

May 2019 Update

Looking back: During April, against the backdrop of [Extinction Rebellion](#) turning up the volume on a Climate Emergency and the voice of young activist [Greta Thunberg](#) challenging our lack of action and inspiring school strikes, we have also been focusing on Climate Change.

On Palm Sunday we heard direct from Christian Aid partners about the impact of a changing climate on the lives of communities in the Philippines. We signed campaign action postcards and delivered messages to HSBC asking for greater commit to investments in green energy. We also highlighted the BBC documentary [Climate Change: the facts](#), presented by Sir David Attenborough.



If you are interested in responding nationally to the climate change emergency, please put **Wednesday 26th June** in your diary where the Climate Coalition are organising a Mass Lobby of Parliament in partnership with many faith-based organisations – more info to follow.

This month. We have the delicious theme of food. As well as being the stuff of our survival, it also is one of our primary uses of the land that we steward. There are a whole host of topics to choose, from, here is some food for thought

Food miles. How much does the transportation of our food cost the planet? What can we buy/grow locally?



Organic. Some intensive food production methods release large amounts of chemicals into the environment.

Meat or Veg? Meat production impacts the environment and contributes to emissions.



Fairtrade. How can we ensure producers get a fair price so they can farm sustainably.

Key Activities

- Sunday 5th May: Christian Aid Big Brekkie and all age service 'Breakfast with Jesus' John 21
- Saturday 11th May: Pick up veg plants at the Christian Aid plant sale 10-12 All Saints Church
- Saturday 18th: Messy Church. Theme: Looking After the World and Ourselves using the story of Daniel (chapter 1) where he chooses to be different. 3-5pm
- Sunday 26th May: LOAF communion (LOAF = Local, organic, animal friendly, Fairtrade).

What's coming next? The theme in June will be **Cutting the Carbon** and in July it will be **Single-use Plastic**.

If you would like to **join the Eco-church team** either for the year or just for one month to support a particular theme please contact Katie Roberts (mrskatieroberts23@gmail.com). Next meeting Weds 22nd May 9.30am in Patrick's Office.