

NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - May 2022

Carbon Zero...Carbon Neutral.....Going Green...?

There is no doubt that one of the biggest issues facing humanity is climate control, what we have done to this precious planet and how we might do something about it. David Attenborough, Greta Thunberg and others have been warning us for years that things are bad and something needs to be done - now! But we have to ask, how much is being done, what can be done and how much are we doing to contribute to saving the incredible creation God has made us part of?



It's difficult and there are no quick and easy answers - or are there? It has become increasingly clear that we can all play our part - every single person can contribute to the change in culture our society needs if we are to be successful in reaching goals like carbon neutrality. It will take every single person 'going green' to some extent to enable goals to be reached, because if it is not something that becomes part of 'us' I suspect we won't do it.

This means that local initiatives are important as we help each other discover appropriate and effective ways to address the ways in which we live. Some of the things we need to do will be small and fairly easy, some of them perhaps not so - requiring real effort on our behalf - altering the way in which we do certain things, changing some of our buying habits, etc. All in all, learning to look beyond our personal desires to the needs of each other. And I am certain working together will help.

There have been some great local initiatives over the years - one being the band of volunteers who regularly get out there and do a 'litter pick' to help tidy up our area. This is one great example of people working together to address a problem. Of course, we know there are so many others that need addressing: how we heat and insulate our homes, what we plant in our gardens, how we travel about the place and so much more.

I have spoken to various local individuals over the last couple of years who have shared my concern and undoubtedly yours, wondering how things can change. I guess the only way it will is if **we** change: change some of our habits to contribute to saving this amazing planet. All Saints Church has started looking at Eco-Church, an initiative sponsored by A Rocha and we have much to address in our building and in how we do things in the future. I hope that some of you will want to join us to look at a more co-ordinated approach locally to 'green' issues. A first meeting is scheduled for 3pm on May 22nd and anyone is really welcome to come along and share your views, experiences, etc.

With every blessing

Fr Martin

Daily Prayer Intentions

1st	Sun	Our parishioners
2nd	Mon	Holidaymakers
3rd	Tue	Church architects
4th	Wed	Recently bereaved
5th	Thu	Society of the Sacred Cross
6th	Fri	Travellers
7th	Sat	Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham
8th	Sun	Our parishioners
9th	Mon	Ministry to the deaf
10th	Tue	House of Bishops
11th	Wed	Christian Aid
12th	Thu	Pioneer ministers
13th	Fri	St Martin's House
14th	Sat	Those in rural ministry
15th	Sun	Our parishioners
16th	Mon	Those suffering from dementia
17th	Tue	Launde Abbey
18th	Wed	Church in Wales
19th	Thu	24 hour Leicester Prayer event
20th	Fri	Community of the Tree of Life
21st	Sat	Sisters at Hoy Cross Convent
22nd	Sun	Our parishioners
23rd	Mon	Diocese of Wyoming (partner diocese)
24th	Tue	Bishop's Leadership Team
25th	Wed	Church musicians
26th	Thu	The homeless
27th	Fri	People of Ukraine
28th	Sat	Our Deanery
29th	Sun	Our parishioners
30th	Mon	Diocese of Kiteto (partner diocese)



Sunday 22nd May

3.00pm

All Saints Church

Anyone is very welcome to join us as we look to how we become 'greener' locally.

May Diary

3rd	10.00am	Coffee Pop-in
	7.00pm	PCC Meeting
4th	12.00pm	Eucharist
7th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
8th	EASTER 4	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
10th	10.00am	Coffee Pop-in
11th	12.00pm	Eucharist
12th	7.30pm	Deanery Standing Committee
10th	EASTER 5	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	11.30am	APCM
17th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
18th	12.00pm	Funeral Mass: <i>Fred Swetman</i>
22nd	EASTER 6	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
24th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
25th	12.00pm	Eucharist
29th	SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist

Coming up in June

Platinum Jubilee

2nd Saturday 12.00pm Community Picnic
Village Hub

3rd PENTECOST

10.00am Sung Eucharist

3.00pm Afternoon Cream Teas

5.00pm Songs of Praise