

"The effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ...



...becomes evident in our relationship with the world around us"

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 217

• **REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE** •

- 🔄 Up to 60% of the rubbish that ends up in the dustbin could be recycledⁱ
- 🔄 Each UK family uses an average of 500 glass bottles and jars annually (glass does not decompose but is 100% recyclable)ⁱ
- 🔄 Most families throw away about 40kg of plastic per year, which could otherwise be recycled (it will take 500 years to decompose)ⁱ
- 🔄 785 million people don't have clean water close to homeⁱⁱ
- 🔄 Each day in the UK sewers collect over 11 billion litres of wastewater, which is approximately 150 litres per personⁱⁱ

"We must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart."

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE
A New Earth - The Environmental Challenge (2002)

- caring for creation -



• STANDING FOR CHANGE •

Your daily life:

- ✓ Are you recycling everything that you could be?
- ✓ Are you using reusable cups and bottles for your drinks on the go?
- ✓ Teach your children the importance of caring for our common home

Ongoing change:

- ✓ How could you cut down on your waste?
- ✓ Could you do a zero-waste week?
- ✓ Could you start collecting bottles to recycle?

In the Parish:

- ✓ Tell someone what you are doing & encourage them to join in
- ✓ Could a group within the parish begin a community allotment?

• FIND OUT MORE •

<http://www.reading.gov.uk/rubbish>

<https://www.freecycle.org/town/ReadingUK>

<https://www.jamieoliver.com/recipes/category/course/leftovers/>

<http://www.greenusesforwaste.co.uk/>

ⁱ <https://www.recycling-guide.org.uk/facts.html>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.cbre.co.uk/research-and-reports/our-cities/sewage>

