

**Our Lady of the Valley
Laudato si' Live Simply Plan
and
the Garden Project**

**What lies behind
our
Laudato si' (Live Simply) Group
and our
Live Simply Plan?**

Laudato Si' (Live Simply)



"Never before was a Papal letter more enthusiastically received by other Christian Churches, other religions, politicians, scientists, believers and non-believers alike than Pope Francis' letter on creation, 'Laudato si' two years ago. Though it is a challenging read at 189 pages it is clearly written and has a message that we should all try to absorb" – Fr John Corcoran, Parish Priest.

A series of meetings was held in 2016-2017 to introduce us to the encyclical, to discuss it and consider ways of putting its philosophy into practice. Following this, we have started a new parish group whose objectives are to commit the parish, in its three church communities, to establish permanent activities and practices that will enable us to actively live the ideas engendered by Pope Francis, so that we may start to repair the damage done to our Common Home and offer a better future for our children and grandchildren.

We will be meeting regularly to discuss initiatives and progress. In the meantime, these pages will be used to pass on relevant news, advice, hints and tips, etc. We hope our website will become a valuable resource for all in the parish and elsewhere who wish to contribute to the success of the venture and to keep abreast of what we are doing. Our watchword is a phrase frequently repeated by Pope Francis in Laudato Si' – "everything is connected"!

Upcoming Events

[Tea Dance - Ladies' Group](#)

20/07/2022 - 2:00 PM

Clitheroe

[Parish Forum](#)

20/07/2022 - 7:30 PM

[Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage](#)

29/07/2022 - 04/08/2022 - 12:00 AM

[View all future events](#)

+ livesimply award

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

This is to acknowledge that the community of

Our Lady of the Valley

has **registered** for the *livesimply* award
and is working to:

- > live simply
- > live sustainably with creation
- > live in solidarity with those living in poverty

+ Declan Lang

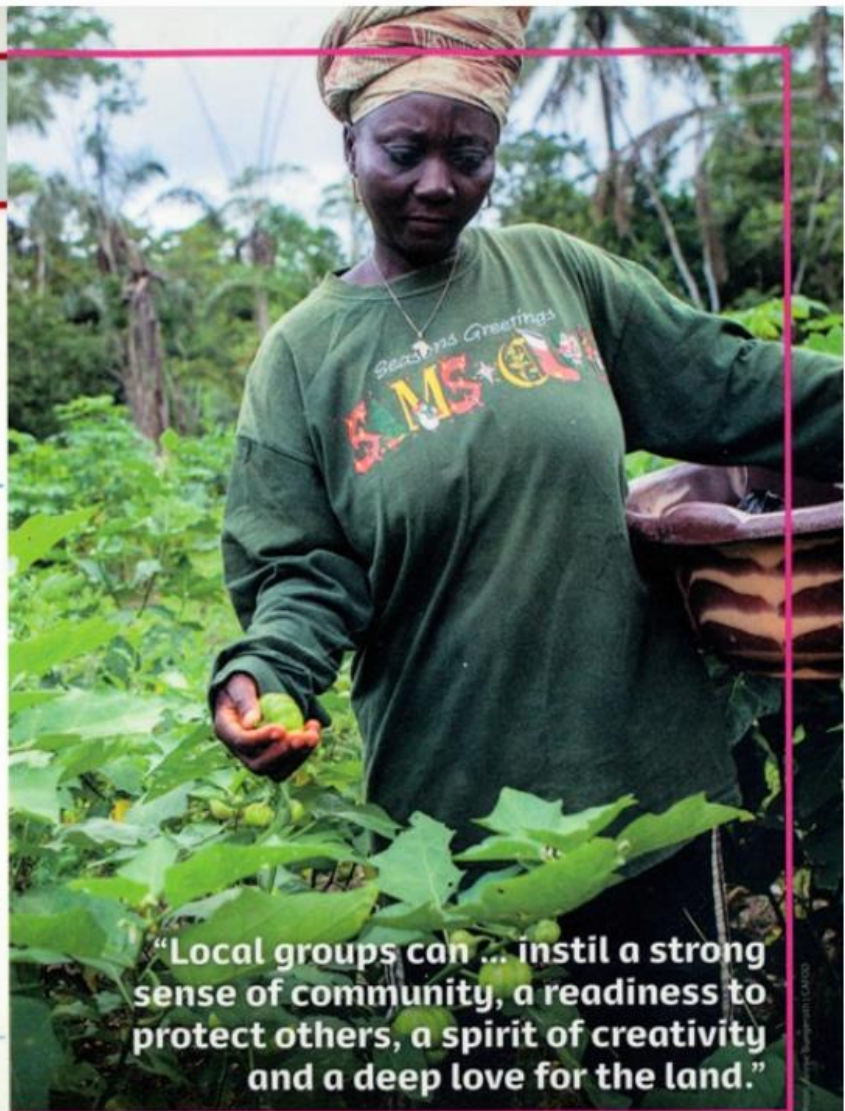
Signed **Bishop Declan Lang**, Bishop of Clifton and Chairman of the International Affairs
Department of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

5/6/18.

