

tearfund

We're facing mountains of plastic pollution.

Today, half of all plastic is designed to be used just once before being discarded.

And yet some 2 billion people in low- and middle-income countries don't have access to solid-waste collection.

They have little option but to burn or dump it.



It's people in poverty who are suffering the worst impacts of this rubbish problem. They are forced to live and work among piles of waste, which is making them sick, releasing toxic fumes, flooding communities and causing up to a million deaths each year.

But Jesus told his followers that even the smallest amount of faith can move mountains.

So we can put our faith into action and join TEARFUND in demanding an end to plastic pollution and make some choices and changes to our behaviour in purchasing and waste.

During 2023/24, nearly 150 governments are meeting to develop the first ever global **treaty** on plastic pollution. But it's not a done deal.

You can add your voice to demand an end to plastic pollution and its harmful impact on people living in poverty by **signing the petition** on the TEARFUND website.

Poverty is not God's plan.



A Rocha's aim is to equip the church to be ambassadors in caring for God's creation. It's important that as Christians, we bring faith and hope to the table in the environmental movement with its twin challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss.

TRINITY has continued supporting A Rocha in its 40th anniversary year and the Mission Prayer team have been **praying** regularly for the charity and its work around the world, across the UK and locally for our work in Lewes.

Find out more: www.arocha.org.uk



TRINITY's **Creation Care** team....

- ◆ Helps manage our 3 churchyards as places for inspiration
- ◆ Runs monthly eco-sessions for the children in Sunday Club
- ◆ Takes on speaking engagements for aspiring eco-churches
- ◆ Encourages others in creation care across the deanery



We can all **make a difference** no matter how small. You may like to speak up about climate justice and the need for finance to be paid into the Loss and Damage Fund agreed at COP27.

More info: tearfund.org/forms/email-your-mp

This beautiful artwork (left) was created by TRINITY children and youth for the 'Climate Justice Hope' exhibition at The Climate Hub in Lewes last month.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MISSION PARTNERS

- **Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team:** Pray for the approval of a surveillance camera at Beachy Head to save lives; pray for a successful grant application from the government's Suicide Prevention Fund; and pray for more volunteers to start training in February.
- **Homelink:** Pray for those needing a home, those feeling distressed and uncertain of the future. Pray for the staff and volunteers at Homelink as they support people in vulnerable situations.
- **Life in Abundance:** Pray for safe travels for Dr Florence Muindi (Founder and Director) during her visit to the UK and for the development and strengthening of partnerships. Pray for those living in the midst of war and uncertainty and for the LIA teams on the ground in Haiti, Eritrea, Sudan and Burundi.
- **Prison Fellowship:** Please pray for prison chaplaincies around the country, and that the prison chaplains will be filled with God's Spirit to minister to prisoners and bring His love and mercy to them.
- **Think & Do, Egypt:** Pray for healing and restoration for the women and girls staying in Think & Do's shelter for vulnerable women.



LOCAL WILDLIFE RESCUE SERVICE

If you spot an injured, trapped or vulnerable wild animal or bird, please call the Wildlife rescue team on 0300-10-26-999.

They are volunteers who come out to assist, rehabilitate and return these creatures to their natural habitats. They do a wonderful job and have skill and experience.

East Sussex WRAS was established as a voluntary group in 1996, but some of its rescuers have been rescuing since 1985. The organisation was set up in order to provide a front-line rescue service for wildlife casualties. See <https://wildlifeambulance.org/> for more information.

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Providing gifts for Elderly and Families in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria at Christmas. For further info or to participate in putting together a box, please contact Sue Clyde 812700 or Jenny Pigott 814607.

PRISON FELLOWSHIP: ANGEL TREE

Each year, Prison Fellowship organises the delivery of small Christmas presents from parents in jail to their children. This involves lots of joyful activity - collecting prisoners' requests and personal notes to their children, fundraising, buying the presents, wrapping and posting or hand-delivering to the families.

Please pray for this to be a blessing and means of keeping families in touch. To be involved practically, contact Tom Lunt or Mary Boyum.

RECYCLING OF PLASTIC TOYS

Tesco now have a container in store for recycling of broken hard plastic Toys (not with soft materials).



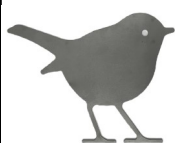
This is in addition to Tesco's containers for recycling of used Make-up & Toiletries, for used Batteries, and for all types of Soft Plastic Bags, Film & Crisp Packets.

Please use these facilities to help reduce waste of materials, and environmental pollution. Thank you!

ECO TIP FOR OCTOBER

Provide food and shelter for wildlife, now and in preparation for next year.

Clean all your bird feeders to avoid the spread of disease to winter migrants and put up a nest box well in advance of breeding season.



A nest box could also prove a cosy spot for small birds to spend the night on particularly cold winter evenings ahead.

DON'T BANK ON PLASTIC

99% of plastic comes from fossil fuels and plastic production is increasing. This is fuelling climate change and causing pollution which harms the health of people and planet.

Some major banks are making profits by financing the plastics industry. Think about whether you could join the call for large banks in the UK to lead by example and invest in a fairer, greener future.

You can also give using our contactless systems at our sites, and you can give cash or cheques to the clergy or post cheques to the office. If you are able to gift-aid your donation, we can claim back 25% of your giving at no extra cost to you. Please email (finance@trinitylewes.org) and our treasurer will be able to give you the forms to do this.



SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS

TRINITY supports our local food banks and there is now a greater need than ever before, with more families in food poverty. There is an need for:

*pasta sauces *baked beans *tinned fruit *tinned meat
and also empty egg cartons (preferably for 6 eggs, not 12). Thank you!



TRINITY Southover is normally open for prayer

Monday & Wednesday
12:00 noon - 4:30pm
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9:30am - 4:30pm
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