

How to recycle a GOAT...

Last year members of the SAMAG group bought a goat through the Oxfam campaign.

This wheel (from a similar campaign by Christian Aid) shows you how buying a goat helps transform lives.

This is just one example of the ideas and campaigns looked at by the Group.

Find out more by joining our parish **Mission & Action** group

Every 4th Wednesday at 11.30am

www.stagneslongsight.org/mission/SAMAG

Some current and recent SAMAG ideas...

GOLD MINING

Our demand for cheaper gold was leading to the mass production/mining of gold with little respect for the environment or people. In Honduras especially the production techniques used poison the land, contaminate drinking water, cause landfall and the destruction of homes and villages, not to mention the extreme poverty of a huge percentage of the population. A campaign to highlight the problem of this demand for cheaper gold has been started. CAFOD are organising this campaign and suggest that people write their name in support of the project on a gold link paper. These are joined together and then locked with a gold paper padlock with information on and the whole 'bracelet' either presented to a local jeweller or sent to London to join the big national bracelet. We decided to link this gold chain idea with our Advent/Christmas preparation when people were possibly buying gold anyway as gifts. The final chain could be used as part of the Epiphany-tide festival linking in with gift of Gold given to Jesus.
More Soon...

WATER AID

A new petition by Water Aid and addressed to the European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid was distributed. A good discussion took place about the issue of poor water quality and supply in the world. Members of the group told stories from their families experience about the importance of water both in the West Indies and also in 1940's England. All agreed that we should do more to raise awareness of this issue. Perhaps our Harvest theme could be water?

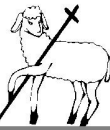
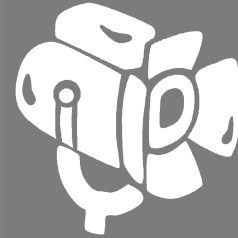
(The PCC have agreed to this and a meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st August 2pm in the Rectory Garden to produce our harvest/water stories)

Other things we have done...

Peace Week - the opening of our church as a resource for Peace in south Manchester during the Peace Week

Give a Hand Project - collecting materials for children and older people to send to Jamaica following the destruction caused by Hurricane Ivan

Amnesty International - cards sent to prisoners during the Christmas season



Spotlight on St Agnes'...

MISSION & ACTION

SAMAG: St Agnes Mission & Action Group

Towards the end of 2004 the PCC discussed the need for a small group of people to meet regularly to coordinate our mission and outreach as a parish on matters of peace, justice, mission and action. This was as a result of the amount of mission, charity and outreach mailing material which arrived at everybody's homes. This, combined with issues brought to light by other members of our parish family, meant that so much useful and vital material was not given full and proper attention.

We believe that our Christian calling and our baptismal promises require that we look at such issues as a matter of duty. We therefore meet regularly to discuss and to recommend to the PCC which issues or projects we feel the parish should be involved with and how.

We invite you to join us. The Mission & Action group meets monthly on the third Wednesday immediately after the 11am Eucharist.

This is an open group to assist the PCC. Why not join us?

Find out more on these few pages or for full details including notes on the latest campaigns visit the parish website

www.stagneslongsight.org/mission

why not join us? bring your ideas and action campaigns!

Please do join us!