Date

The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and part of Caritas International. Charity no 1160384 and a company limited by guarantee no 09387390.

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Just one world



“Local groups can ... instil a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land.”

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* #179

Catholic Social Teaching

Stewardship of Creation

The Earth is sacred. Creation has its own intrinsic value. We have a responsibility to protect and to cherish the Earth's ecological diversity, beauty and life-sustaining properties. Together, we must hold it in trust for future generations. The family needs a home, a fit environment in which to develop its proper relationships. For the human family, this home is the earth, the environment that God the Creator has given us to inhabit with creativity and responsibility. We need to care for the environment: it has been entrusted to men and women to be protected and cultivated with responsible freedom, with the good of all as a constant guiding criterion. — Pope Benedict XVI, World Day of Peace 2008.

“Catholic Social Teaching is the Catholic Church’s best kept secret”

“Catholic Social Teaching is not an optional extra”

Since the start of his pontificate Pope Francis has made tackling poverty and environmental issues his priority:

- Evangelii Gaudium (2013)
- Laudato si' (2015)

He has also continued to stress the interconnectivity of these two issues and these two documents

Yet the Diocesan phase of the Universal Synod indicates and inward looking Catholic population, with poverty and the environment low in priority

Loss of natural wildflower habitats:

- Since the end of WW2, we have lost 97% of native wildflower habitats
- The Catholic Church has recently declared the need for it to rewild in its many premises
- The British Horticultural Society is encouraging people to rewild their gardens











Eco Bricks







The Garden Project





























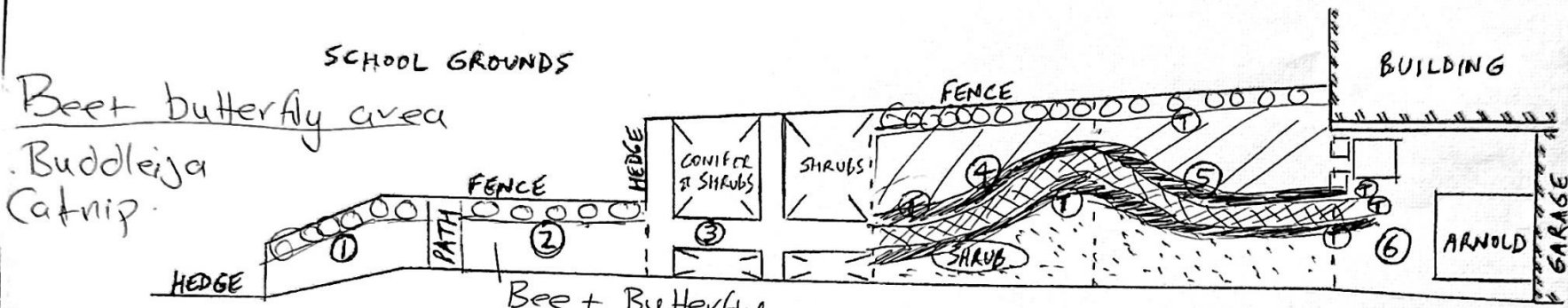


So what's it all about?

- **It's not about saving the environment**
- **It's about playing our part**
- **It's about education and awareness raising**
- **It's about community building**
- **It's about getting children interested in the Church**
- **It's about Catholic Social Teaching**

So where do we go from here?

DIAGRAMMATIC SKETCH OF LAND TO THE REAR OF ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S R.C. CHURCH,
LOWER GATE, CLITHEROE



- Wild flower area.
 - Dead hedging
 - Hazel Coppice
 - PRESBYTERY LAWN
 - Wood chip path.
 - Mixed native hedge.
- LEGEND

- ⊙ TREES
- ⊠ RAISED BEDS
- ① PLOT NUMBERS
- PROPOSED PLOT BOUNDARIES

- Hawthorn
- Blackthorn.
- Dogwood
- Hazel.
- Dogroses
- Privet

NOT TO SCALE

Buy as mixed hedge - (1 year old plants.)
(Hedges direct)

CHURCH

GATES

DATE, CLITHEREOE

SCHOOL GROUNDS

Butterfly area

