



Advocating for creation

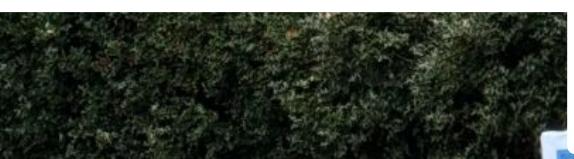
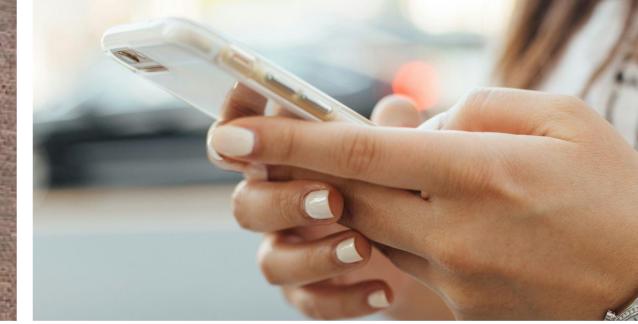


Polly Eaton, Eco Church



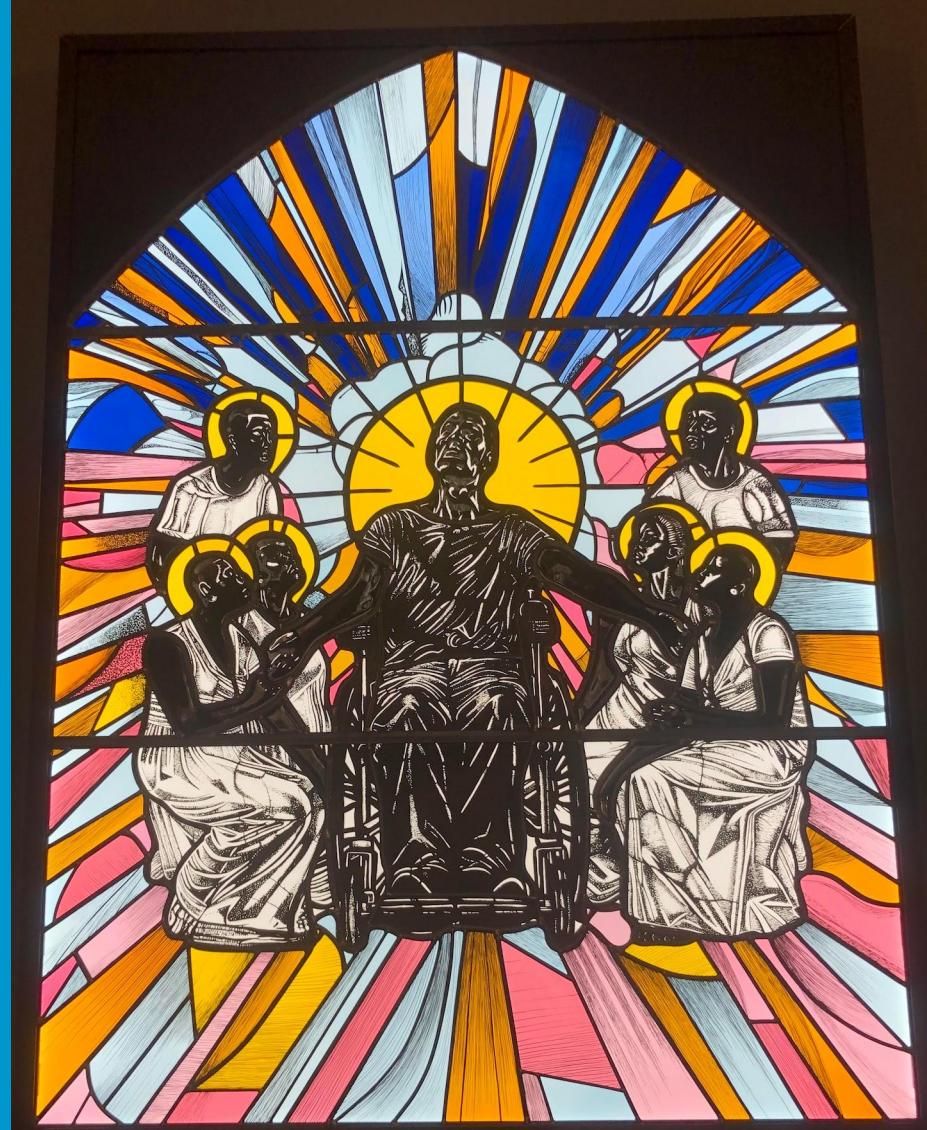
**What does
'advocacy and campaigning'
mean to you ?**





Outline

- Eco Church survey
- Biblical framing
- How to respond
- Think and share



Pray for Me, Christopher Samuel (2025)
Stained glass window

Eco Church survey



The Eco Church website

The Eco Church platform

The Eco Church survey categories



Worship and Teaching



Buildings and Energy



Land and Nature



Community and Global



Lifestyle

Pathway options:
Buildings and Energy
Land and Nature

ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/resources/



What are you already doing?



