

## Global Warmth: Life – Love

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God gave us life. We share our life and depend on other lives for our survival. The vast chain of life dependency is all around us. Do you care? Do you notice the Swifts over Church Street, screaming like witches all Summer? Do you think of them now, in Africa having crossed the Equator sometime in Autumn? Do you wonder whether they will be here again in 2007? So much depends, for them, on any change in the environment.

Swifts are the fastest level-flight birds in the world, I am told. There are over 9,000 species of birds. How many species of mammals, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, insects, mini-beasts, trees, grasses .....? They share the world with us and God expects us to look after them! And mankind.



God gave us Love. We have to care about every form of life because we depend on the balance of nature for our survival.

But we are not doing a very good job! You know that because, at last, we are being properly told that the planet is in real danger because of our species.

Depressing, isn't it? What can Britain do about it when some developing countries, and even some developed ones, seem only interested in short term riches, comfort and luxuries. But we are Christians who believe in miracles. The only hope is that we can spread the word and really CARE. Talk about it! Tell each other what can do and do so.

We have been clearly told that if everybody saves electricity, drives less often and more carefully (less rapid acceleration and earlier, slower braking), wear more

clothes and turn down the heating, a huge reduction in pollution can be achieved.

This has to be done by example so that those who do not care enough can see what we are doing. It is my opinion that All Saints' Church is not setting a good example.

Obviously, the PCC and Treasurer are desperately concerned over heating bills and the soaring gas prices. Yet, how many times do people coming in through the doors leave them open causing a cold blast of air to enter and thus causing the same of volume of warm air to leave?

Do you, like me, wonder during daytime services why every single light is switched on, even in the Memorial Chapel, when the sun is shining brilliantly? Yes, of course we need lights on when the sun is not high in the sky. But do they need to be on 40 minutes before the service – and do they still need to be on when one or two people are left in the building?

Come on All Saints! Let's think a bit harder about loving our neighbours, our children, our children's children and all life. And in so doing save on our own budget.

Lets:

- Turn off lights and taps;
- Turn down heaters;
- Recycle anything we can;
- Drive less often and more gently;
- Support traders who care.

If we all do it perhaps the Chinese and Americans will notice!

