

Caring for our world – Messages of hope

If you haven't seen the film, 'A Life on our Planet', the witness testimony by David Attenborough, I recommend that you watch it. It is both compelling and challenging. He finishes with a message of hope that it is not too late, we can still save life on this planet – yes life, not the planet itself. Climate change has previously caused five extinctions of life in the history of the earth and could do so again.

The Archdeaconry of France and Monaco recently held a Zoom meeting to discuss the care of our environment and the outcome of the COP26 meeting. One message that comes across clearly was that we, as individuals can make a difference. Two organisations were represented in the meeting.

A ROCHA is a Christian based organisation founded in Portugal in 1983 and now worldwide. It is concerned with conservation of our planet, caring for God's creation and has a good website.

CLIMATE STEWARDS is a branch of A ROCHA based in Somerset, UK, with offices in the USA and The Netherlands. It is passionate about helping people to live better on low carbon while supporting our global neighbours to adapt to the impacts of climate change. Again, it has a helpful website.

The book 'Saving Us' by Katharine Hayhoe was recommended by the meeting. The author is a climate scientist and a Christian and she outlines the case for 'Hope and Healing in a divided World'.