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Matthew 25:35-36

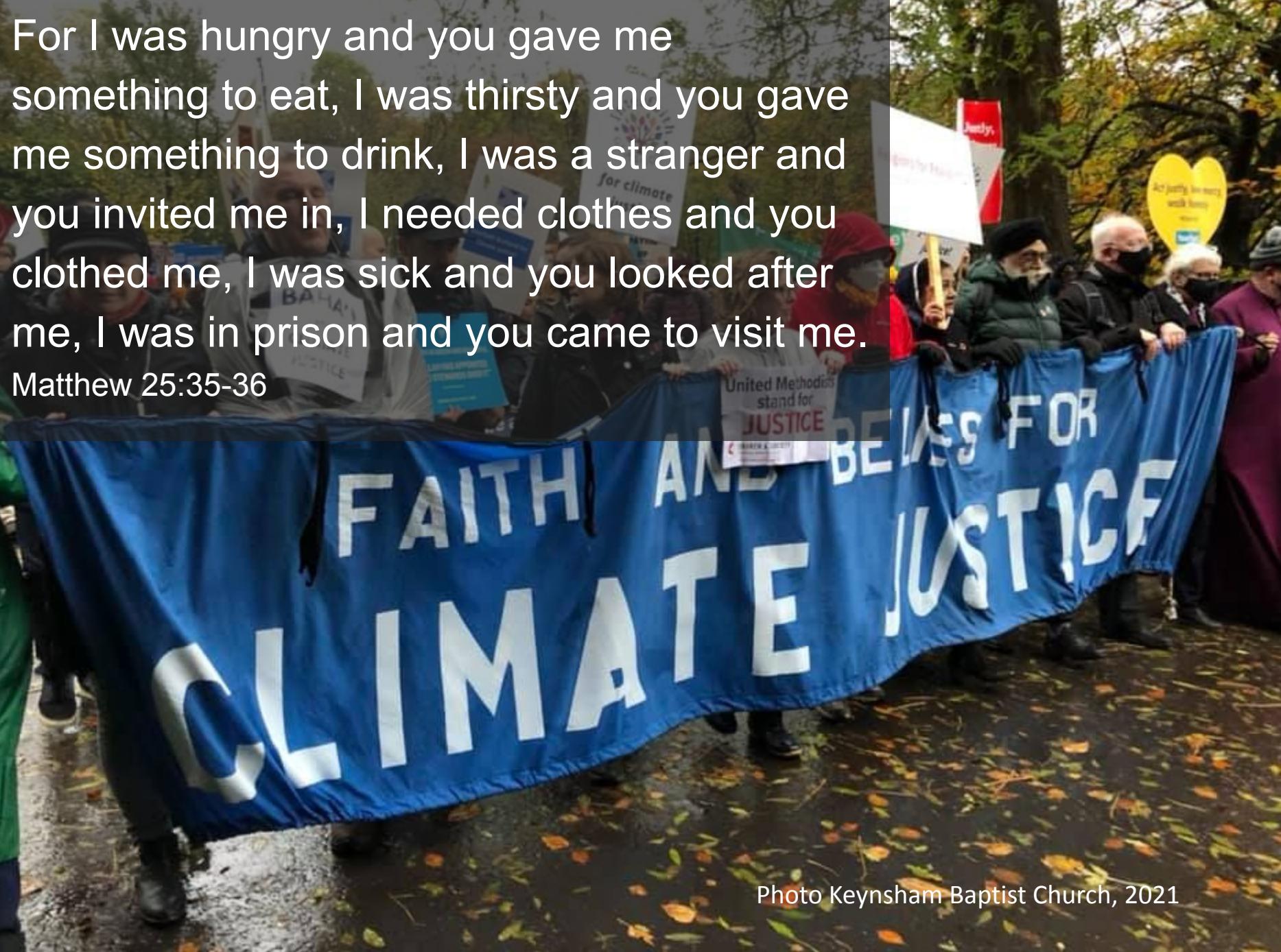
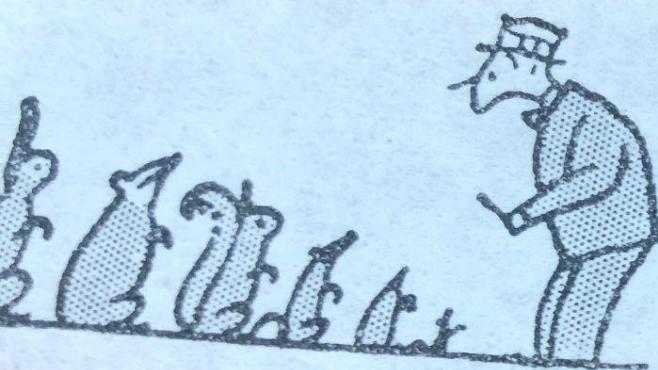


