Trinity Climate Action Prayer Support – June, 2024

Dear Supporter,

1. Give thanksfor **the Rev Ian leading a very happy group of “pray-ers” wandering and pondering around the church gardens and Castle Park on Sunday afternoon, 12th May. Why were they so happy? Because the predicted heavy thunderstorms did not materialise! In fact, it was a lovely sunny afternoon with lots of people, children and dogs out and about. Everything went fine and we ended the walk with tea, biscuits and a final prayer in the hall. Give thanks for Christine Beggs who organised the walk (plus brilliant documentation) and other helpers.**
2. Please continue to pray for the involvement of Trinity in the **Ark Experience** and especially the Trinity Eco Group’s first station, “Chaos”. Pray for its operation and its displays. Pray that those who come will understand why the Eco Group chose “Polar Bears” as their Ark animals.

**For the uninitiated, a LIVING WALL is a wall that comprises a collection of plants hanging vertically (or installed in a vertical framework) – like a vertical garden. Look outside through the window of Room No 2 of the Community Hub to see our Living Wall.**

1. Give thanks for the installation of our **“Living Wall”** in the Trinity Eco Community Garden. It is a structure, about 2m by 7m, and is filled with pots containing a variety of plants. The “wall” was supplied and filled with plants by **Jenny Griggs from Natural England.**

We need HARD evidence to show to the judges for the Gold Eco Church Award. Signed Lifestyle Audits and Registered Households are two ways that are acceptable.

1. Pray that people will read **this month’s Eco Newsletter** sent out with the Church Notices and take positive action, if they are able, thus providing “hard evidence” for A Rocha’s judges.
2. Pray that Trinity will understand the concept of **“Carbon Footprints”** and be willing to calculate them for their households. It is not easy or straightforward.
3. Give thanks for all the effort, and people willing to help, that is going into calculating the Carbon Footprint of the **Church/Trinity** (as opposed to the individual households).

Two other topics, outside Trinity, happening soon that need our prayers:

1. **World Oceans Day**, 8th June, 2024. Lord of Creation, we pray that this Day would alert more people to the urgent need to restore our seas and oceans, and to develop initiatives to solve the problems of pollution, over-fishing, destruction of habitats and the creatures they shelter. By your grace, Amen. (Care.org.uk)
2. **General Election**, 4th July, 2024. Lord of the nations, as we look ahead to the General Election, please inspire politicians with imagination and sound strategies to reform and reinvigorate the NHS, the Care system, education, the economy, national security, **the environment**, peaceful community life, support for the most vulnerable and proper provision for the poor. In Your mercy. Amen.

“Creator God, we thank you for places to grow: to grow flowers, fruit and vegetables, to grow community, friendship and togetherness, to grow in health, wellbeing and self-worth, to grow in awareness of your hand in all things. God of growing places, may we grow in you. Amen.” *(Prayer from the ‘The Earth is the Lord’s’, Methodist Prayer Handbook, 2020/21, by Andrew Webb, superintendent, Skipton and Grassington Circuit, 2021)*

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