

## **The Anglican Church of Luxembourg Environmental Footprint Group AGM Report 2014 - 2015**

The EFG was galvanised into action last year by an article by Paul Kingsnorth suggesting that the environment was already degraded beyond redemption, and any action to halt global warming was futile. We in the EFG refuse to succumb to despair, and held a number of meetings to discuss the current situation of the environment and what can or should be done.

In April we discussed practical things that can be done, based on lectures given earlier that year by Anders Wijkman (economic reform), Benedikt Härlin (agricultural reform) and Mathias Binswanger (attitudes to wellbeing). At further meetings during the year Steve McCarthy led a discussion on justice after we had watched a lecture by philosopher Michael Sandel on different philosophical approaches to life and decision-making. Andrew Hallan led a discussion of the book by French economist Thomas Piketty on the end of capitalism and how this relates to the environment. Steve McCarthy found some optimism in the recent forecasts by Jørgen Randers, as did Simon Norcross reviewing the latest innovations in photovoltaic technology. Philippa Seymour reviewed a book by George Marshall exploring the reasons why so many people are ignoring the evidence and not taking action to reduce carbon emissions. And in November Gerry Muscat reported on the latest developments in smart cities.

A number of relevant documents were also circulated to those on the mailing list. Some of these, and reports of all the meetings, are available on the church website.

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