

**CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON**

**EXTRA**

**NEWSLETTER**

**MARCH 2022**

## CAFOD Family Fast Day



**Soup and Rolls**

**Friday 11 March**

**11.30 am at St Peter's**

**Delicious homemade soup & rolls for a donation of £3.00 to help CAFOD tackle malnutrition.**

[DONATE HERE](#)



**Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross**

**Every Monday in Lent at 10.30 am**

**in St Peter's Hall**

[Can also be viewed on YouTube at any time—CLICK HERE](#)

SPAN and KINDAID are presenting three charitable causes for the

## Catholic Leamington Lenten Appeals 2022



**LOCAL NEED** is even greater this year than last year!

At Christmas time, and Lent last year, we appealed to you, so that we could obtain supermarket food vouchers to be distributed to local families. Thank you for that support, it helped many families. We start with the families identified by our Primary schools and SVP; we include local refugee families and those mentioned by parishioners. We would like to give £ 60 to each family and if funds allow, we include families identified through local children's centres. Your generosity through past appeals has been greatly appreciated by our local families.



### KINDAID-Kiirua Mission

Situated in the Rift Valley area of Kenya, offers loving care from a Christian Community for children who have been orphaned or abandoned. With the aim of reintegration into their own families or the wider community wherever possible the children are nurtured and educated and given the tools to overcome past experiences and build self esteem and self confidence. Funding also supports some of the older children to access secondary school and higher education. The Mission includes a hospital which, as well as offering primary care, provides the local residents with a range of health education programmes and support initiatives which include nutrition and feeding programmes for their younger children.



### Zoë's Place Baby Hospice

Most of the support given at Zoë's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry is respite care. The babies at the six-bed Hospice have a life-limiting or life-threatening condition often requiring 24-hour support on a one-to-one basis. Zoë's Place offers parents and carers a chance to recharge their batteries or to spend time with their other children. The value of respite care to families cannot be underestimated. Families would not be able to cope without the help and support of the team. The whole family receives support through a parent support network and sibling groups. Zoë's Place currently cares for around forty families. The charity's current level of funding means that they can care for up to four babies at any one time.

## TO GIVE

Donations via JustGiving will be split equally between these three causes.

**All cheques should be made out to SPAN**, so that Gift Aid can be added for all these causes.

If you wish to just nominate one cause, this can be done by cheque, bank transfer or gold envelopes through our churches, and writing on the transfer reference, or back of a cheque, or envelope, either Local, Kindaid or Zoe's.

- via **JustGiving** use our campaign page link: [justgiving.com/campaign/spanlent22](https://justgiving.com/campaign/spanlent22)
- via **bank transfer**: account name **SPAN**, bank code **40-27-06**, account number **21324004**
- via **gold envelopes in our churches**, return via collections or boxes
- or **send to Michael Barker**: 77 Montrose Avenue, Leamington Spa, CV32 7DS



**Have a simple  
meal this Lent and  
give what you  
save to help  
end malnutrition.**

**FAMILY  
FAST DAY:**  
FRIDAY 11 March 2022

**Small acts of love  
make big things happen.**

**£20**

can fund nutrition and healthcare  
classes for new mums and dads in  
rural communities

**£125**

can support mobile outreach clinics  
to visit the most remote communities  
and provide vital healthcare

**£1,000**

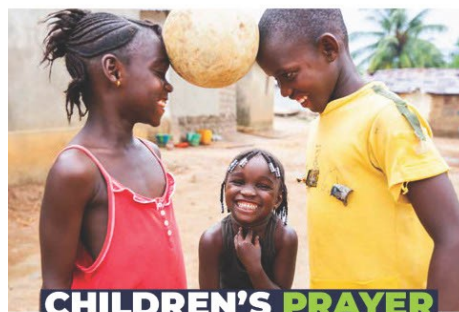
can provide climate resilient seeds  
for an entire community



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Loving God,

We thank and praise you  
for all the gifts you have given us.  
But in a world of plenty  
too many people go hungry.

We pray that you may work through us,  
so our small acts of love  
make a big difference  
and everyone has enough to eat.

Amen.

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no one  
beyond reach

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## Family Fast Day

This Lent's Family Fast Day is on Friday 11 March. There will be a Soup and Roll Lunch in St Peter's Church Hall from 12.00–2.00 pm. Delicious homemade soup and fresh bread will be served for a very reasonable donation of £3.00. Please come and bring your friends too.

