

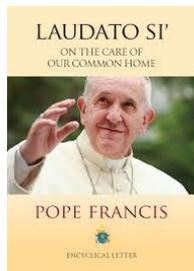
EXTRA

SEPTEMBER 2020

EXTRA is primarily for information that there is not room for in the weekly newsletter. But we can only publish what you send in; please send notices (100-200 words) to catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com by the end of September. And we could do with more help, too! Let us know if you can assist us, especially if you are at St Joseph's (use the same address). The EXTRA team is Sue Sugars, Brian Austin, Caroline Graham .



SPECIAL



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Laudato Si'

Care for Our Common Home

Pope Francis has written a letter addressed to every person on the planet, asking us all to protect the earth.

Every Pope writes letters to his people, Encyclicals and Apostolic Exhortations. But some stand out more and are remembered more than others. Well-known ones are *Rerum Novarum* (Leo XIII), *Pacem in Terris* (John XXIII), *Humanae Vitae* (Paul VI), *Populorum Progressio* (Paul VI). Our Pope Francis has written several of note, but the one that stands out is *Laudato Si'*; *Care for our Common Home*.

Laudato Si' came out five years ago. It is a profound invitation to everyone on the planet to care for our common home in the face of environmental degradation and the threat of climate change. At the same time Pope Francis asked the Church to join the other Christian Churches in celebrating the World Day of Prayer for Creation on 1st September, which starts the Season of Creation through to the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th.

Have you got 5 minutes?

[Look at CAFOD's animation here](#)

<https://youtu.be/o3Lz7dmn1eM>

1st September — 4th October

Over the past few years, J&P have tried to encourage a recognition of the World Day of Prayer for Creation on 1st September and the Season of Creation from then till the Feast of St Francis on 4th October. In particular, J&P have supplied a Penitential Rite and Bidding Prayers for the 1st September and 4th October. Last year J&P also ran the highly successful *Global Healing* sessions at both St Peter's and St Joseph's.

"The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home."

[\[www.seasonofcreation.org\]](http://www.seasonofcreation.org)

It began in 1989, when Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios proclaimed 1st September as a day of prayer for creation for the Orthodox. In fact, the Orthodox church year starts on that day with a commemoration of how God created the world. Then the World Council of Churches was instrumental in making the special time a season, extending the celebration from 1st September until 4th October. Under Pope Francis, the Roman Catholic Church joined the ecumenical Season in 2015, the year in which he had produced *Laudato Si'* and spoke of an 'integral ecological conversion'.

At *Global Healing* last year, it was discovered that our own bishops had just issued a statement 'Guardians of God's Creation' calling for the development of a "Christian spirituality of ecology", and committed to engage with this urgent challenge over the next decade, at the end of which they say:

"We the Bishops of England and Wales commit ourselves and invite our people to engage in this urgent challenge, so that together we show leadership by our actions."

Copies of *Laudato Si'* are expected to be on sale in the Piety Shop during the Heritage Day—£4.95, and also a CTS booklet 'Catholics & Our Common Home' £2.50, or you can ask for these to be sent to you [free postage] from

cl.jandp@gmail.com



See *Global Healing* and *Global Caring* for yourself on www.ourcommonhome.co.uk



St Peter's Aid for the Needy

At this time, alongside our usual beneficiaries of your donations, we give an annual payment of £ 300 to both Fr Frederick

Kasozi in Otumbari, Arua, Uganda and Fr Gabriel Mwanza in Chadiza, Zambia for pastoral, social and educational work in their parishes.

There is also no break in appeals received from our **local family support workers**. SPAN has received appeals from families that have relocated because of domestic violence or through changed circumstances where people need extra support in their lives in some practical ways.

Last month we were pleased to give encouraging support to **one of our parish youth**, fundraising to provide new operation tables for a clinic run by sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Besease, Ghana. See www.gofundme.com/f/ghananimity

We were thankful for the gift of £ 1,000 as a **legacy from Rosaleen Ann Lyne** RIP. Unless there are specific requests in legacies, we place them into a **legacy fund**, this currently allows us to draw £ 500 for general appeals each month for the next 2 and a half years.

Our prayers are particularly with **House of Light and Hope** in Lebanon at this time. The Emmanuel Toutoungi RIP appeal raised **£ 2,112** which has been received by Dr Caracache in Beirut. We regularly hear news from HoLaH particularly since the Beirut explosion:

"... our Centre at Nabaa, in Beirut, suffered some damage as it is only about 3 kilometres from the explosion. Hardly anyone was there at the time except one teacher whose knee was hurt. Her knee is swollen - X rays showed no serious damage, but she is walking with a stick. ... Our beneficiaries most urgent needs are food, medicines and sanitary products and we are trying to combine our efforts with an NGO."

SPAN will be sending further donations to House of Light and Hope.

To make donations to SPAN you will soon be able to donate through a JustGiving page (watch this space) or send a cheque to our treasurer made out to SPAN or transfer money to our bank account with Sort Code 402706, Account 21324004 or contact paulhayden@ntlworld.com if you have any queries.



All our churches have now have a Facebook Page.

Log on to [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and search Groups for:

[Catholic Leamington SPA](#) has now joined

[St Joseph's Whitnash](#) and

[Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church, Parish of Leamington Spa](#)

Click Like  to follow them. (It might be useful to open a Facebook account if you do not have one).



Harvest Fast Day 9th October 2020



A child reads a sign explaining coronavirus symptoms and prevention measures in Bamyan Province, Afghanistan.

[Photo credit: Stefanie Glinski/CRS]

Coronavirus is a crisis that affects us all. It will take all of us working together to survive, rebuild and heal.

With you by our side, our local experts and community volunteers can ensure help reaches the most vulnerable communities on earth before the virus does.

"We thank God that CAFOD has stepped in and provided PPE for us – face masks, gloves, hand sanitiser, liquid soap. They are giving us confidence to go on." *Sister Gertrude, Handmaids Catholic Health Clinic, Sierra Leone*

This Family Fast Day, please fast and give to help protect our global family.

[See our webpage](#)

<https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/cafod.html>

At present, your CAFOD team is looking for someone to join them to help with CAFOD at both St Joseph's and Our Lady's Churches.

If you would like to know more or think you might be able to help, please contact by email to cl.jandp@gmail.com or phone St Joseph's On 01926 772712

The more we have, the more we can do.

Join us!

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