



CAFOD Portsmouth Volunteers Speak out

Jo Lewry, CAFOD Portsmouth Community Partnership Co-ordinator writes...

Many thanks to all the volunteers and supporters from Portsmouth diocese who came to the Time is Now lobby on Wednesday 26th June. I really appreciate you giving up your time to tell your MPs that the time to act on [climate change](#) is **now** and to ask them to ensure that the UK commits to net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. A huge thank you to Richard Arthur our Parish volunteer Coordinator from Bournemouth who organised those coming on the coach from Ringwood. If you were unable to come please do ask parishioners to sign the [petition](#) on net zero and then send these to CAFOD head office. Also why not [organise a Mass](#) to celebrate creation and thank God for our beautiful world.

At the interfaith service at Westminster Church Hall Christine Allen director of CAFOD welcomed everyone and urged us to come together as people united in faith and in relationship with another and the planet through the goodness of God. She reminded us of Pope Francis words in *Laudato Si'* telling us that we can all cooperate together as instruments of God to care for creation. Faith leaders from all major religions including former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, Qari Asim MBE, Chair of the Mosques and Imams Advisory Board; Vishvapani, Buddhist teacher and Radio 4 Thought for the Day contributor; Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg, leader of Masorti Judaism in the UK also spoke passionately at the interfaith service about how we must all work together to protect our world. No action is too small, and we all need to change the way we live to stop climate change. Do get in touch if you want to find out more by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call Jo on 01252 328385 or go to our [website](#).