

The Churches of Rochester Deanery invite you to keep

**Advent Sunday**  
**29 November 2015**  
**as a Meat-free Sunday**



From 30 November to 13 December 2015  
world leaders will gather in Paris for a Global Climate Summit.  
The outcome of this meeting is crucial for the future of our world.

As Christians we are called to take responsibility for God's creation.  
Two things we can do: pray and fast - which are traditional during Advent.

*"The biggest intervention people  
could make towards reducing their  
carbon footprints would not be to  
abandon cars, but to eat  
significantly less red meat"*

Tim Benton (University of Leeds)

*Giving up meat for one day is a symbolic  
action because the large-scale production  
of meat accounts for 15% of all green-  
house gas emissions.*

*Damian Carrington, The Guardian*

**We hope you will join us in praying  
and fasting for the climate!**



*Creator God,*

*You have called us to be keepers of your Earth;  
through greed, we have established  
an economy that destroys the web of life.*

*We have changed our climate  
and drown in despair.*

*Let oceans of justice flow,  
may we learn to sustain  
and renew the life of our Mother, Earth.*

*We pray for our leaders,  
custodians of Mother Earth;  
as they gather in Paris at the climate talks.  
May they negotiate with wisdom and fairness,  
May they act with compassion and courage, and  
lead us in the path of justice  
for the sake of our children  
and our children's children.*

*Amen.*

*(adapted from a prayer of Desmond Tutu)*