

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

Please, come to St Peter’s at 12.00 p.m. on Sunday, 1st November, to take part in our prayer group, sitting in a “social distancing” circle in The Holy Name Chapel after the 10.00 a.m. Eucharist.

As always, we’ll bring to mind and pray for those around God’s world whose lives are being wrecked by bereavement, loss of homes and livelihood, all caused by the destructive effects of climate change: flooding, drought, uncontrollable fires, cyclones, tsunamis, and rising sea levels.

We’ll pray especially for those so badly affected on 3rd October by Storm Alex which hit the border between France and Italy. At least 7 people were killed and 20 went missing when the area was flooded by a year’s rainfall in 12 hours, causing landslides and the destruction of homes and roads.

As well as the terrifying and ongoing fires in California and Oregon, the USA has been hit by the 10th violent storm this year in areas bordering The Gulf of Mexico with all the terrifying fear and damage such storms inflict.

The Coronavirus pandemic continues to so dominate the news we don’t hear about many around the world who are suffering from the effects of climate change.

There continues to be many who need our prayers, including the people in Japan devastated on 8th July by torrential rain which killed 55 people and forced 3 million to leave their homes; those in May hit by flooding and landslides in El Salvador; and those hit by typhoons and cyclones in The Philippines and Bangladesh and East India, all of whom are also coping with the Coronavirus pandemic.

Please, tell us about people you’ve heard about in the news whose lives have been, or are being devastated by climate disasters

We’ll be praying also for our national and international leaders who have the power to make decisions to reduce the human causes of climate change; and for ourselves that we’ll be guided by God to care for the wonderful gift of creation; and do all we can ourselves to reduce the human causes of global warming.