## Our Parish Schools

St Anthony's, St Joseph's, and St Patrick's have had recent fund-raising events and made donations to CAFOD in recent months. Encouraged by the Diocese, most of our schools have now enrolled for CAFOD's Live Simply Award and some have participated in the termly on-line Assemblies. During March, St Patrick's will have an in-school Assembly on the Lenten Walk against Hunger Campaign.

## Christmas Afghan Emergency Appeal:

I have received an email from Naimh Furey, programme officer for Afghanistan, thanking the parish for its £250.00 donation. SPAN has since given £300 to this appeal. She updates us as follows:

*"We have been overwhelmed by the response from our supporters to help the Afghan people. At the time of writing, we have raised more than £1.1 million. We cannot begin to thank you enough for what you have done and what you have helped make happen. When the Taliban took over the country, many banking facilities were closed and financial assets frozen. This caused the Afghan economy to go into completely collapse. The knock-on effect from this means the poorest suffer most, and many people like doctors and teachers have not been paid a salary since July 2021... One of our partners has now been able to support almost 1,000 extremely vulnerable families in rural Herat province. These families have children who were on the brink of death due to hunger, but your donations have helped feed them... Another project, launched alongside a local Afghan partner working in a community in Balkh province, has supplied food baskets to 350 households. Hundreds more baskets of food will be delivered in the next few weeks, and our partners will reach thousands more families in the coming months. For now, however, it is about survival. Helping babies and children go to bed with food in their bellies, feeling warm and safe. You, our supporters, are making this happen and we couldn't be more grateful for your help. Thank you".*

Ann Allison, CAFOD Parish and Schools' Volunteer

# Pastimes

The Pastimes Group at St Peter's is delighted to be back in action **every Tuesday**. We are open from **11.00 am-3.00 pm** and everyone is sure of a warm welcome for tea, coffee and biscuits. Join in the various activities or just come for a chat and companionship. Our very popular **book club** will be recommencing shortly.

The recent **Jumble Sale** was very well attended. Regular customers were delighted to be back for the bargains. All our sales staff are high-class (some even trained by Fortnum & Mason!) Our shoppers recovered by enjoying top-quality food and cakes at the tea bar, once again all donated. Our thanks are totally due to our fantastic suppliers of quality goods: YOU were amazing with your donations. And we are grateful for so many helpers, both on Friday and Saturday. Such a fabulous team of people to shoulder the very hard work required to set up and clear up afterwards (which went on until Monday!)

## Pope Francis on the Epiphany and the Synod

Another paragraph from Pope Francis' homily to reflect on as we reach the end of the Synod process for Catholic Leamington.

...Finally, the Magi return *"by another way"* (Mt 2:12)

They challenge us to take new paths. Here we see the creativity of the Spirit who always brings out new things. That is also one of the tasks of the Synod we have undertaken: to journey together and to listen to one another, so that the Spirit can suggest to us new ways and new paths to bring the Gospel to the hearts of those who are distant, indifferent or without hope, yet continue to seek what the Magi found: *"a great joy"* (Mt 2:10). We must always move forwards...

For the full homily of Pope Francis, visit [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/prayer-life](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/prayer-life), select Prayer Groups and scroll down to Our Prayer Reflection for 2022. It is also on the Vatican website: [www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en](http://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en) under Homilies.

Peter Dimambro



LiveSimply, Live Sustainably, Live in Solidarity with the Poor

## Recycling for CAFOD

The Recycling Box is now at St Joseph's, which you'll find in the Narthex now that the Church has re-opened. There are leaflets there that explain what you can and what you can't leave in the box. Have a spring clean and see what you can find to recycle there. We've been given £153.10 for CAFOD by Recycling for Good Causes from previous donations so far.

**Our website page is:**

[www.catholicleamington.org.uk/live-simply](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/live-simply)

**Our next Zoom meeting:**

**Thursday 10 March at 7.30 pm.**

**Everyone is welcome.**

**Join us, we need you.**

## Our path to being more sustainable

Pope Francis has said: *"... I would like to invite everyone to tackle this journey together... only in this way will we be able to create the future we want, a more inclusive, fraternal, peaceful and sustainable world."*

We would like EVERYONE in the parish to take part in being more sustainable and the Action Platform is one way to help you do it. Have a look at our website page [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/live-simply](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/live-simply)

It's as easy as 1-2-3.