Photo Keynsham Baptist Church, 2021



Just a reminder that
animals look to us for
justice — and mercy.

Illustrated Stationery Leaflet and
information from the Universities
Federation for Animal Welfare, 7a
Lambs Conduit Passage, London, W.C.1



The Restore Campaign

Get creative!





Overview of Restore Campaign

Highlights how climate and debt crises trap people in poverty, especially in the Global South.

Urges UK Government to make polluters pay and introduce debt justice laws.

Shows strong Community and Global Engagement within the Eco Church framework.

Empowers churches to advocate creatively for environmental and social justice. It also serves as a creative tool that engages communities, raises awareness, and amplifies the voices of those affected.



It doesn't have to be this way...

World Inequality & Climate Impact (World Inequality Report 2026)

- **Those least responsible suffer the most:**
 - **Wealthiest 10%:** Control ~75% of global wealth and produce **77% of carbon emissions**.
 - **Middle 40%:** Hold moderate wealth and contribute **20% of emissions**.
 - **Poorest 50%:** Least wealth, contribute only **3% of emissions**.

Climate Change Deepens Poverty

- Climate shocks (floods, droughts, rising seas) destroy livelihoods in vulnerable regions.
- **100 million+** people may fall into poverty by **2030** (World Bank).
- **Up to 200 million** could face internal displacement by **2050** (World Economic Forum).

Debt and Climate Justice

- Many poorer nations pay more in **debt servicing** than they receive in aid, limiting climate resilience.
- **25 African countries** spend more on debt than education.
- **32 African countries** spend more on debt than healthcare.

Why It Matters

- Inequality is shaped by policies and systems, creating division, weakening democracies, and worsening the climate crisis, but **change is possible**.

Case Study Illustration – Malawi

In every climate disaster, people living in poverty feel its impact hardest. People like **Jen Bishop**.

Jen dreams of her children having the education they deserve.

But the impact of the **climate crisis** on Jen's crops means that money is tight.

Her hard-working boys have earned places at top colleges in Malawi – but she cannot afford to send them both. It's a decision no parent should have to face.



Practical & Creative Ways to Engage Locally and Globally

- This is about the **real lives and livelihoods** of people affected by climate and debt injustice.
- We can all help **repair harm and restore justice**, trusting that something more beautiful can emerge.
- The campaign uses a creative symbol — a giant “**Restoration Pot**” inspired by **kintsugi**, showing resilience, healing, and restoration.

Locally

- Create **messages, prayers, and pictures**.
- Invite your **elected representative** for a coffee morning, share your creations, and explain the Restore campaign.



Nationally

- Send **2-3 messages** to Christian Aid to help decorate the **giant Restoration Pot**, which will be shared with decision-makers and toured across the UK.



Globally

- Stand with communities most affected by climate and debt crises.
- Your actions support **global justice**, helping ensure polluters pay and unjust debts are cancelled so vulnerable nations can rebuild and thrive.



**Add Your Message to
the Restoration Pot**

Opening Prayer

God of resurrection

We turn from the cross of death towards the tree of life

And dare to imagine another possible world

Where violent conflict becomes peaceful reconciliation

Where hunger and thirst are filled and quenched

Where barriers of exclusion become bridges of opportunity

Where pain and tears are healed and tenderly wiped away

Where world weary hearts are strengthened and re-energised

Where the leaves of the tree heal all the nations

In a time of inequality and division we are united by hope,
anticipating the flourishing of creation and fullness of life for everyone

To the glory and praise of your Almighty name.

Amen

To consider whilst creating your contribution...

