

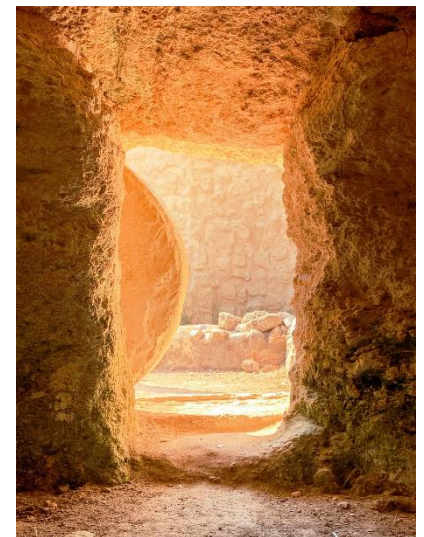
CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

# EXTRA

APRIL 2021

*"He is not here; he has risen" Lk24:6*

*"I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live", Jn11:25*



## Young Adults "Restore"

### Youth 2000 Retreat on 16th & 17th April 2021

You are so welcome to join us over two evenings for a post-Easter celebration as we invite God to restore to us the joy of His salvation.

The retreat will be two online evenings of prayer, worship, talks, and small groups. As well as interactive games and activities during the day on Saturday. We are so excited to celebrate this Easter Season with you - [see you online here!](#)

*Rosemary Pauling*

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

A parish census took place at St Peter's church several years ago. As part of a new initiative, we will be contacting by phone those who completed a census form.

We wish to 'keep in touch', note any changes and ask if there are any particular needs, especially during the continuing coronavirus outbreak.



*Peter Dimambro*

### Keeping in Touch Prayer

Loving Father, we pray for our Keeping in Touch initiative. As the team reach out to our parishioners by phone, letter or email, give them the wisdom to know how to communicate in a way that will attract them to our community. May those on the team be alert to ways of encouraging them in their faith journey. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

## Thank You

**SPAN KINDAID and CAFOD thank Catholic Leamington for the response to their Lenten appeals.**

As at 26<sup>th</sup> March the figures were: **Myton Hospice (£ 357.66)**; the **KINDAID** Kiirua Mission in Kenya (**£ 440.28**); and extra support to **SPAN's** local families through food vouchers (**£ 670.28**). You can use the JustGiving link here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanlent2021>

The appeal will finish the week after Easter Sunday.



And thanks, too, for the contributions to CAFOD for the Lent Fast Day and the Walk for Water/10000 steps a day.

We do not yet have the final total from the envelopes at church, but the fundraising pages raised **£215** for the Fast Day, **£435** for the Walk and Ann Allison is still walking her 10000 steps a day for Lent and has reached **£805** so far. **That's £1455 and still going.** It's not too late to give: Links-

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CathLeam>

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-for-water3750>



## SPAN AGM

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 7:30 pm on Zoom

Our SPAN AGM (for 2019 Report and Accounts) will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, **you are all welcome to join us**, contact [paulhayden@ntlworld.com](mailto:paulhayden@ntlworld.com) for a Zoom invite or other queries. Would you like greater involvement with SPAN and help form our future? We are looking for additional committee members e.g. a Vice Chair. Visit our website at <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span> to find out more about SPAN. Please contact [jenarmstrong@talktalk.net](mailto:jenarmstrong@talktalk.net) for more information.

One of the beneficiaries of SPAN for many, many years is **St Francis Hospital Nyenga**, a Community hospital in Buikwe District in Uganda's Central Region, founded in 1932 as a leprosy treatment hospital. The hospital was later turned over to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lugazi, whereupon it began to treat other diseases. SPAN used to send drugs direct to them. Sr Monicah Nassiwa, recently appointed Administrator, has written to SPAN:



*"Once again receive Lenten greetings from St. Francis Hospital Nyenga. I would like to inform you that we are doing well.*

*"Please am glad to further inform you that we received the funds you generously collected for us. May God bless you and the SPAN group at large. It has greatly pushed us to love and serve as our Motto stands.*

*"May God refill the pockets that have shared with us and bless the hearts that sacrifice for our well-being.*

*"Currently we are holding a dental camp and am glad to inform you that with the funds you gave us [£ 1,416] we are able to purchase drugs that are being used and cater for other urgent needs.*

*"Running this hospital has been a challenge but your generous hearts push us many miles ahead thus enabling us to reach out to the poor and needy with compassion.*

*"As per now let me wish u a blessed Palm Sunday. Greet all the parishioners and well-wishers of St. Peter's church. Will soon send the accountability."*

