



Justice & Peace Weekly Bulletin : 21 July 2021

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GOOD NEWS

- **COMMUNITY CLOTHING BANK**
 - A minister in the Rhondda Valley, one of the poorest areas of the UK, having to shield during lockdown, set up from home a clothing bank for the local community. The chapel, unable to be used for services, became the depot for good quality clothing for the local community.
- **WILDLIFE**
 - The first baby beaver has been born in Devon after 400 years.
- **RENTAL CLOTHING**
 - Rental clothing is the first big rental boom. We now spend five times as much on clothes as we did in the 1990's.
- **NATIONAL CHERRY DAY**
 - Last Friday, 16th July was National Cherry Day. In the last century, Kent had 12,300 acres of cherry trees, a century later only 1,482 acres. The good news is that we are now seeing a renaissance of British cherry growing with planting of orchards on the rise again.
- **JULY 25TH IS WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**
 - I am not sure if this is something new, but it is being celebrated in our church this coming weekend
 - One of our Bishops says "Elderly people are the intensive prayer units of the church and play a vital part in church life through their intercessory prayer".

FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

- **SOUTH AFRICA**
 - South Africa has just endured its darkest week since becoming a constitutional democracy in 1994
 - Rampant unrest, sabotage of infrastructure and racial tensions reached a boiling point following the incarceration of the former South African President Jacob Zuma on July 7th against a background of a surge in Covid 19
 - On Sunday the country entered relative calm, but with winter setting in, hundreds queue for food and fuel.
- **COVID 19**
 - As restrictions were lifted on Monday, we pray that people in our country will take wise precautions, seek to be vaccinated, and that infection rates will not spiral.
 - We pray for our government at this time, that it will act with integrity and take wise decisions for the good in all the problems caused by Covid.
 - We also pray for fair decisions with regard to trade deals arising from Brexit
- **SOUTH WEST WATER**
 - South West Water has had an unacceptable level of pollution incidents, with raw sewage polluting our waters
 - They are the worst in the country for the number of pollution incidents

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