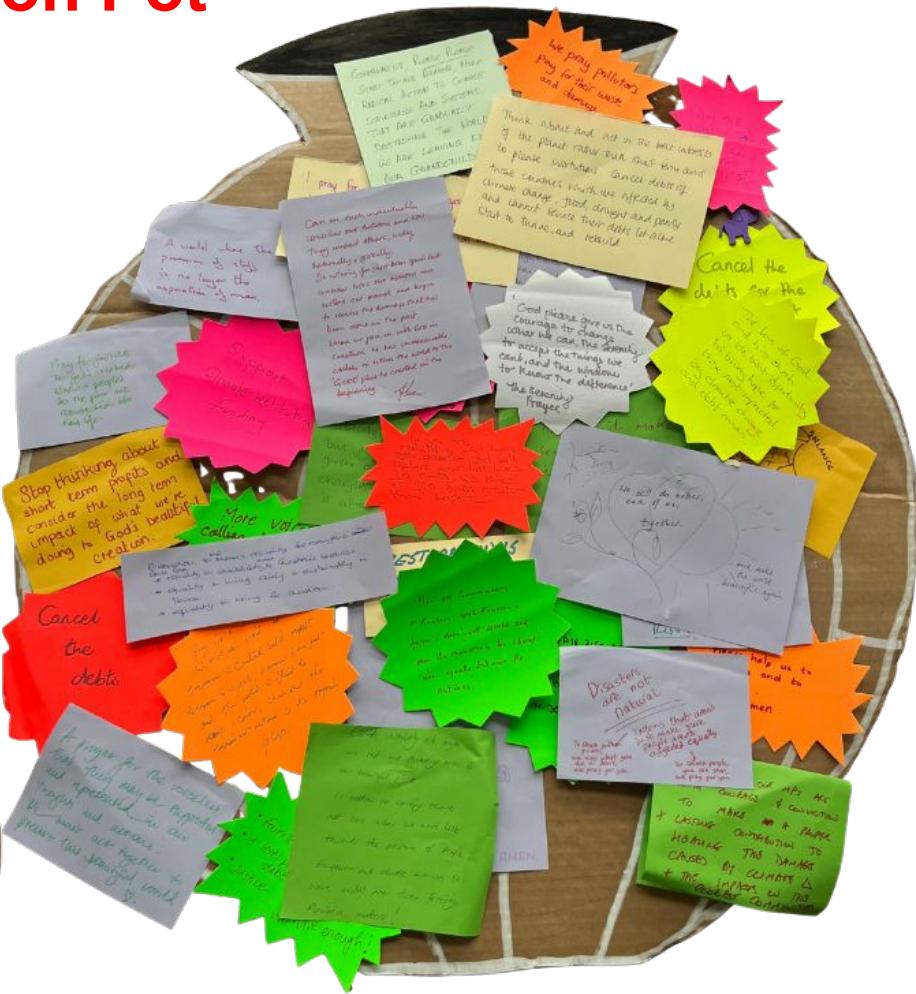
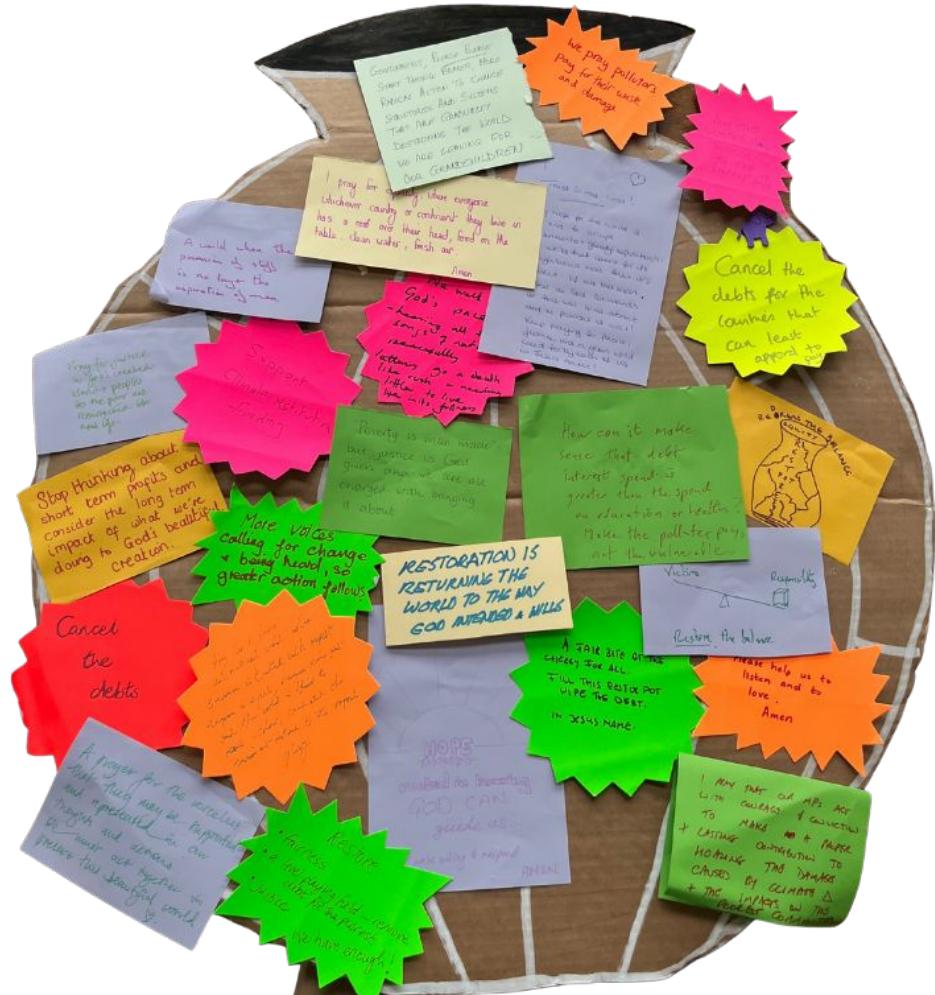
Your message won't just stay here, some will travel to Christian Aid and help decorate the giant Restoration Pot that will be shown to MPs and leaders across the UK.

