Dear All,

Thank you for all your participation in our gift of stars at Christmas time.

We have another opportunity to get involved in a project: The Climate Coalition’s ‘Show the Love' Campaign in February and March.

The Climate Coalition includes 140 large and small organisations, like ‘Gift for life’, Oxfam, etc. The churches in our Pastorate are combining to support this campaign. Ahead of the United Nations climate summit in Glasgow in November, the message is that it is time to combine our concerns for protecting the environment and take action, as individuals and churches as well as on government level.

We are invited to make green hearts, to make the point that we care for the environment and the planet. The hearts can be made out of any green materials you have available.

It was suggested we might find ways to recycle materials which would connect with the climate change message.  Even if you can't find something to recycle, you can create a heart.  Some ideas are attached.

We plan to use the hearts:

1. To create displays in the church and garden .
2. Some of the paper ones will be used to write to politicians  to set aside their differences and work together to make the right decisions combatting climate change
3. We could keep some hearts to share with neighbours for a window display in their homes

If you are interested, please drop hearts to Audrey or Marieke, or post them through the church letterbox.

We hope to have enough for the major windows display along Cowbridge Road East by Feb.10th. By the 14th, it will look like ….

A GREEN VALENTINE’S DAY FOR THE PLANET.

If you want a chat about it, please contact one of us: Marieke Arthur 02920 225532; or Audrey Takle 02920 377757.

Thank you,

Marieke Arthur

Copy of Martha’s email for information:

Can you please forward the email to folks in your congregation so as many people as possible can get involved?  How we display them is something to discuss locally.  Can we put that on local agendas?  I have also been asked to encourage each church to think about signing up to be part of the coalition.  It includes many organisations and requires a commitment of action when signing up.  This can be explored at their website.  <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org>

Thanks, Martha

Dear All,

Thank you for all your participation in our gift of stars at Christmas time.  We have another opportunity to get involved with the Climate Coalition 'Show the Love' Campaign in February and March.  With  'Show the Love' people from across the UK use the power of green hearts to join together and ask politicians to put aside their differences and tackle the climate crisis. There will be some information about writing to our MPs and AMPs in church newsletters.  In addition to the writing campaign there are other ways for everyone to be involved.

Each of us can be involved individually and help create displays for each church.  'Show the Love' uses green hearts to make the point that we care for the environment.  Some communities have created displays with green hearts so following our Christmas stars we thought we could ask everyone to create green hearts.  They can be made out of any green materials you have available.  It was suggested we might find ways to recycle materials which would connect with the climate change message.  Even if you can't find something to recycle, you can create a heart.  Some ideas are attached.

We plan to use the hearts to create displays at the churches.  Some churches may hang hearts on their railings.  Some churches may create displays in their windows or on their notice boards.  It was also suggested that we create hearts which we can display in the windows of our homes like the NHS rainbow--to show we are concerned about climate change and want to make a difference.  We hope our children and young people will be inspired to help us with the hearts too.

Some of us may decide to simply cut out paper hearts.  With our paper hearts, we can also write messages. Some of these will be used to write to politicians, but we can use some in our displays. Our written messages can be in English, Welsh, and all our other languages of origin.  This would be a great way to indicate the diversity of our congregations and show that we represent the concerns of the world.  Concern about climate change unites us.

We hope to have a number of the hearts by before 14 February so we unveil our displays that morning.

Any questions, get in touch.  Inspired?  Get creating.  All hearts welcome!  And remember, 'THINK GREEN!'

<https://littlekoo.wordpress.com/2013/02/05/how-to-make-a-wire-button-heart/>

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