

## Climate Emergency



At the Diocesan Synod on Saturday we agreed to declare a Climate Emergency. Bristol is the first Diocese to make this declaration and pledge to reach net zero carbon emissions in its life and work, by 2030. This is a challenging date, but reflects the urgency required.

Climate change hits our poorest global neighbours first and worst, exacerbating migration and conflict over resources. As Christians we are driven to urgent action by love for our neighbour, our world and our creator God. +Viv, who gave out Eco awards at the synod, takes the view that "by declaring a Climate Emergency I hope our practical action and collective voice will send a strong message to our Church and government". See "Bristol Diocese Declares a Climate Emergency" on youtube." This will be an item on our PCC Agenda tomorrow.

## An Alternative Approach to Christmas Cards

Every Christmas we have plastic boxes full of cards to be collected. This year, with all the publicity about climate change I wonder if we could try to save some of that paper-waste. I am proposing to create a St John's Christmas insert for the bulletin before Christmas. If you would like to send a message to all of your friends and family here at St J's please email your greeting to me at [mary@lumel.co.uk](mailto:mary@lumel.co.uk) or jot one on a piece of paper and give it to me, I will do the rest. If you would like to make a donation to Jar of Grace or the charity you would normally buy your cards from that is entirely your choice. Join me this year in trying to save a few trees.



**You can do this instead of putting cards in the box.**

Yours in Christ, Mary Southgate."

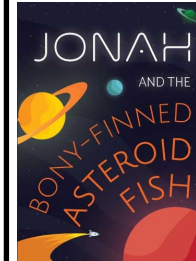
## Bill's Time on board Mercy Ships

We will be hearing about Bill's time on board the "Africa Mercy" at both services this morning. We have followed his story in the bulletin items from Senegal over the last few months. This morning we will hear and see what he learned and experienced there. PCC recently adopted *Mercy Ships* as one of its four major international charities.



## Books Make Great Presents

**Have you got children to buy presents for on your Christmas list?** There is a great selection of fun, interactive Bible-themed books for children to get stuck into this Christmas. If you know a pre-teen who loves comic books and Minecraft, or a younger child who likes crafty activities, take a look at the Bible Society website to help them explore the Bible this Christmas.



### Jonah and the Bony Finned Asteroid Fish

Not just a Sunday school tale! Jonah and the Bony-Finned Asteroid Fish is a creative sci-fi re-imagining of the book of Jonah, packed full of wit and humour for adults and young people alike.

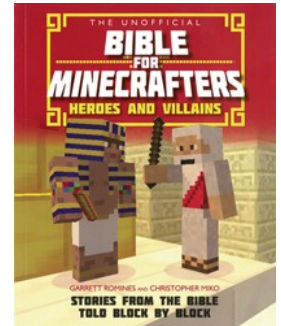
**(Both books sell at £5.99)**

### Heroes and Villains. The Bible for Minecrafters.

In these books the incredible tales of the Bible are retold through the format of Minecraft. Moses and Pharaoh, David and Goliath, Jesus and his miracles – your favourite Bible stories depicted in a completely unique way.

**There are loads more.** Have a look at

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/christmas-gifts-2019/>



## World Watch List - No 50—Azerbaijan

### **WHAT IS LIFE LIKE FOR CHRISTIANS IN AZERBAIJAN?**

Since 1991, when the country gained independence from the former Soviet Union, all churches have been obliged to re-register at least six times, with fewer congregations managing to pass each time. Unregistered churches face the constant threat of raids, confiscations and fines. Arrests and beatings occur on a very regular basis. Fear that churches have been infiltrated by informers means that no one knows whom to trust.

Those who are known to be Christians have difficulty in finding a job. Christians from Muslim backgrounds bear the brunt of persecution, both at the hands of the state and from friends and family.



**Prayers: Pauline Stacey**, who has recently lost her husband; **the family of Christine Shurey** whose funeral takes place at 1.30 pm on Tuesday at Kingsdown. (It was through the funeral of her husband that Christine started coming to church.) **Sue Branch** who continues to battle with her health. **Val Bowditch's Granddaughter, Quinn** who was rushed into hospital on Thursday with a high fever and a rash. Please also remember the **PCC meeting** tomorrow evening.

Mon 25th	9.30am 2.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Pram Club Homegroup in the Quiet Room Homegroup at Bill and Deana's—17 Rother Close <b>PCC Meeting</b>
Tues 26th	8pm 8pm	Homegroup at Carol & Paul's -20 Furlong Close Homegroup at David Rudland's in Purton
Wed 27th	1-3pm	Craft Club in Church Room
Fri 29th	10.30-1.30pm	Rock Café

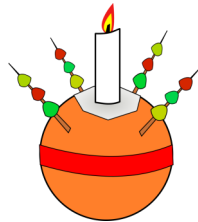


**Sunday**  
**24th November**  
**Next before Advent**



Please pray for our church family	
Mon 25th	Shelley Osbourne
Tue 26th	Margaret Poulton
Wed 27th	Julian & Win Priddle
Thurs 28th	Allan & Denise Rees & Megan
Fri 29th	Anna Richardson & Matthew Leighton
Sat 30th	Kathleen Ridley
Sun 1st	Simon & Sally Robertson

**Christingle**  
**Sunday 8th**  
**December**  
**4.30pm**



**New style Christingle service with puppetry!**  
**Let's reach out to invite friends, neighbours and family to this exciting celebration.**

***Christian Love in Action***

Services Next Week			
8th Dec	9am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams
	11am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Holy Communion	Bill Hunt	Matthew 25: 31-40
11.00am	Morning Praise	Bill Hunt	Matthew 25: 31-40

Parish Office Email: [parishoffice@stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk) or Telephone 726000. All items for the bulletin to the office in writing by first thing on Thursday. Thank you