

ACTinG Bulletin #6

November 2024

EVENT:

We'd love you to join us online as ACTinG Prays for Creation next Tuesday (26th November) at 9.30am, led by The Rev'd Cathy Turnbull. We meet for half an hour to give thanks, lament, and pray for action. Here is the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2z28uyyy>

CLIMATE NEWS:

'Change, not finger-pointing, needed, observe Christian campaigners at Baku climate talks' (From *Church Times*, UK)

'Christian groups at the COP29 climate talks in Baku this week have called on wealthy nations to "pay their climate debt" to communities that are battling with the effects of the climate crisis.'

'The humanitarian-response manager for the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, Patricia Mungcal, said: "Communities from the Philippines have just experienced six back-to-back powerful typhoons in a span of four weeks. This is not normal, and it is an injustice to be plagued by disasters for the climate crisis we, the people, did not create."

Read the article here: <https://tinyurl.com/yp4ezk9z>

RESOURCES / ACTION:

Transition Australia: Inspiring and supporting local communities as they build a sustainable future

Transition Australia helps to connect people and groups around Australia. They offer some wonderfully inspiring conversations and presentations via Zoom. The website is full of encouraging stories and ideas. Check it out here: <https://transitionaustralia.net/>

ACTinG Bulletin #7

January 2025

Acting on Climate Together in Gippsland

CLIMATE CHANGE NEWS:

‘Climate change contributed to the deaths of at least 3,700 people and the displacement of millions in 26 weather events we studied in 2024.’

This quote comes from the first annual report of the World Weather Attribution group. The report is titled ‘When Risks Become Reality: Extreme Weather in 2024’, and can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/ynfjp7cf>
Also on this site: ‘Climate change increased the likelihood of wildfire disaster in highly exposed Los Angeles area’: <https://tinyurl.com/47mb37yx>

INSPIRATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT:

‘Gift economies are everywhere...’

Think freecycling, clothing swaps, food swaps, The Buy Nothing movement, repair cafes, open-source software, Youtube videos for teaching new skills, alternative local currencies, money-free work exchanges, community gardens and tiny street libraries.

‘Ecopsychologists have shown that the practice of gratitude puts brakes on hyper-consumption. The relationships nurtured by gift thinking diminish our sense of scarcity and want. In that climate of sufficiency, our hunger for more abates and we take only what we need, in respect of the generosity of the giver. Climate catastrophe and biodiversity loss are the consequences of unrestrained taking by humans. Might cultivation of gratitude be part of the solution?’

The quotes above are from an inspiring book, *The Serviceberry, An Economy of Gifts and Abundance*, 2024, by Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of the bestselling *Braiding Sweetgrass*. Robin is ‘a mother, scientist, decorated professor and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’.

The book is beautifully woven around the picking of a ‘pail’ (yes, it’s American) of serviceberries. Highly recommended!

Note: Praying for Creation Zoom. Apologies if you were trying to access the January prayer Zoom – technical problems meant we weren't able to run it, but please do come to the **25th February** prayer time. We'll have it sorted!

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Acting on Climate Together in Gippsland

Join us in our Praying for Creation Zoom

Next Tuesday 25th February

9.30am – 10am

Zoom link:

<https://tinyurl.com/n844zdys>

Passcode: 066320

No need to say anything, just be there!

2024 was the hottest year on record with 1.55 degrees C warming above pre-industrial levels, breaching the 2015 Paris Agreement that all signatory countries would act to limit warming to 1.5 C. [WMO 2024 data](#). This temperature rise is causing the extreme and deadly weather events and seasonal failures happening all around the world. [Weather extremes 2024](#)

So what can we do? Psalm 146 tells us not trust world leaders who come and go, and when they are here are really no help at all. Rather we should trust in God, who created us, who loves us and helps us. And who will live and reign forever. Psalm 146 NRSVA