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## GOOD NEWS

### A HISTORIC MALARIA VACCINE ROLLOUT BEGINS

Cameroon has become the first country to start routine vaccinations against malaria, a milestone described as “a transformative chapter in Africa’s public health history”.

Twenty countries are expected to launch their own malaria vaccine programmes in 2024. But with only 18m doses available before 2025, supply is an issue. A second jab, R21, which has been shown to be even more effective, could ease supply issues if it passes regulatory hurdles.

### AN ENERGY REPORT REVEALED ‘PROMISING TRENDS’

Wind, solar and nuclear will cover all the world’s additional electricity needs over the next three years, according to a report by the International Energy Agency (IEA).

The report added that the increase in electricity generation from renewables and nuclear appears to be pushing the power sector’s emissions into structural decline. Global emissions from electricity generation are expected to decrease by 2.4% in 2024.

### SOLAR FARMS COULD HELP SAFEGUARD INSECT POPULATIONS

Habitat-friendly solar farms could help safeguard insect populations — and improve pollination services on adjacent farms.

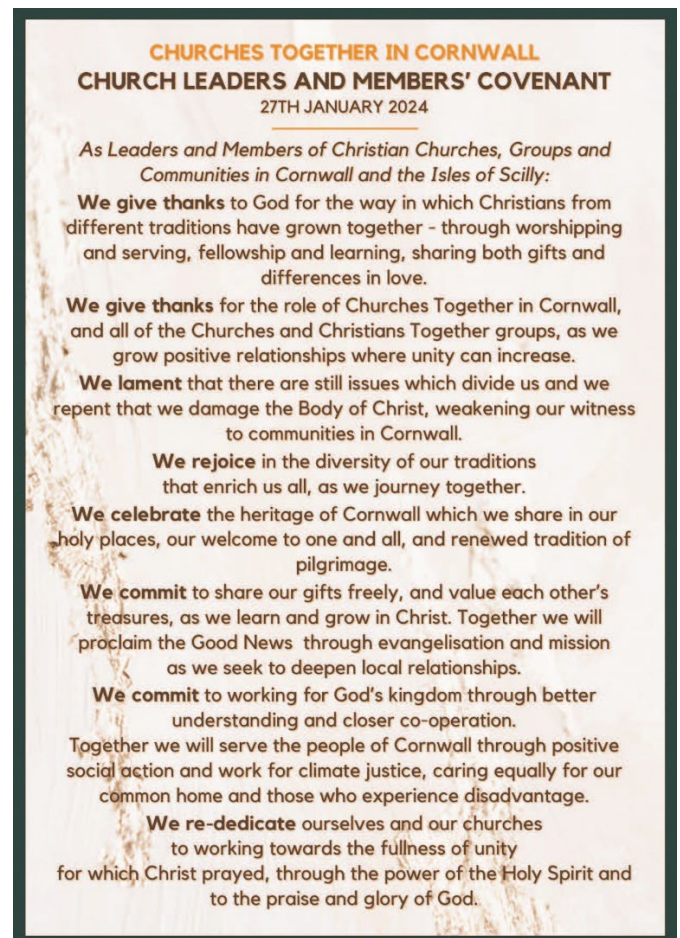
That’s according to [the results of a five-year US study](#) monitoring two solar sites on former farmland that had been restored with native flowers. Researchers found that insect numbers flourished on the sites – and quickly. The study, they said, lays the foundations for a new strategy, “agrivoltaics”, which combines solar energy with habitat restoration.

Read more on the above news items at:  
<https://www.positive.news/society/good-news-stories-from-week-4-of-2024/>

## FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION

### GROWING CHURCH UNITY IN CORNWALL

Over eighty Christians from many denominations and none gathered at St Petroc’s Church, Bodmin on Sat 27 Jan in an Act of Rededication in the ongoing process of *Becoming Better Together*, during which a new Covenant, which all Christians in Cornwall are invited to sign, was presented during a special Act of Worship. Visit [www.ctcinfohub.org/bbt](http://www.ctcinfohub.org/bbt) to view the service, read the new Covenant (below) and, if you wish, sign it online.



**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CORNWALL**  
**CHURCH LEADERS AND MEMBERS' COVENANT**  
27TH JANUARY 2024

*As Leaders and Members of Christian Churches, Groups and Communities in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly:*

**We give thanks** to God for the way in which Christians from different traditions have grown together - through worshipping and serving, fellowship and learning, sharing both gifts and differences in love.

**We give thanks** for the role of Churches Together in Cornwall, and all of the Churches and Christians Together groups, as we grow positive relationships where unity can increase.

**We lament** that there are still issues which divide us and we repent that we damage the Body of Christ, weakening our witness to communities in Cornwall.

**We rejoice** in the diversity of our traditions that enrich us all, as we journey together.

**We celebrate** the heritage of Cornwall which we share in our holy places, our welcome to one and all, and renewed tradition of pilgrimage.

**We commit** to share our gifts freely, and value each other’s treasures, as we learn and grow in Christ. Together we will proclaim the Good News through evangelisation and mission as we seek to deepen local relationships.

**We commit** to working for God’s kingdom through better understanding and closer co-operation.

Together we will serve the people of Cornwall through positive social action and work for climate justice, caring equally for our common home and those who experience disadvantage.

**We re-dedicate** ourselves and our churches to working towards the fullness of unity for which Christ prayed, through the power of the Holy Spirit and to the praise and glory of God.

## ACTION FOR THE WEEK

Pray for the new Covenant and all who work to promote Christian Unity in Cornwall.