



## The Climate Emergency

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**2020 could be a pivotal year for environmental action. It marks the beginning of the decade to 2030 which now has taken on**

**a point of critical concern if we are to limit CO2 emissions and a global temperature rise to 1.5°C, regarded as the maximum safe limit by the IPCC and the UNFCCC.**

2019 has been an extraordinary year for raising the challenge and commitment as the idea of the Climate Emergency has become commonly used, embraced by institutions and

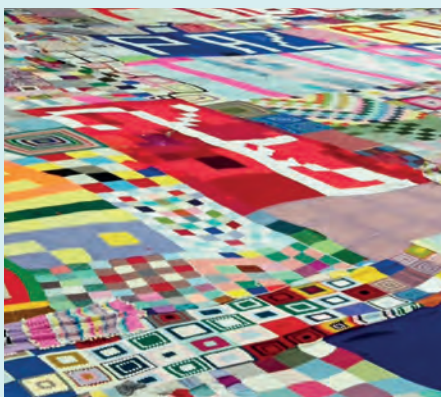
adopted into international discussions and negotiations. Indeed, we can say that the bar has been raised and that we are all challenged, from each individual, to civil society, business, multinationals, governments and international institutions.

The scope of the challenge is daunting to reduce CO2 emissions to net zero as soon as possible, if not by 2030, then soon after. The prospect of failure is too terrible to contemplate. However, the way forward is far from easy, both for us individuals and larger institutions. Many are still in denial and others wish to slow things down. Even larger civil society

organisations like the faiths are radically challenged to change thinking and business as usual. With the slow pace of action by governments and business it is up to us as individuals to change our behaviour, which is easier said than done.

The radical actions however are being implemented already by such global protest movements as the School Strike movement founded by the teenager Greta Thunberg and the recently founded Extinction Rebellion. However, though these have a high public profile, there are many groups and organisations dedicated to the goal, and so there is hope. We still have a chance to succeed.

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## Peace Blanket

Ghada Mohammad

Just an update regarding the peace blanket. We are happy to announce we have completed our part of the project, what we set out to do, which was to attempt to break the Guinness world record. We have sent all the paperwork and evidence to the Guinness world record. Now all we can do is pray and wait for their feedback.

## Jewish Society's first ever Hanukkah Party

At the end of December, the Jewish Society came together for our first ever event, to celebrate the Festival of Lights. We began the night welcoming people of different faiths into the chaplaincy. We had a group conversation about what the Jewish Society wants to do in the future and the Treasurer, Yasmin, presented her documentary on Jewish life in Lincoln, which gave a key insight into the experience of a young Jewish person living in the city. Both students and staff attended, along with their children, which created a fun atmosphere as well as a sense of community. We wanted to bring our



community together and I think we achieved this, we had food (doughnuts in particular, as they are Hanukkah food), music and games. We lit the menorah and said prayers, then played dreidel to win chocolate coins. Members of LIM and the CCJ also attended, as well as people of different faiths.



At the celebration of Hanukkah and Advent event hosted by the Church of our lady of Lincoln



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## Student Services

**Student Services covers a wide range of support in a number of different contexts.**

The Student Wellbeing offer support, advice or guidance with any challenges or difficulties students may face during their academic studies includes concerns around disability, specific learning differences, mental health or medical conditions, as well as anything may cause emotional or psychological distress.

The Student Wellbeing Centre is located on the first floor in between The Swan pub and the University Health Centre.



The Student Support Centre are available to help with practical issues such

as replacing student cards, issues with your course and help with extenuating circumstances.

The Advice Service offer confidential advice to all students based at the University of Lincoln topics such as finances, housing and visas. As well as providing specialist, professional one to one advice, they also run preventative workshops covering housing, debt, money and budgeting.

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The Students Union Advice Centre has a team of trained advisors who can provide you with impartial and confidential advice, support and representation, independent of the university. Some of the areas the Students Union Advice Centre can support you with include housing, finances, academic, concerns and welfare queries.

### Navigating Ecological Tragedy Beyond Hope and Despair: A collaborative inquiry with Buddhists and Christians.

6th – 8th March 2020  
Venue: Gomde UK, Lindholme Hall  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/navigating-ecological-tragedy-tickets-89774685501>

## Community Events

### Lincolnshire Voluntary Engagement Team – Annual Conference

A free conference with key note speakers Professor Richard Parish (Chair National Centre for Rural Health and Care), NHS England Voluntary Partnerships Team and Professor Mark Gussy (Chair in Global Rural Health and Care, University of Lincoln). Key purpose is to provide networking and personal development opportunities for organisations large and small in the voluntary and community sector interested in health and care. 3 smaller groups will have the opportunity to be presented with a development grant of £100 each.

Thursday 19th March, 9am-4pm  
New Life Conference Centre  
25 Mareham Lane, Sleaford NG34 7JP

To book tickets, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lincolnshire-voluntary-engagement-team-annual-conference-tickets-89673047499>

### Care for the Family evening Confident Parenting in a world of screens

12th March, 7.30pm  
Alive Church, Newland

To book tickets to this event please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/left-to-their-own-devices-lincoln-tickets-83308007493>

To request more information or materials for publicity, please visit <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/owndevices>

### West End Pancake Party

Tuesday 25th, 5.30–7 pm  
St Faith's Hall, West Parade LN1 1QL

### West End's Got Talent!

Friday 20th March 2020, 6-9 pm (tbc)

West End's Got Talent Show is finally here!

All entries welcome, whatever your talent may be... surprise us!

- Singing • Music • Dance • Drama • Poetry • Monologues • Plus Painting and Drawing (small exhibitions in the church on the night)

No judges, no prizes, just for fun!

If you would like to be involved in any way please call Peter Hill on 07913 696927 or email [lincolnpeteuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lincolnpeteuk@yahoo.co.uk)



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