



Laudato Si'

Many thanks to all who have responded. A brief summary of your responses follows:

Q1. Do you try to find out, and listen to, information about the problems currently facing our planet?

The vast majority of those who responded are actively trying to find out about the problems affecting our planet.

"I read a lot of news articles and blogs on the impact of climate change and what I can do to help."

"Yes. I am very concerned"

Q2. Do you know how climate change affects the poorest nations on earth?

Most parishioners who answered are aware that it is the poorest who are most affected by climate change and a quarter of them are trying to help.

"More recently, news briefings on East Africa. The ongoing drought there has been proven to have been caused by global warming."

Q3. Do you ever notice how much the UK and Scottish Governments are spending on green policies?

Answers show good awareness by over three quarters of the respondents of government policies on this issue.

"They must stop just telling us about policies and implement them."

"Not enough."

Q4. Do you take action in your own life to have a simpler lifestyle?

Almost all of those who answered are taking action to have a simpler lifestyle.

"Recycling and using more environmentally friendly items."

"At points. Although I should try harder."

Q5. Do you make efforts to learn about climate action to try and influence others?

Learning about climate change and influencing others had the largest number of people who said they never do this.

"Not really."

"I am a Primary School teacher in a Laudato Si' school. I try to influence the people in my care."

Q6. Do you pray for those affected by climate change and for our leaders who have responsibility for this?

Answers were almost equally divided into those who pray at mass and those who also pray at other times.

“Never something that ever entered my head.”

“It’s the only way for us. The more prayers the better. A world day of prayer and masses said at the same time.”

Q7. Do you join any of the Parish’s efforts to help our wider community?

Parish efforts to help the wider community involve over half of those who replied to the questionnaire.

“Groceries for the Food Bank, crime prevention and community safety.”

“I am not aware of the activities on climate change.”

AND NOW.....

SOME QUESTIONS

Do people recognise what they are already doing that makes a difference?

How can people help in a way that is not too demanding?

Who else can we learn from?

What resources are available to us?

SOME POSSIBILITIES

Share a list of simple things which we can do in our own lives.

Do an Eco-congregation survey of our buildings.

Use the Laudato Si’ materials for education and environmental action.

Build prayer for damaged communities into masses and private prayer.

AND ACTIONS

Come to an action planning meeting where we can share practical ideas and agree what we can do collectively as a Parish, and individually in our own lives.

Wednesday 31st May at 7.30pm in St Mark’s.