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GOOD NEWS

BRITISH MUSEUM

has recovered 268 more missing items following thefts at the institution. Now about 626 items of about 1,500 missing or stolen objects have been found across the world.

THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER IN CORNWALL

celebrates 20 years of being in Cornwall. It receives many large research grants and has a particular focus on Community Health and Climate Change.

IRISH-UK CITIZEN LAW IS CLOSER

The British Nationality (Irish Citizens) bill has passed the Commons.

The Bill will allow Irish Nationals to register for British Citizenship after five years of living in the UK without the need for a 'Life in the UK' test

THE MAYOR OF LONDON Sadiq Khan has been re-elected for a third time.

In a public interview he was asked "What would you do if you saw someone stealing nappies". His reply was "I would take out my wallet and pay for them".

LORD BIRD, FOUNDER OF THE BIG ISSUE

calls for a shift in how we think about destitution in a special debate in the House of Lords, saying we need a scientific analysis of the root cause of poverty and the need for a Minister of Poverty Prevention centralising efforts in reducing poverty under one government department.

FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION

NEW POST-BREXIT CONTROLS ON FOOD

which have just come into force will fuel food inflation by adding £3 billion to the cost of importing goods.

GREGGS, EASY JET AND WICKES

were among high street brands named and shamed by the UK government for failing to pay the minimum wage.

The national Living wage rose to £11.44 on April 1st.

LEBANON

Israeli Air Strikes have turned southern Lebanon into a devastated agricultural area, burning tens of thousands of olive trees and torching farmland. 340,000 head of livestock have died and 75% of farmers have lost their final source of income.

GENERAL ELECTION

Now is the time for Christians to join campaigning with others and questioning would-be parliamentary candidates on issues of social justice, especially the cost of living crisis, poverty, human rights, Rwanda and homelessness.

VOTER REGISTRATION

The Joint Public Issues Team notes: The Electoral Commission has warned that 8 million eligible voters may not vote at the next General Election because they don't register to vote in time; 4 million eligible voters may not vote because they do not have appropriate Photo ID; and 14 million eligible voters may not vote because they are not motivated to turn out to vote on election day.

Churches are often at the heart of communities and well placed to help people's voices to be heard through increased democratic participation, encouraging people to register to vote, providing information about valid photo ID and encouraging people to vote on polling day. We are working with Citizens UK to help churches become Voter Registration Champions, and access resources and support to do this.

HOPE: an opportunity to be renewed



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In the heart of each person hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future will be.

The light of Christian Hope illuminates every man and woman as the message of God's love for all (Pope Francis)

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