

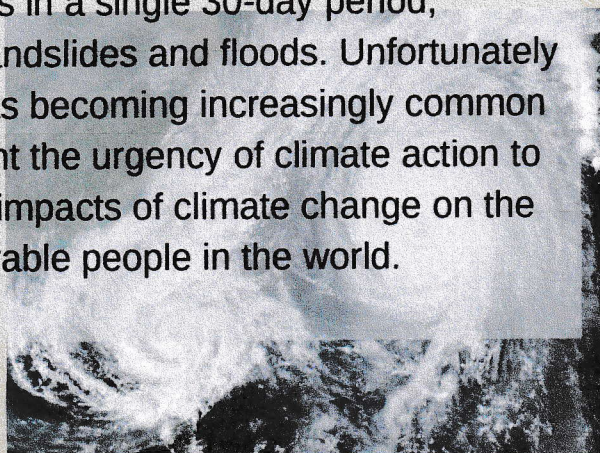
RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CREATION - JANUARY 2025

A NEWSLETTER INSPIRING AND ENABLING CLIMATE ACTION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

A YEAR OF EXTREME WEATHER

2024 was a year full of extremes. Climate change increases the intensity and frequency of extreme weather events and we saw lots of them in 2024. Last year the world experienced an additional 41 days of dangerous heat due to climate change which brought health risks and saw the Amazon river levels dropping by 90%. Elsewhere, the Philippines experienced six typhoons in a single 30-day period, triggering landslides and floods. Unfortunately these events becoming increasingly common and highlight the urgency of climate action to reduce the impacts of climate change on the most vulnerable people in the world.

Source: BBC



NEWS, EVENTS, OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming events for 2025

Global Climate Summit 2025

4-7th June 2025, University of Oxford

This will include local activities themed around climate justice in partnership with UN Human Rights. Look out for talks, exhibitions, concerts and more.

Earth Day 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

This year's theme is Our Power, Our Planet. Its goal is to unite the collective global commitment to renewable energy, to generate clean electricity for everyone.

COP 30

10th-21st November 2025

The 30th Conference of Parties on Climate Change will take place in Brazil in November.

LIVE SIMPLY

Be still. After the busyness of the festive period, take some time to just be still and sit in God's presence in His creation. Whether it's looking out of a window with a cup of tea, watching your favourite nature documentary or going outside, build in time for stillness into your routine.

LIVE SUSTAINABLY

As the new year begins, how can you live sustainably? Pick one, simple, achievable action that you can complete this year to make a positive impact. For example, buy in bulk to reduce packaging ratios, or eat seasonal food, or make sure you actually turn devices off at the wall, or only boil the amount of water you need.

LIVE IN SOLIDARITY

Nelson Mandela once said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". This year, why not show solidarity to those facing the brunt of the climate crisis and to future generations to come, by learning more about this planet: its wonders and the threats it's facing. Be curious, ask questions and look for answers. Useful starting points are:

The Royal Society:

<https://royalsociety.org/news-resources/projects/climate-change-evidence-causes/basics-of-climate-change>

The UN:

<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/what-is-climate-change>



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