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GOOD NEWS

- **REWILDING**
 - An area equivalent to 250,000 football pitches is to be rewilded as part of an ambitious plan to bring Nature back to the Scottish Highlands.
 - The widely publicised return of Beavers to parts of the UK will have profound impact on the environment with improved biodiversity, ecosystem recovery, flood protection and improved water quality. This is the upside, but beavers can also dig up fence posts etc.
- **CHINA**
 - has pledged to stop building coal fired power plants abroad.
- **SHELTERBOX**
 - Originally a Cornish charity, set up years ago in Helston, and supported by Rotary, now has warehouses strategically sited throughout the globe to enable a rapid response to emergencies worldwide supplying tents and equipment for daily living, sleeping, cooking and warmth, for millions of people.
 - Now in Syria, it is providing thermal clothes for children to go out of their tents during winter, allowing parents to have a more settled routine and giving the children space and freedom to play with their friends. No child should grow up knowing only war, as 10 years olds do in Syria. Their parents can now have peace of mind knowing that their children are warm enough and can learn and play, all essential for a child's development.

FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

- **SEASON OF CREATION**
 - As this comes to a close on October 4th, let us continue to petition, act and pray for the COP26 conference in Glasgow and for Boris Johnson and our government. The Foreign Office is slashing its global climate change commitment by more than £100m and halving the amount of aid it sends to countries most exposed to global warming, official figures have revealed. The Foreign Office's annual report shows that the amount has fallen from £330m last year to £214m in the current year.
- **POLICE, CRIMES, SENTENCING AND COURTS BILL**
 - is to be introduced to the Lord's this week. 350 national civic organisations have raised concern re its impact on the right to protest, threats to the homeless community and increased racial justice inequalities.
- **NIGERIA: COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING. 2021**
 - This meeting at which it was hoped that Commonwealth leaders would discuss the plight of persecuted Christians in Nigeria has once again been postponed. Please pray for those undergoing persecution in Nigeria and that when the meeting does take place Commonwealth leader will take decisive action against the increasing violence directed towards the Nigerian church.

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ACTION OF THE WEEK

- **PRAY FOR PEACE BETWEEN PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS**

Father of all goodness, mercy and love.

You call people of all Faiths to live and work together for the coming of your Kingdom on earth.

Make us instruments of your Peace.

Create in us a spirit of understanding , acceptance, and respect for on another, irrespective of our differences.

Stir within our hearts a renewed reverence for all life.

Grant us the vision to recognise your spirit in every human being.

Help us to break the cycle of violence by realising that peace begins with me.

Amen.

(prayer written by the Women's Interfaith Council in Nigeria)