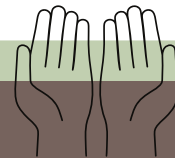




CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 2022



WORD OF THE WEEK

PSALM 65: 9-13

You show your care for the land
by sending rain;
you make it rich and fertile.
You fill the streams with water;
you provide the earth with crops.
This is how you do it: you send
abundant rain on the plowed fields
and soak them with water;
you soften the soil with showers
and cause the young plants to grow.
What a rich harvest your
goodness provides!
Wherever you go there is plenty.
The pastures are filled with flocks;
the hillsides are full of joy.
The fields are covered with sheep;
the valleys are full of wheat.
Everything shouts and sings for joy.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Everlasting God,
we give you thanks
for you nourish and strengthen us
with your merciful love.
We pray for those
who hunger in scorched lands,
with no food for their children.
Together, we cry out for justice.
Help us to share generously
as one global family, and to hold onto
hope for a world transformed.
Bread of life, we pray your people
may find life and joy in all its fullness
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

This week's Word of the Week tells us the ways in which God blesses our world and how the world provides for us. However this psalm can feel like an ideal that we don't see in reality. When we watch the news we constantly see natural disasters, from floods, and earth quakes, extreme heat and other extreme weather. But why is this the case? Is this because God isn't blessing our world anymore? We know that the acts of humans are having a massive impact on our planet. Climate change means that those who depend so much on the land and a good harvest for their food and jobs are being effected the most. And these people who are affected most by climate change are among the poorest in our world.



Let us not forget those who are hungry today and think about ways in which we can support people around the world who don't have enough to eat.

This Friday we are supporting CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day. This is a day when we go without something in order to help others. To raise money for CAFOD this week we have a number of different activities happening! So don't forget your pennies on Thursday so you can get yourself a hot chocolate and remember to buy yourself a CAFOD "Cake" in the canteen on Friday (give up your cake to help others who have nothing!).

To find out more about CAFOD's Harvest Fast day [CLICK HERE!](#)

"I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT. I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO DRINK...WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS OF MINE, YOU DID IT FOR ME." (JESUS- MATTHEW 25:35-40)



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

On Tuesday (4th October) is the feast of St Francis of Assisi.
HAPPY FEAST DAY TO OUR FRANCIS FORM GROUPS!

Saint Francis was known for his love of nature, particularly his love of animals. He called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters." There are stories of him preaching to the birds and speaking with wolves. St Francis should inspire us in the way we are for our common home, our world and all that live in it!! Challenge yourself on Tuesday to make an extra effort to do something to care for our environment, maybe collecting litter, or walking/riding your bike to school rather than getting a lift in a car.



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Join us in supporting CAFOD in these two easy ways and you'll be donating to vulnerable people who are threatened by the global food crisis. No-one deserves to go hungry.

Thursday 6th October:

Hot chocolate and biscuits on sale for 50p outside the chapel at break and lunch.

Friday 7th October:

When you go to buy your lunch, pick up a CAFOD cake card for 75p to donate your desert to someone who really needs it.

