



At St. Clement's Parish

**'Live Simply so that others
can simply live'**

Blessed Mother Theresa

April 2018

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We did it!

Our Fourth newsletter since launching our Live Simply campaign in 2017 is proud to announce that as a result of the assessors visit and inspection on Saturday 6th April 2019, St Clement's Parish has been awarded Live Simply status.



I hope you would agree that the process has raised awareness of green issues and highlighted the benefit of living simply so that other can simply live.

We have achieved a great deal in two years .The Parish has established a vegetable garden, implemented a recycling scheme and developed a tree planting scheme for newly baptized children.

Thank you to everyone in the parish this is your award.
The award will be displayed once we have decided where to put it!



**Special celebration Mass
May 12 2pm**

**To celebrate receiving the
award and giving thanks
for God creation we will**

be celebrating a special Mass

The Theme of the Mass will be
"Our Common Home"

Following the Mass we will be having refreshments
in the hall along with;

- short film
- talk by CAFOD's Ryan Henson
- discussion of Live Simply ideas

What have we done since November?



This year we had a particularly beautiful Christmas card. The folded A2 format gave lots of space inside for greetings. The striking cover is reproduced below.

The Christmas Season Walk 5th January

An intrepid gathering braved the not too cold winters day as they assembled in Horton Country Park. A gentle meander took them past West Park to Epsom Common. The group rounded off their journey with a cuppa at the Old Moat Cafe!.



The Saint Clements Vegetable Garden



Has completed a successful first growing season. Right now the beds are fairly bare awaiting the start of 2019 planting- We have planted the first crops of the year with

broad beans and onions starting to come through.

We would like to hear from parishioners who would be willing to help with the garden particularly watering in the summer months



Film Matinee at St Clement's
We indulged in Saturday movie nostalgia with the presentation of "Polar Express" on the **15 December**. Set on Christmas

Eve, it tells of a young boy who embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on the remarkable Polar Express train. Whilst on board they learn about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas.

A delightful modern morality tale with a message for all ages.

Live Simply dedicate a tree scheme:



We now have a decorative tree in the Church to mark sacramental occasions such as Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Reception into the Church and Marriage.

The child or adults receiving the sacrament can have a tree planted to mark this by donating to a charity listed

below. Their names will then be added to the tree using wooden leaves with the Christian name and date of sacrament written on them.

Options

1. Woodland Trust (suggested donation £20 which includes a certificate, map and wood information sheet)

- can specify planting location and the nearest wood is Marden Park, Woldingham

Register location, add a personal message (6 lines of text, up to 35 characters) which will generate a Certificate

- website

<https://shop.woodlandtrust.org.uk/special-occasion>

2. EForests (from £6.99 which includes a certificate and information on the location) register in order to identify where to plant a tree many locations including the South East

- website https://www.eforests.co.uk/dedicate-trees_a/263.htm

3. World Land Trust (£5 (no certificate) or £25 for 5 (with certificate)

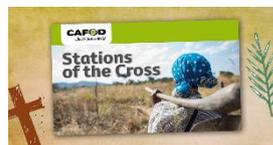
- WLT specialise in conservation of threatened habitats worldwide

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Improved Recycling Introduced

Our commitment to "Reduce, re-use and recycle" received a boost in January when we took delivery of a large blue recycling bin. All recyclable waste produced on the St Clement's site (apart from glass) will be placed in it and collected by the Borough. Extra bins have been placed in the hall kitchen so that recyclable items can be separated.

Stations of the Cross



We invited our friends for Ewell Churches together to attend our stations of the cross reflection in April. The focus was CAFOD's work in

Bangladesh. The evening was well supported.

If you would like to get involved in any of the activities mentioned in this newsletter or would like to come along to the next meeting of the Live Simply steering group then please call Jonathan Inns on 0208393 0595 email jonathan.inns@btinternet.com