

LOCAL ENVIRONMENT LINKS

Last year all chaplaincies, in line with Diocesan Environmental Policy, were requested to appoint someone who would be willing to be a link person for me. This is important and would save sending out emails to all clergy, readers and churchwardens! The link person would be responsible for passing on and making general knowledge any communications that I send. A big thank you to all those who have appointed someone. If you haven't yet, please let me know of someone as soon as possible!

SUSTAINABLE PREACHING RESOURCE

Since 2005, there has been a German website resource, the aim of which is to help place the weekly lectionary Bible texts into the global context of sustainable life and action. Although particularly useful for the clergy in preparing sermons, the website is also there for anyone who is interested in why and what sustainability has to do with being a Christian. References to sustainability (for example in the form of justice, peace and care of creation) can be found in many Bible texts. The texts explored demonstrate just how they speak to the subjects of sustainable development or sustainability. Last year a new partnership was launched between the existing churches and the Anglican Diocese in Europe, with the aim of offering these resources in English as well as German. The resources could also be used in other areas where one seeks to demonstrate the connection between the Bible and sustainability. If you would be interested, or know someone who might be interested, in contributing to this new resource please contact: Revd Elizabeth Bussmann – bemdeo@gmail.com

It still being January I wish you all a very Happy New Year. I hope that you will find something to interest you in this mail! And that you will pass it on to your congregations
Yours in Christ - Elizabeth

Reminder**Kid's Challenge 2017**

In the September European Anglican, I talked about Earth Overshoot Day and issued a challenge to our youngsters.

What ideas can you come up with and put into action to reduce our footprint?

For some great ideas check out

www.earthsaversclubforkids.com

Send me your photos and short description. The best will be published in the European Anglican Magazine!

Closing date for submissions:
8th August 2017

Are YOU up for the challenge?

CHURCH TIMES ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS 2017

Open also to Diocese in Europe there are five categories:

The Green Building Award

The Green Congregation Award

The Biodiversity Award

The Green Champion Award

The Green Shoots Award – this award will provide funds for projects that the judges consider could go on to inspire and excite even more!

For the other awards please see the EA website in February. As soon as they are available I will also post details of entering the competition there. This would be an ideal opportunity to show the UK that the Diocese in Europe is well and flourishing!

COP22

The nations of the world again came together in Marrakesh and continued to build on the commitments made in Paris. Although the conference was somewhat overshadowed by the Trump win, significant progress was made by other countries. A highlight was the commitment made by the 47 most vulnerable nations to move to complete renewable energy.

<http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2016/11/faiths-applaud-unprecedented-global-consensus-on-climate-change-action-at-cop22.aspx>

STANDING ROCK

The prayers of the world were with the Sioux nation at Standing Rock as they stood to protect their water from the proposed oil pipe. Water is more precious than oil. The Episcopal Church took a strong stand and stood in solidarity with the protestors and joined them in celebration as the Pipeline was halted for now.

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2016/12/05/presiding-bishop-michael-curry-on-news-from-standing-rock>

Update: Donald Trump appears to have personal investments in this project and has just announced that the restarting of this project even though there has not been a thorough safety investigation.