## ACTA - A Call To Action

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 1.45 for 2 pm**

**How does the Archdiocese spend our money?**

A number of parishioners in Catholic Leamington are members of ACTA and have attended meetings of the Birmingham Archdiocese

branch over the years. Now that we have moved to virtual sessions every month or two, it is easier for members and any others interested to attend them. On **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 1.45 for 2 pm** the **Rev David Palmer**, well known to parishioners of our Lady's and St Peter's, who was until recently the Diocesan Treasurer, will be giving a talk and joining a discussion on how the Archdiocese spends our money and how the Coronavirus emergency has affected the financial position of the Diocese and its parishes. The meeting should finish at 3.30 pm. For a Zoom link please email [actabhm@gmail.com](mailto:actabhm@gmail.com) – you don't have to be an existing member of ACTA.

*Jonathan Holden*



**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 7:00-8:30 pm**

Warwickshire Climate Alliance are running a **Climate Hustings on Zoom** Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> Join here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/climate-hustings-tickets-148331685063>

Chair: Alan Heap, of Purple Monster.

Green - Cllr. Jonathan Chilvers (Leamington Bruswick)

Labour - Cllr John Holland (Warwick West)

Liberal Democrats - Cllr. Jenny Fradgley (Stratford West)

Conservatives - have declined to attend.

Independents have yet to agree to attend.

**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 (100-200 words) to [catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com](mailto:catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com) **by the end of April**. **And we could do with more help, too! Let us know if you can help us:** Sue Sugars, Brian Austin, Caroline Graham (same address as above).

## Become a Laudato Si' Animator

[Hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor](#) –  
**Join before April 7th**

Pope Francis urges the world's 1.2 billion Catholics and all people of good will to take urgent action against the injustice of climate change and the ecological crisis, to protect the poor and future generations. His encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* is a compelling call to care for our common home, Earth, building on a long history of Catholic teaching. We are building a vibrant movement to respond to Pope Francis' call.

### How?

*Laudato Si' Animators* are local leaders who strive to live Laudato Si' in their own lives while inspiring and motivating others in their communities to bring Laudato Si' to life as well. We need each other in this journey for a better future. Working together, *The Global Catholic Climate Movement* is building a mass scale movement to address the ecological crisis and climate emergency. This course will empower you to bring Laudato Si' to life:

**Become a Laudato Si Animator yourself.**

**Receive in-depth online training and inspire your community to care for creation.**

**Register for the programme at before April 7<sup>th</sup> at:**  
<https://laudatosianimators.org/>

The programme runs from April 14<sup>th</sup> through till June 9<sup>th</sup>, with weekly one hour webinars together with a project

*Taken from Global Catholic Climate Movement  
Brian Austin*

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

### Our website

The website has received some attention lately, although there is still more to do. But, thanks to **Nollaig Doughan** for offering to become our new **Website Administrator!** Nollaig will be taking over shortly and keeping it up to date and well organised. **What we need now is for someone to work alongside him, so that the regular maintenance can be shared.** If you can, let us know on the **CONTACT US** page.

Have you visited the site lately? – we are getting around 500 visitors to the site each week.

## Care for the Earth

**'Laudato Si. Mi Signore' - 'Praise be to you, my Lord'** In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. 'Praise be to you, my Lord, through our sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.' ... thus begins Laudato Si, (on care for our common home), Pope Francis' encyclical letter from 2015.

As we begin the gradual process of 'unlocking' after this unprecedented year, we must give urgent attention to the need to care for our mother earth. We know the list of major problems, climate change and the impact on the poorest and most vulnerable, destruction of wildlife and habitats, pollution in the air and in water, plastic waste. We know how important nature has been for all of us in lockdowns, and how birdsong, trees and plants, rivers and ponds have all contributed to our wellbeing. We have become aware of the interconnectedness of our world and how we all depend on each other. That there are so many problems it seems overwhelming, so what can we do as individuals and a community?

**There are many small actions that together make a difference –**

- **from refusing single use plastics, (take a bag, buy loose fruit and veg, take a refillable bottle )**
- **planting pollen and nectar rich plants in the garden and mowing the lawn less often to help insects to survive and improve bio diversity**
- **walk, cycle or take the bus instead of the car.**
- **Support local initiatives such as 'Plastic Free Leamington' or 'Action 21',**
- **Look for local shops who sell plastic free, organic or ethical goods.**
- **Buy organic produce if possible – less pesticides is a healthier environment.**

**Take a look at Warwick District Council website – link below for some ideas -**

[https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20468/sustainability\\_and\\_climate\\_change/1438/our\\_plastics\\_journey](https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20468/sustainability_and_climate_change/1438/our_plastics_journey)

*Jenny Armstrong*