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GOOD NEWS

- **[REFUGEES START A MUSIC SCENE IN THE SAHARA](#)**
In the huge Mbera camp in Mauritania hosting 62,000 refugees, a musical scene has sprung up thanks to a group of Tuareg and Arab refugee musicians. A recording has now been produced to make known to the world this unique sound of hope: *M'berra* is out now on Real World Records.
- **[WORLD BEE DAY: FIVE PROJECTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO BEES THIS YEAR](#)**
 - A network of wildflower superhighways is being created across the UK to assist pollinators.
 - Native wildflower meadows are set to line the verges of all new large-scale road projects in England.
 - The Bumblebee Conservation Trust has launched [The Bee Kind website](#) to help people grow flowers that benefit bees and other pollinators.
 - Small-scale conservation projects in Dutch cities are sowing the seeds for a bee recovery.
 - New report [A Plan Bee for Cities](#) highlights urban community gardens as particularly beneficial to insects.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN**
The Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth, Bishop Mark has sent a Pastoral letter to the RC churches in Dorset, Devon and Cornwall. This was read at all services last weekend. He spoke of the Churches need, for each one of us, to respond to the grave crises now facing us and our world, of climate change, Care for Creation and our Environment and our brothers and sisters in the poor countries who are adversely effected. He also spoke of the forthcoming important G7 talks.
The Diocese has recently set out a new Environmental Policy, which is to be implemented, and a working group is s now working on this.

FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

- **CLIMATE CHANGE THREATENS TEA PRODUCTION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**
A report from Christian Aid warns that Kenya, the world's biggest exporter of black tea, faces more erratic rainfall, making floods and droughts more common, and rising temperatures. Research suggests climate change is going to slash optimal conditions for tea production in Kenya. Other major tea producing countries also face rising temperatures and new weather extremes, the report says. The taste of tea is likely to be affected and reduce the compounds that make the brew beneficial to health.
- **G7**
Boris Johnson has said climate and finance for poor countries to cope with global warming will be centre stage.
- **OUR VEGETABLES**
Have a look at the veg you buy this week and see their country of origin. British farmers are not growers of salad veg though they could be. Instead, we import lettuces from Spain and tomatoes from the Netherlands, or if you like the plum variety, they come all the way from Morocco.

ACTION FOR THE WEEK

- **CONTINUE TO HOLD UP IN PRAYER THE FORTHCOMING G7 MEETING**, that the participants will be guided by the Holy Spirit to make good decisions that will have a positive impact on the poorest countries of our world and on climate change.

- **PRAY THAT ALL PROTESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE PEACEFUL AND FRUITFUL**, and make the people of our county more aware of the importance of the topics that are to be discussed and how they too may make positive contributions and become actively involved in matters to improve the quality of life for all peoples.

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