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Dear Friends,

'Responding to climate change is an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation' so says Archbishop Justin Welby on the Church of England website, encouraging all churches to hold a 'Climate Sunday' service this year.

The website goes on to say:

'Our impact on the planet is reducing biodiversity, changing the climate and polluting the earth. Around the world climate change is affecting food security, creating social vulnerability and disrupting peace and security.'

We have designated this Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent, Climate Sunday at St Nicolas. Lent is a time to examine our lives, to consider both the challenges we face, and finding ways to turn those challenges into opportunities.

We may have already found that we are reducing our petrol consumption during this time of being at home. Perhaps we have thought more about our use of plastic or considering where our food comes from.

As we worship together this week, may we be reminded of the Biblical call for God's people to walk in ways of justice and peace, living in ways which protect the poor and vulnerable.

May all of our lives be guided by generosity and compassion as we care for this precious world, so all may flourish and thrive.

Yours in Christ,

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