

“Praying and Fasting for Climate Justice on the First Day of Each Month”

Now that services in church have been suspended, the prayer group will not be able to meet as usual in St Peter’s Church at twelve noon on Wednesday, 1st April. Instead, please, set aside that time to bring to mind and pray for those around God’s world whose lives are still being wrecked by bereavement, loss of homes and livelihood, all caused by the damaging effects of climate change: flooding, drought, uncontrollable fires, cyclones, tsunami, and rising sea levels.

Please, pray especially for those still suffering from the devastating effects of the terrifying bush fires in New South Wales and Victoria in Australia; the people of Jakarta in Indonesia still reeling from the severe rains on 1st January which caused 66 people to be killed and forced tens of thousands to escape into emergency shelters; and those in African countries where drought has caused loss of clean water, crops and livestock, leading to severe hunger, disease and death. Let’s remember also in our prayers those in Wales, The Midlands and West Yorkshire whose homes and towns are still flooded and uninhabitable after the rains of the Storms Ciera, Denis and Jorge in February and March.

Pray also for our national and international leaders who have the power to make decisions to reduce the human causes of climate change, especially those who met in Madrid on 2nd December and agreed to try to reduce carbon emissions. Pray too for yourself that you’ll do all you can to care for God’s gift of creation; and by the way you live to help to reduce the causes of global warming.