

CAFOD/Laudato si Report June 2020

Since the last PPC meeting and the Covid 19 crisis the work the CAFOD group has been able to do has been severely limited.

The fund raising we do at the Fressingfield Produce market which usually starts in May has obviously not taken place this year and at this time we are not sure when it will resume. This is a real shame especially as over the time we have been doing this more people have been bringing produce and we have also increased our range including homemade soup as well as continuing to sell the quilts made by Felicity. Let's hope it will not be too long before it starts up again.

Mark attended a CAFOD event in Woodbridge in February and heard a speaker who was a CAFOD worker in Colombia. She gave a very clear account of the difficulties in that country and how CAFOD's work was making a real difference to so many people's lives there.

As lockdown started we were arranging to have Judith Tooth, from Diss parish, speak at Masses during Lent about living simply and ways in which the parish might promote this idea. We still hope to be able to do this at some point. Some of us had planned to go to the day at Diss parish at the end of June about Live Simply (Christine Allen, the director of CAFOD had been due to speak there) but this has had to be postponed.

CAFOD has produced a lot of materials online during lockdown as well as running a number of online events which Mary has put on the Parish website. CAFOD also launched an appeal for those most hit by the present crisis all over the world and again details of this were put on the Parish website. It maybe that once our Churches open for Mass there could be a collection for this appeal as the very poorest in our world are the ones most hit by this pandemic and so desperately need our help. Pope Frances has made this point on a number of occasions during the pandemic. He also gave an interview to his biographer recently part of which was broadcast on Radio 4 and which very much echoed the central concern of his Laudato si encyclical: 'Let us...not go back to where we were....This is the time...to move from using and misusing nature to contemplating it...This is the moment to see the poor.'