

Lent 2020 in St Davids Diocese: 'Living Simply for Creation'



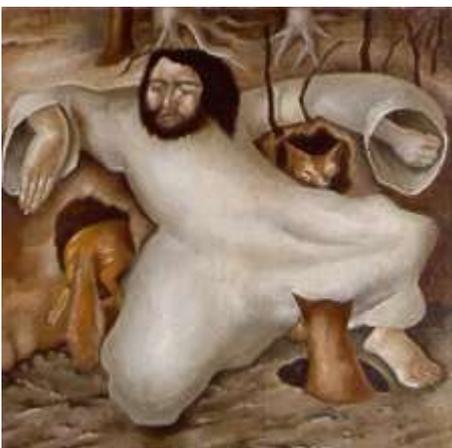
God's creation suffering.

This Lent all are invited to share the season 'living simply for Creation'. Why? Because "the Earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it"(Ps 24:1). God's Creation is "very good" (Gen 1:31), God delights in what he has made and, rather astoundingly, God entrusts this beautiful Earth into our care. We are to look after it as his stewards, and we are to look after each other as children of the same heavenly Father sharing a common home.



We've known for a long time we don't always care for each other as we should, and it's increasingly clear we're not caring for God's Creation very well either, with climate change and the extinction of so many of Gods creatures the stark consequence of our lack of care.

Lent as an opportunity for healing

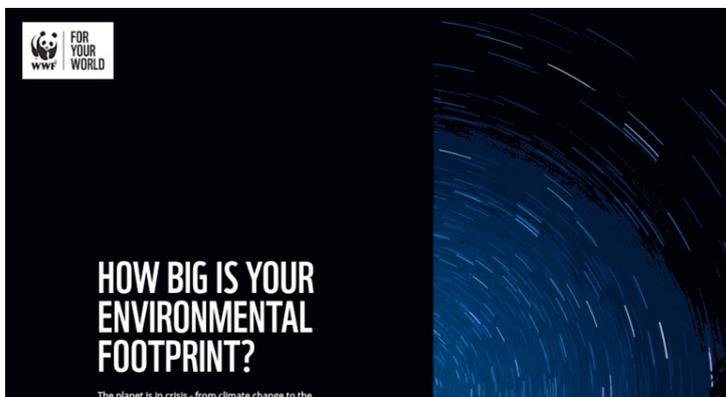


Lent provides an ideal opportunity to rebuild our relationship with God the Creator, God's earth, our home, and Christ through whom all things have been created (Col 1:16). Lent is a time of living simply, turning away from luxury, excess and distraction as we share in Christ's withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. It is a time when habits of prayer and living at peace with creation (Mk 1:13) are rediscovered, and habits formed to sustain us through the year ahead.

The ancient Christian tradition of living simply during Lent fits closely with the needs of our planet for us to restrain our greed and to trust in, and delight in, God's provision.

On these web pages you will find some resources to help you 'live simply for creation', including suggestions for different ways of fasting, bible study and prayer, practical actions one might take to care for creation now and in the months ahead, and some Creation-care events and activities happening around the diocese.

Why not start by measuring your environmental impact using the WWF Environmental Footprint Calculator, and check again after Lent to see if your impact reduces over the forty days.



Find the calculator here:

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>