**Diocese of Chester COP 26 - Assembly/Classroom Video**

Thanks for engaging with COP 26. Climate justice is a significant and serious issue for everyone, including Christians to talk about and address. Christians believe God made the world and gave responsibility to humans to look after it – to ensure the animals, the birds and the fish were all well looked after. God knew about the importance of biodiversity long before we did.

Once you’ve watch the attached video, here are some ideas and questions that you might like to use to aid discussion and further reflection about climate change.

You could try one or more of the following:

1. **Light up the world**

If you have access to a light up globe, you could ask the children in your class to write one action which does not help the climate (eg. burning fossil fuels or not recycling) on a post it note. Turn the lights off (but make sure it isn’t pitch black) and turn the globe light on.

Ask the children to stick their post its on the globe one at a time and observe what happens. The light should dim as more and more post its get added. You can use this to help explain that the world is suffering more and more as we do more and more damage to it.

You could then ask the children to remove a post it, one at a time, and write on the other side of it one positive thing they can do to make a difference to the climate (eg. Eating less meat, walking or cycling to different places). The light of the globe will return as the post its are removed. We can help the world’s light (health) to return. How can world leaders help too?

1. **Favourite Place**

Ask the children to think about their favourite place. It might be their bedroom, or a local park, or somewhere they have visited (eg. A relative or holiday destination). Ask them to imagine someone taking the rubbish bin and tipping it all over their favourite place. How would it make them feel? What would they do? This is happening to our world. What can we do about it? What do we want the leaders of the world to do about it?

1. **Being kind to one another**

Stand in a circle and ask each person to say one good thing about the person on their left. It might be that they are funny, or kind, or helpful, or thoughtful. Once everyone has had a chance to do this ask every other person to sit down. What is missing? Is there less kindness in the world now? Maybe there is less cleverness, or laughter?

Use this time to talk about the importance of diversity, and biodiversity. Just like our school communities are made up of lots of different people who bring something good to the community, the world is made up of lots of different species that help the world to be healthy.

How can we help look after the world? If we could give the Prime Minister one piece of advice about looking after the world, what would it be?