- What does restoration mean to you?
- What do you hope leaders will do for climate and debt justice?
- Write a prayer or hope for communities affected.
- If you could say one thing to Parliament about global justice, what would it be?
- What responsibility do you believe the UK has towards countries on the frontlines of climate change?
- Where do you long to see restoration in our world today?
- What gives you hope when you think about climate and debt justice?
- What does a fairer, restored world look like to you?
- What message of solidarity would you share with communities facing climate and debt crises?
- What prayer or blessing would you offer to families rebuilding their lives after climate disasters?
- What hope would you send to young people living with the effects of climate change?



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Contributions to the Restoration Pot made during the workshops



**Thank-you for
taking part!**

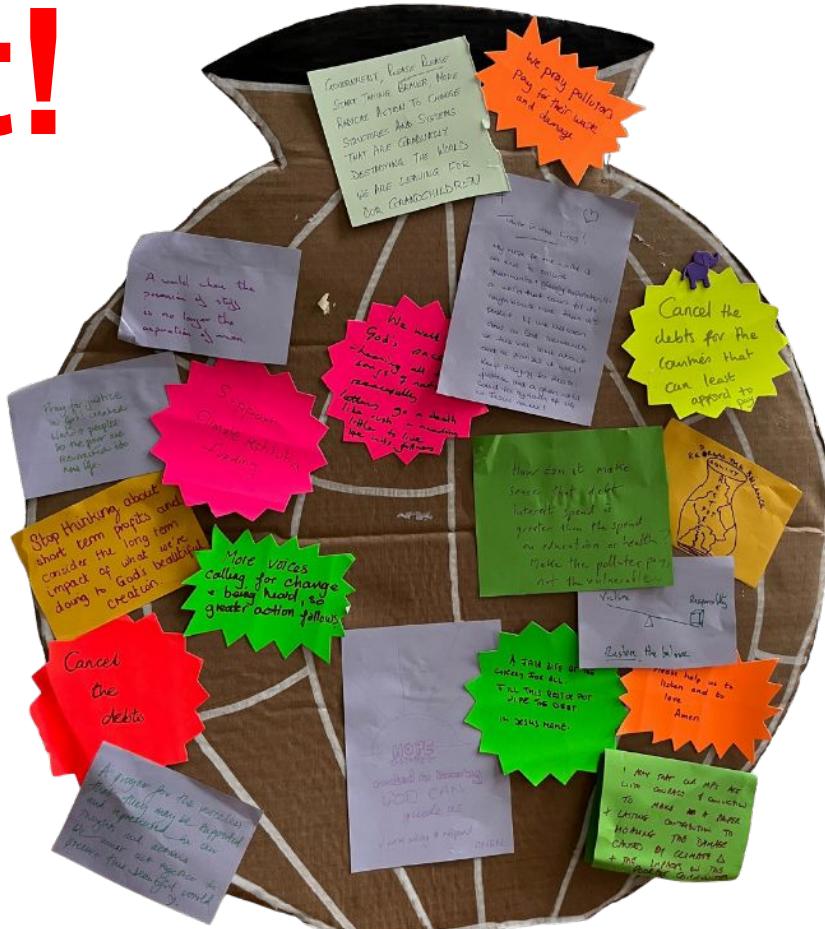




Photo St John the Baptist Church, Aldbury
Sustainable Church Flowers event

Moving forward

- Be strategic
- Relevant
- Ambition
- Engagement
- Spaces to grow
- Pray



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