreditation and are listened to as they report in their advocacy role.

BARCLAYS BANK IS TO HALT FINANCING OF NEW OILFIELDS

It will also restrict lending more broadly to companies expanding fossil fuel production.

FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION

JAPAN: FOREIGN TRAINEES PROGRAMMES

Often foreign workers are exploited. Japan has adopted plans to scrap its foreign trainee programme which has been criticised for importing cheap labour. It says it will replace it with a system which it says will teach skills and safeguard trainees rights.

INDIA

India's bishops have warned that "hate speech and fundamentalist movements are undermining the pluralistic and secular ethics of the country and its constitution". Economic inequality and religious polarisation are a focus for the national election this year.

POVERTY

The Joseph Rowntree Report 2024 states that in Cornwall 31% of children are living in Poverty, and 37% in Devon.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

At our monthly meeting last week we considered Inequalities in Education.

Nelson Mandela recognised Education as a great vehicle to bring equality of opportunity to the world. He said:

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world".

"No country can develop unless its citizens are educated".

"It is not beyond our power to create a world in which all children have access to a good education. Those who do not believe this have small imaginations".

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