Eco News from the Telford Circuit

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.” *1 Kings 17: 2-4*

**This week is Refugee Week.** So what is the link between climate crisis and migration? And how can we include this in our worship this Sunday?  
Historically, migration has been a common adaptation strategy in the face of climate change and there are numerous examples of this throughout the Old Testament. In recent years many more people are feeling the impact of the extreme weather caused by climate change whilst at the same time migration is a growing cause of fear and used as a tool in political popularity seeking.

A person sitting on a rock holding a bird

AI-generated content may be incorrect.*John Martin, The Ravens feeding Elijah*

Friends of the Earth have published an informative article about the link between climate change, migration and justice which you can read [here](https://friendsoftheearth.uk/system-change/why-climate-justice-means-migrant-and-refugee-justice). It will give you facts and ideas for inclusion in your worship, prayers and conversations this week.

There are many resources to support your worship and Bible Study groups as you reflect on the themes of Sanctuary and Refugee Week. One new resource published by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland is co-authored by Rev Dr Inderjit Bhogal (former President of Conference) and you can download it [here](https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Sanctuary-Bible-Study_FINAL_REVISED.pdf).

**Feeling overwhelmed?**As we pray for justice we also pray for God’s peace in our hearts and for ‘the perfect love which drives out all fear’ (1 John 4:18) so that our responses might be in line with God’s and our welcome be one of love for our neighbours. Fear and worry in response to the climate challenges we face (Climate Anxiety) are natural responses and are increasingly being reported by teenagers in particular. The Methodist Church website has advice and prayers [here](https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/the-prayer-hub/help-with-prayer/Climate-Anxiety/) to help combat the anxiety and focus us on God’s love and hope in creation.