

CAFOD+ REPORT 22 Sep. 16

As discussed with Pat Keating by email

1. We are all delighted to have achieved the ***livesimply*** award and to have the good practice of the parish recognised. Maria Elena Arana (CAFOD *livesimply* Award Coordinator) suggests further that we should:
 - 'Build on the strong record of practical action and generosity to tackle more challenging issues such as supporting the resettlement of a refugee family (There will a mailing next week with more details).
 - Get involved in more political engagement and campaigning e.g. just trade, climate change or refugee policy. These actions can complement our practical and prayerful activities.
 - Share some of our success stories with the rest of the diocese (Allan is contacting the diocesan newsletter)
 - Secure policy commitment to ensure that any "Active in Faith" capital projects fulfil the principles outlined in 'Laudato Si' and what we are doing further to look after our planet (8th work of mercy?)
2. **Duck Race** was very successful in spite of being unseasonably cold. The final total raised was £400.24 and we will discuss the best use for this at the next meeting
3. Allan, Sheila and I attended the **Recollection Day in Newmarket** 2 weeks ago as a precursor to the Family Fast Day. Good presentations including background material for the fast day.
4. **Harvest Fast Day, 1: Friday 7 October**
Let's stand alongside Nicanora
This harvest we hear from Nicanora, a 32 year old mother who lives on the Bolivian Altiplano. Here, because of the harsh weather, her family is often forced to go hungry. Growing crops on the Altiplano is difficult due to the extreme weather and the effect it has on the soil. A hailstorm can wipe out the harvest. Deliveries of envelopes and prayer cards should also be arriving at any time now. In addition, all the parish resources are available online at cafod.org.uk/fast-day. We hope to say a few words at Masses on 2 Oct.
5. **Harvest Fast Day, 2.** We hope to have a **Soup Day**. This will be discussed next week.
6. **Prayers for Peace.** This has been deferred to 20th November making it the perfect end to the Year of Mercy and we would welcome input from all of the parish as to the actual content but again this will be discussed next week.

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