



# SOCIAL ACTION

## IN THE DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON

There are a number of ways to get involved in Social Action initiatives in our Diocese. The following organisations provide an opportunity to meet with like-minded people, helping to spread the mission of the Catholic Church and Good News of the Gospel by making a positive difference to people across our community.

### CAFOD

**Volunteering for CAFOD helps to change lives!**

The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) is an international development charity and the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Their mission is to work alongside the world's poorest people, regardless of their religion or culture. **CAFOD's global church network is one of the largest in the world**, the charity reaches millions of people, offering practical help while also campaigning for global justice so that everyone can live a full and dignified life.

**CAFOD has over 5,000 volunteers**, working in a wide range of roles, across the UK. To get involved or find out more contact Arundel and Brighton's local representative  
E: [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk).

To discover more about CAFOD's work or view their latest campaigns visit their website: W: [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)



**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development



**Arundel and Brighton is a Fairtrade Diocese.** Half our churches are certificated as meeting the Fairtrade Foundation criteria and use products with the FAIRTRADE Mark. The A&B Fairtrade Group aims to raise awareness about Fairtrade labelled products, including those sold by Traidcraft, which support fair terms of trade, decent working conditions and local sustainability for farmers and producers in the developing world.

Fairtrade promotes better prices and local sustainability for farmers and workers in the developing world. Buying Fairtrade is easy. There are over 6,000 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold - look for the FAIRTRADE Mark when you shop.

Our group welcomes new members! Email [formation@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:formation@abdiocese.org.uk) to find out more.

The Fairtrade website is full of information and ideas:

W: [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk).

If you would like to know more about Traidcraft click here:  
W: [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk)



**FAIRTRADE**  
FOUNDATION





# THE CHERISH LIFE NETWORK

The Diocese has an established Cherish Life Network for people interested in the defence of human life. The network recognises concerns about essential, life-sustaining care and treatment at all stages of life and aims to steer people who have those concerns towards the guidance and support they need.

**We are engaged:** working together to counter ongoing moves to legalise assisted suicide.

**We give witness:** opposing the ongoing campaign to legalise abortion without restriction, up to birth. We campaign against this for babies and their mothers, mindful that such moves could potentially deny women the opportunity to explore alternatives and leave them vulnerable to coercion.

**We seek to help:** we recognise that women sometimes seek an abortion through a lack of practical or emotional support. We aim to assist organisations who offer such support, as well as those who provide comfort and healing after an abortion.

**We need your help** - would you like to help raise awareness of life issues, meeting and working with others to promote greater awareness and engagement? We welcome new supporters.

**Contact E:** [formation@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:formation@abdiocese.org.uk) to be connected to our Cherish Life Network Co-ordinator.

## Has your parish got a Journey to 2030 group?

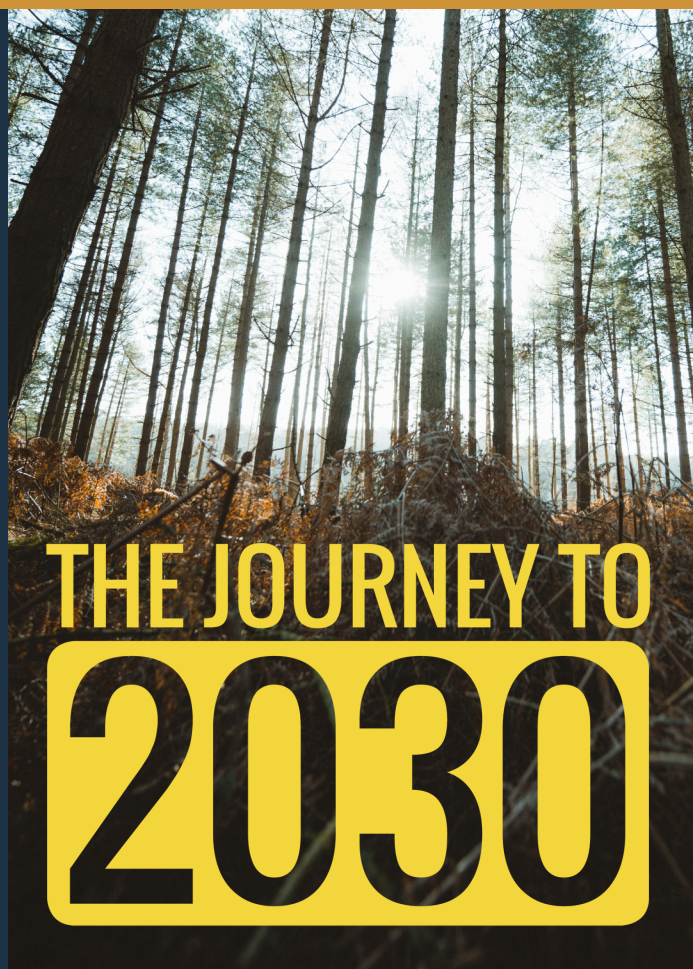
Caring for our common home and safeguarding our planet for future generations has never been more important. Last year our Diocese made a public statement on the urgent matter of climate change; our ecological crisis. It was a public commitment to an ongoing conversion towards caring for the planet and our global family. This commitment is being realised through a campaign called 'The Journey to 2030'.

The Journey to 2030 is run by the **Ecological Conversion Group**, in partnership with the Diocese. It asks people and organisations to come together, using their many skills and influence to make a difference. We aim to actively live out Pope Francis' vision of Laudato Si' by taking practical steps, using the Pope's Encyclical Letter as both a blueprint and 'call to action'. We invite all Dioceses, our many parishes and groups to join us in this journey.

To find out more about The Journey to 2030 visit their website: [www.journeyto2030.org](http://www.journeyto2030.org)

**To join our growing network of parish representatives;**

E: [parish\\_rep@journeyto2030.org](mailto:parish_rep@journeyto2030.org)



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