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GOOD NEWS

CHILDREN AND SUSTAINABILITY

Today I visited Falmouth Spring Flower show. There were many classes for children from preschool upwards.

There was a great emphasis on sustainability, using throw-away and waste materials and vegetables to make Easter Bonnets, Miniature gardens, veggie animals etc. The garden clubs of two local Church schools participated. It was obvious that the children are learning about taking care of our planet and sustainability.

AIRPORT FRY-UP PROVIDES FUEL FOR THOUGHT

Heathrow Airport's Perfectionists' Café in Terminal 2 has launched the full English Breakfast which it has named "the Fly Up". The £15.95 meal is aimed at raising awareness of Sustainable Aviation Fuel which the sector hopes will play a key role in reaching net zero carbon emissions for 2050. SAF is made from agricultural waste and used cooking oil. Production involves using about 70% less carbon.

THE BEST NEWS OF ALL

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER - AND THAT ON SUNDAY WE WILL BE ABLE TO SING...HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA. We thank God that we are called to walk and act in his way of Justice and Peace.

FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION

THE BOOK TRUST

Last week we mentioned International Book Day. I was surprised to receive a few days ago a leaflet through my door called "The Little Boy Who Had No Books" from a charitable organisation called "The Book Trust" saying that for £3 a month you can help bring about the day when every child can open up a lifetime of opportunities. And we are the fifth richest country in the world.

GREENPEACE

is urging the government to invest £6 million a year to make homes warmer, to improve health, to cut bills and tackle climate change. Greenpeace UK

estimates more than 70,000 excess winter deaths in the UK were linked to living in cold damp housing conditions.

WARNING OVER BANANA PRODUCTION

Speaking to the world Banana Forum in Rome last week a senior leader at the Fair Trade Foundation warned that Banana farmers across the world need urgent support as climate change and soaring costs threaten their ability to stay in business. Soaring production costs include fertiliser, pallets, plastic packaging, labour and more. FAIR TRADE MEANS A DECENT INCOME AND SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILY

UNHCR

had a full page advert in one of our reputable newspapers this weekend, appealing for food for Yemen, where people are living under a tree, with only a few clothes above their heads and no mattresses or beds or protection from the rainy season. A teenager showed me his phone and said Look these four children were just playing football three hours ago and have lost their lives because of land mines.

NO FOOD

An appeal has gone out for South Sudan where people are living in destitution and hunger as are people in Gaza, Sudan, Afghanistan, Syria and many other countries due to conflict, wars, famine and flood and other natural disasters. We pray for them all and especially for peace where there is conflict.

May our readers have a joyful, blessed and peaceful Easter. We shall be taking an Easter Break for a couple of weeks now. Peace be with you.

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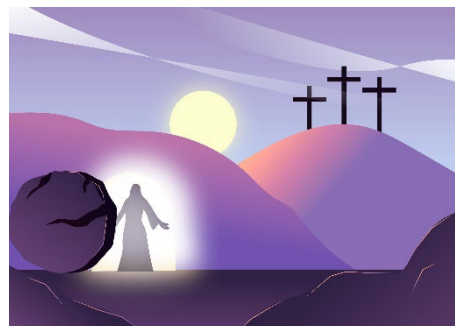


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