

## CAFOD SUMMER NEWS

Dear Father,

Summer greetings and thank you for supporting CAFOD. Do follow the link to find some of the stories of [communities transformed by water projects](#), including a video of [Binga from Zimbabwe](#) who is delighted with a new water source – ‘I even whooped for joy.’ Thank you for helping to make these good things possible and please share it in your parish newsletter or website.

Across the world preparations are taking place for the **synod**. To help the Catholic community we are offering online sessions, open to all, with experts sharing what the synod and synodality is, why it is important and how parish communities will be taking part. You and your parishioners are welcome to join us live or by watching on catch up. The first session, on Tuesday 27 July at 7pm, will feature a conversation with **Christopher Lamb, Rome correspondent for *The Tablet***, about why Pope Francis is inviting us all to participate in the synod. [Click here to book onto the session.](#)

CAFOD offers resources to the whole Catholic community through our website. Do pass them on to anyone interested.

**Family Prayer Resources for Summer** - We will be offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. They will be available from mid-July at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

Resources for the [Season of Creation and Harvest Fast Day](#) (Friday 1st October) will feature some of our partners’ work in the Amazon and will be available from September at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>. Join us in praying the joyful mysteries of the Holy Rosary as we seek to nourish our commitment to care for the earth.

[Laudato Si' encyclical resources | CAFOD](#) – this link will take you to a range of resources for study, reflection, prayer and action.

[Livesimply award | CAFOD](#) – one of our most popular community actions, this award is given to parishes and communities who have taken significant steps in response to the call to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with others.

Many Catholics have been meeting with their MPs this summer in response to Pope Francis’ call for a better kind of politics. Dialogue has focused on debt cancellation for the world’s poorest countries, action to tackle the climate crisis and vaccine equity. Thank you if you have supported this or promoted our [petition to the Prime Minister](#).

**Thank you once again** for your prayerful leadership and solidarity with our sisters and brothers in need.

You remain in our prayers.

God bless,

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