

## Laudato Si Notes for Parish/School 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 held at SSMJ Primary School

### Present

Katrina Harkin, Liz Cullen, Phil Ryan, Mark Wiggin (Chair), Anthony Brown (Secretary), Betty Collinson, Kay Curphey. Apologies from: Keeley, Grace Fellows, Anne Peplow, Malcolm Peplow

### Opening poem and prayer

Mark shared a prayer for Ukraine

### Welcome and Introductions

Mark, as Chair of the Laudato Si Group, welcomed everyone to meeting. and commented on

### Nearly New Sale

Thanks to the school staff team and parishioners for the for the preparation and hosting at the school of the Nearly New sale and providing refreshments. Besides fundraising the purpose was to positivity of bringing together the school, PTA, and parish which was achieved. Comments were that it was well publicized but was the time of day right? It raised £230 split between the school and the PTA. Worth doing again next year.

### Garden project

6 tons of wood chippings have been sourced for the paths and volunteers needed to spread them. Katrina to let everyone know when they arrive which will be during half-term.

Garden days Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm-5.00pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm-5.30pm

### Lenten Walks

The school is supporting this CAFOD initiative and the parish will also. Sponsorship forms available on the CAFOD website and Anthony will send round more information about it and how it can be done by individuals and groups. Betty, Kay and Liz to meet to plan for the parish. Poster will assist publicize. Risk Assessment will be required and date is set for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### Litter picking

The idea was positively received and Anthony will make enquiries with the Council.

### Next meeting

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm at SSMJ school.