

CAN BRITAIN FEED ITSELF?

GET DIGGING!

Probably Not! In 2006 we produced just 58% of our food. "The way the world grows its food will have to change radically to better serve the poor and hungry if the world is to cope with a growing population and climate change while avoiding social breakdown and environmental collapse" International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD), 2008

Up to 30% of our carbon footprint comes from our food choices
Agriculture produces 17-32% of total greenhouse gas emissions.
Use of artificial fertilisers is the largest single source of nitrous oxide, a greenhouse gas 310 times more damaging than CO₂
To read more, see 'A sustainable food plan for Britain' which can be downloaded from The Soils Association website.



By growing some of your own food, even on a windowsill, you can enjoy the taste of "home grown" and help God's wonderful creation.

For and ideas advice:
www.bbc.co.uk/digin

For information about school food & gardens go to www.foodforlife.org.uk and see if there is a school near you participating in this venture.



Time to measure your carbon footprint? Why not give yourself a challenge to reduce it? There are several calculators including <http://carbongym.cat.org.uk/carbongym/>, www.cred-uk.org, www.cutyourcarbon.co.uk (community: RC Diocese of East Anglia)

Has your parish signed the CAFOD Climate Justice card?
Contact: 01603 624714

Around the Diocese:

Cambridge J&P group held an afternoon in appreciation of creation with plants for sale, Fairtrade teas, art & poetry and displays of how to make compost and keep bees. There was also an opportunity for everyone to measure their Carbon Footprint. The afternoon ended with a Franciscan blessing of pets.

UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS. WHY?

1. Visa expired: this often occurs after studying or finishing a work contract.
2. Asylum appeal failed. Support given until it is assessed that it is safe to return claimant to their country of origin.
3. Documents lost by Home Office
4. Stateless people: No records anywhere of person's birth, education etc.

The Oakington Immigration Centre holds many of these undocumented migrants, as well as ex-prisoners, waiting to be removed to their own country. Many have to wait in detention for months, and conditions are not pleasant:

INSPECTORS have delivered a damning verdict on Oakington Immigration Reception Centre, where as many as 86 people have to share the use of one shower or bath.

Now they want it closed sooner rather than later.

The controversial centre was found to be dilapidated and have inadequate facilities to cater for its detainees, some of whom are involved in fights and escape attempts.

Stephen Exely www.cambridge-news.co.uk June 2nd 2009

Future Dates and days for special prayers.

June 14th National Campaign against the Arms Trade Network day of Prayer. 020 7281 0297

JUNE 15-21 REFUGEE WEEK A chance to celebrate the contribution made by refugees over the centuries. To learn more go to: www.refugeeweek.org.uk

NJPN Conference JULY 17-19 Swanwick, Derbyshire

"On the road together:-A~mazed by migration." There are still some vacancies. To book: 020 7901 4864 or admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk or download form from www.justice-and-peace.org.uk

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: September 13th The changing face of Britain and Ireland, for more information: www.cari.org.uk Prayer cards, posters etc are available.

Diocese Day of Recollection

Saturday October 17th 2009 at Margaret Beaufort Institute, Grange Road Cambridge.

Migrants. How can we "Welcome the Stranger" A study with the aid of the Pastoral Cycle and with personal testimonies and factual presentations. With input from Rosmini centre, Wisbech.

Keynote speaker: **CANON NICHOLAS SAGOVSKY** Canon theologian, Westminster Abbey, member of the Independent Asylum Commission who has written on social justice issues.

More details, booking and parking arrangements will be available at a later date. Bernard Shaw 01223 240207

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POVERTY IN THE UK

Over the past two decades the UK has become richer – but not fairer. It's now the fifth richest country in the world – yet the gap between rich and poor continues to grow.

Government statistics show that 1 in 5 people in the UK live in poverty. This has remained the same, whether the UK is in growth or recession

Government's own statistics have revealed that 12.8 million people in the UK live in poverty. We want you to tell your local Member of Parliament that this is 100% unfair, and its time to Get Fair.

You are invited to meet your MP in the constituency during the weekend of 26/27 June to ask them to commit to measures that will help bring an end to poverty in the UK. As well as raising specific local concerns, there are three policy areas we are asking MPs to support:

- An income that meets minimum living standards
- Affordable housing and decent neighbourhoods
- Fair access to services, without discrimination

For more information: www.getfair.org.uk
www.church-poverty.org.uk

Please write to your MP.

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House of Commons

London SW1A 0AA

Or by email: www.writetothem.com

and follow the links.

The number of destitute people living on our streets is unknown; the number certainly runs into tens of thousands. The Red Cross, which is one of many organisations helping those who are destitute, gives out 26,000 food parcels a week.

Slavery discovered on Britain's cannabis farms.

Organised gangs are trafficking children to UK to work on cannabis farms in urban areas. The children, between 14-16, are trafficked from Vietnam and locked into the houses to work as "gardeners", During 2005-2007 two thirds of the 1,500 cannabis farms raided in London were run by Vietnamese criminal gangs. After arrest the children are treated as criminals and not as victims. www.anti-slavery.org.

In Brazil 4,500 slaves were rescued from remote ranches and plantations in 2008. www.anti-slavery.org

Florida Tomato Pickers: *SUBWAY*, the world's third largest food chain, has agreed to pay an extra penny a pound for tomatoes harvested, as well as undertaking zero tolerance to slavery. www.anti-slavery.org

Sudan: Thousands of civilians in Dafur are being abducted for forced labour and sexual slavery by the Sudanese army and government backed militia. www.anti-slavery.org

GOOD NEWS!

Zambia drops the death penalty.
53 prisoners have had sentences
commuted to custodial sentences.

Source: AEFJN



BAD NEWS!

Foreign visitors and refugees are
treated appalling at Heathrow.

The Independent, 15 April 2009

Palestine/Israel. Keep up to date with the news: www.paxchristi.org.uk/Wall.HTML
or www.btselem.org/English/index.asp B'TSELEM is an Israeli information centre for human rights.