

## A LETTER FROM REV RONA SEPTEMBER 2023

As I write this the world is burning. Unbelievably high temperatures, lists of countries battling wildfires, animals on land, in the air and in the sea dying. It would be hard to continue to deny the global warming reality, especially when the hard facts have shown that this year the Globe has warmed beyond any other year before.

Yet we sit in our rural idyll and perhaps wonder what we can do to make a difference. The hard reality is that putting our heads in the sand is no longer an option.

In 2004 a book was published called 'Change the world for a Fiver' (the book can still be purchased - for 98p - on one online bookseller). It grew from a national movement which aimed to inspire people to use everyday actions to change the world by way of conserving what we have, and making it a kinder place as well. Its illustrations of 50 simple everyday actions are direct, and often funny. I wonder, nearly 20 years later what the impact was?



If we were to write a similar book for 2023/4 what 50 simple actions could we include? The yearning to make a positive difference hasn't changed yet the urgency has only increased now we are burning. – categories could include the way we spend, how we travel or what we consume. There seems to be much that we can do to make a difference, however small it might seem, if we act together and try to be part of the

answer to this climate emergency.

My personal motivation comes from the longing which our loving God has for us to flourish (to “*live life in all its fullness*” John 3:16) and whatever your motivation, do you feel like joining me in suggesting 50 ways to change the world? Let's draw on our wonderful community spirit, the gifts and talents in this area, and an urgent need for change.

Please email me ([revrona@gmail.com](mailto:revrona@gmail.com)) any ideas you might have.



*With love, Rev Rona*