

# REIMAGINE OUR COMMON HOME

## ACTIVITY POSTER

### PRAYER

Could you regularly include prayers for climate and our common home in your bidding prayers and in your prayer groups?

### LIGHTING

Are there ways of consuming less electricity? Turn some lights off?

### APPRECIATING NATURE

Do you have an area outside the church that could be made pleasant for people to congregate and enjoy being outdoors? Could you plant fruit trees? Or make a vertical garden? Add climbers to walls or add potted plants?

### WALK TO CHURCH

Could you organise a regular walk to church Sunday?

### WRITE TO YOUR MP

Let them know what you are doing to revive our common home.

### HEATING

Could you increase the efficiency of your heating?

### RECYCLING BOXES

Why not provide recycling boxes for unusual items not covered by local councils e.g. plastic, crisp packets, bottle tops or batteries?

### CAR SHARE

If you need to drive, could you share a car journey with people in your area? Especially if they are less able.

### BIKE RACK

Could you encourage riding to church by providing a safe storage space for bikes?

### HOLD A CREATION CELEBRATION

Bring your parish together at a Mass followed by a meal to get your parish talking about climate change.

### WILDLIFE GARDEN

How many ways can you think of to attract wildlife to the garden?

### MEAT

Reducing your meat consumption could make a huge difference. Why not explore making catered events meat free?

### FLOWERS

What are the environmental impacts of cut flowers? Could your local florist find seasonal and regional alternatives? Potted plants and trees are an attractive and money saving alternative.

### CHURCH HALL

Is your hall open? Does it serve the community? Could you host a sharing library, sewing and mending club or repair cafe?

### THE SHED

Could you share useful things like tools with your community? Perhaps a tool lending library? Sharing cuts down on buying things you don't regularly use.

### VEGETABLE GARDEN

Could you use church or local land to grow food for your community?

Inspired by the teachings of Pope Benedict and Pope Francis, we know that responding to the climate crisis requires working together – as families, parishes and countries.

Use this poster to inspire a discussion about how your community can do a few simple things to live more sustainably and cut carbon.

In this space, write down what your community has committed to do. You may like to pick a few things from this poster or come up with your own ideas as a parish.

Put this poster up in your parish as a reminder of what you have committed to do and be sure to tick off the activities you have done.

Let us know what you have been doing so we can share your work to inspire others. Email: [livesimplyaward@cafod.org.uk](mailto:livesimplyaward@cafod.org.uk). After taking this first step, your community may want to go further and apply for a livesimply award. To find out more information, visit [cafod.org.uk/livesimply](http://cafod.org.uk/livesimply)

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