

Parish of The Nativity of the Lord The Presbytery 122 Ladbroke Road Redhill Surrey RH1 1LF

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Dear Father and all at the Parish of The Nativity of the Lord,

We at CAFOD are delighted to present you with the **Live**Simply award.

This is a wonderful achievement and a recognition of your efforts to care for God's creation and to live simply, live sustainably and live in solidarity with our global family.

Thank you for sharing your time during our assessment meeting. It was wonderful in particular to note your work to:

- Encourage parishioners to recycle and reuse materials, including through supporting Practical Action
- Raise awareness of the impact of food waste
- Organise a reading group for Catholic Social Teaching documents such as Laudato Si' and Fratelli Tutti
- Arrange viewings of and reflection sessions on *The Letter*
- Incorporate **Live**Simply values into parish bidding prayers
- Try to tackle energy waste in your parish buildings, including through using LED lights
- Care for your parish garden and taking part in 'No Mow May' to support biodiversity
- Arrange monthly parish lunches to raise money for CAFOD's work
- Provide a winter night shelter for people experiencing homelessness
- Promote Salina's letter to the World Bank on protecting the rights of smallscale farmers to use their own seeds
- Meet your local MPs to show that people in the community want politicians to act on the climate crisis and the global debt crisis.

We hope you will be able to display your **Live**Simply award plaque in a prominent place in the church to celebrate your achievements and to inspire you to continue in your efforts to live simply, live sustainably and live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.

We encourage you to continue your **Live**Simply journey. This might include taking the opportunity each year during the Season of Creation to consider what is still going strong from your original **Live**Simply action plan. Likewise, you might wish to reflect on what you can do as a parish to build on what you carried out when you

started working towards the award, as well as how you can respond to changes in your community and in the wider world.

Finally, we would encourage you to continue to share your **Live**Simply story with friends elsewhere in your community so that more people will take the first steps on this journey.

Thank you once again for your work to live simply, live sustainably and live in solidarity with our global family.

With our prayers and best wishes,

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