## Be a Laudato si' 'Animator'

The *Laudato si'* Movement (LSM) runs online courses twice a year for people who want to make things happen – to put the Pope's call into action. The LSM calls them 'Animators' (not someone who is involved in creating animations, but someone we would call a facilitator or leader). *Laudato si'* Animators lead their community in prayer and action for our common home.

Join this movement and train for action: you'll be joining a global movement of hundreds of thousands of people committed to prayer and action for our common home. This leadership development training will equip you with the skills you need to lead your community in urgent action. Interested? As the details are not available yet (expected this month) get in touch with [cl.jandp@gmail.com](mailto:cl.jandp@gmail.com) to express your interest and we'll let you know when it appears.

# HOSANNA!

*By Anne Ward*

## A Cantata in Song and Mime

led by Hand in Hand and friends



**Saturday 9 April 2022 3.00 pm**  
**Our Lady's Church**  
**Valley Road, CV32 7SJ**

**Come and relive the events of Holy Week.**

**From the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the devastating crucifixion on Good Friday and a hint of what happened next.**

The cantata, 'HOSANNA', has been written by Anne Ward and is performed in mime, with narrators telling the story. We are really enthusiastic about performing HOSANNA, but we can't do it alone. So we need you to join in. There is a part for everyone – whether you love drama or are happier as part of the crowd, whatever your age or ability – we need you! We are particularly inviting people with learning disabilities to join in with us for this event. The place where we will be rehearsing and performing the cantata is fully accessible. As this is a musical story, we are also looking for people to sing or play musical instruments like guitar, flute, drums... If you want to come but might need help with transport, do get in touch – we may be able to help with this.

**Rehearsal from 9.30 am.**  
**Performance at 3.00 pm**

The rehearsal and the performance will both be on the same day. So, on Saturday 9 April there will be a workshop, beginning at 9.30 am. We will stop for a lunch break and a final practice. Then in the afternoon, we will perform the cantata at 3.00 pm for an audience of our friends, families and parishioners.

**Where?**

**Our Lady's, 170 Valley Road, Lillington, Leamington Spa CV32 7SJ**  
*There is a car park a short distance from the church*

**How to apply**

**Please get in touch with us to let us know you are coming, or to find out more.**

**Phone Julia: (01926) 735275, email [julia.fitzsimons@gmail.com](mailto:julia.fitzsimons@gmail.com), or Mary [mcxholden@virginmedia.com](mailto:mcxholden@virginmedia.com)**

**We look forward to hearing from you soon!**

*The day will be led by Hand in Hand, a group of adults with and without learning disabilities, living in the Warwick/Leamington Spa area, who meet regularly to socialise and to pray using drama, music and sign language.*

**EXTRA** is primarily for information that we do not have room for in the weekly newsletter. But we can only publish what you send in; please send notices (200–250 words) to

[catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com](mailto:catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com)

**by Thursday 31st March** for the next edition. The EXTRA team comprises Brian Austin, Martyn Hathaway and Jane Rebika. We could do with another person, as one of us may be leaving shortly — **can you help?**





## **CAFOD launches Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal**

1 March 2022

**CAFOD stands in solidarity with the Ukrainian people. Our sister organisation Caritas Ukraine is already helping people across the country.**

Like you, CAFOD is deeply disturbed by the ongoing attacks on Ukraine.

Together, we stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and send our prayers to our sister organisation Caritas Ukraine, and those Caritas agencies in neighbouring countries, who are already helping people affected by this conflict.

As one Caritas, we stand united with them.

### **Donate to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal**

Pope Francis declared Ash Wednesday, a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in Ukraine *"in order to be near to the suffering Ukrainian people, to be aware that we are all brothers and sisters, and to implore God for an end to the war"*.

**To you, Creator of nature and humanity, of truth and beauty, I pray:**

**hear my voice, for it is the voice**

**of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations.**

**Hear my voice, for it is the voice**

**of all children who suffer and who will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war.**

**Hear my voice when I beg you to instill into the hearts of all human beings**

**the vision of peace, the strength of justice and the joy of fellowship.**

**Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes**

**in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace.**

**Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond**

**to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice,**

**to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.**

**O God, hear my voice,**

**and grant to the world your everlasting peace.**

(Pope John Paul II at Hiroshima, Japan, 1981)