

Our Lady of Lourdes, Sawston
Community Open Forum
8th Meeting – 3rd February 2025
In the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Apologies: Pat Richardson, Pat Wallman

1. Update of items discussed at the previous meeting:
 - Formation of a pastoral council
 - Christmas Bazaar + Children's Party: Iza
 - Senior Christmas Lunch: Kevin
 - First Communion and Confirmation update

2. Jubilee Year of Hope + Live Simply: a selection from
 - **Live Simply:** a Laudato Si / Our Shared Earth liturgy; Live Simply banner out of recycled materials (first communion group makes collage out of recycled materials?) Talk on Laudato Si; showing of Laudato Si film 'The Letter'; St Francis service of blessing of pets; a nature walk/pilgrimage; Drama workshop to explore issues
 - **Living Sustainably with Creation:** encourage community to make pledges to change lifestyle in small ways with a list of options – small steps; weekly tip in newsletter; invite children/parishioners to grow plants from seeds and bring to church (sunflowers?); plant exchange; parish buildings energy audit and improvements made; car boot sale (recycling!) in aid of charity; visit from Pippa Heyling MP (the Lib Dem Environment Spokesperson)?
 - **Living in Solidarity with People who are Poor:** Parish Quiz in aid of Sudan; Irish tea in aid of Mary's Meals; Parish supper raising funds; cake sale with ingredients from Fair Trade sources; support for existing Hope into Action (how appropriately named); confirmation candidates fund raising activity.

Visit from Jane Crone of CAFOD March 23 to explain the project to the parish at both masses

Forming a coordinating group

3. Parish Retreat – a one day (Saturday) retreat with theme to be determined (the Gift of Creation?) in late June or September.

4. Future Forums: June 3 and October 7.