



**‘Whatever next?’**

**Changing cultures, changing us**

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# Written report

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Achievements



## Capital Vision 2020

Energy-saving Benchmarking – **St Paul's relaunch, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014**  
Wildlife and biodiversity

## Motivation and commitment

Climate change: a Call to Action

The national scene  
The wider world

Hot topics

The media, **Culture and society**

Environmental Consultative Forum

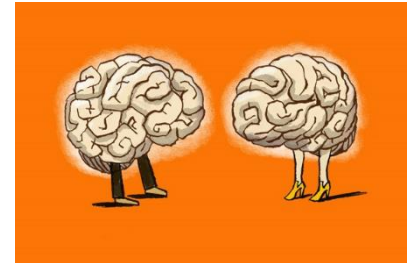
# Human nature and culture

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Behaviour change?

Seat belts and cigarettes

The social brain



**Silent or dominant majorities**

Truth and trust

Communicating science

UCL/ Chris Rapley

**THE ENVIRONMENT IS LIFE!**

**Enoughness and restraint**

The affluent society

Sabbath and Jubilee

# Paradigms or pathologies

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Economics

# Growth



Values  
Resources

**Capitalism**  
**Globalism**  
**Markets**

People  
Nature

Faith

God

## TOO BIG TO FAIL!!

## Whose creation?

Taboos  
Sacred cows

**Climate Psychology**

# The change we want

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**Personal, local, national, worldwide**

Political, industrial, commercial, social



**Sharing and equity**

instead of  
exploitation and inequality

'No regrets' policies?  
ie better on any scenario

**Coalitions**

see Synod report 2012

# How many lightbulbs ...?

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## Flying and driving

Social pressure

"Where are you going this summer?"

'Conspicuous consumption'



## Preying on the planet!

Exempting ourselves?

Or constructive engagement?

Horses and water?

## Salt and light

On the right side of ~~history~~ **posterity**

# A moral and spiritual challenge

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Vision, communication

**Fairness and justice**

Empathy

Compassion

**Faith, Hope and Love**

1 Corinthians 13

**Agape**



**Mindfulness**

# Ingredients for success

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Honesty and frankness

Realism and feasibility



**Unselfishness**

Conducive to social cohesion

**Humaneness**

**Agape**



# Consultative Forum

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To succeed Environmental Steering Group

Informal, ~ 2 hours, afternoon, 2-3 x pa  
Floating venues



**Larger group, no fixed membership**

Wide participation from around the diocese

Prepared topics

Open comments, issues, ideas and suggestions

A conduit for information and ideas

Parishes to the Diocese and vice versa

A channel for communication and inspiration

Talk the talk and walk the walk, in churches and green groups

**Source of energy and motivation**

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Thanks for listening.  
Over to you!

For your diaries:

‘Modelling the New Creation’, Climate Action  
Programme relaunch, Tu 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014,  
St Paul’s Cathedral, Wren Suite, 6:00 for 6:30 pm

