

## CAFOD's new briefing on seeds and the World Bank



This month we're sending you a new briefing: "Sowing the seeds of poverty: how the World Bank harms poor farmers." It is based on CAFOD's latest report which shows how the World Bank is damaging local seed systems by forcing low-income countries to subsidise commercial seeds from big companies.

This approach has done very little to address the needs of small-scale farmers that the World Bank is supposed to be helping. Instead, it has meant that public funds have been transferred from low-income countries into the pockets of big business.

You can read the full report at [cafod.org.uk/sowingtheseeds](https://cafod.org.uk/sowingtheseeds)

## Parishes and Bishops start to sign Salina's letter in solidarity

Last month we sent you a giant copy of Salina's letter (right), and some Leader's Notes with all the information you need to organise this simple activity in solidarity with Salina and farmers like her.

We are delighted that we've already started to receive signed letters from parishes! Congratulations and many thanks to Holy Spirit parish in Great Bardfield, Brentwood Diocese and the Cathedral parish of Lancaster Diocese for being the first parishes to return their signed letters to us.

CAFOD volunteer Kate from Holy Spirit told us, "I used your short talk (very helpful) and spoke at the end of mass before the final blessing. I then stood by the 'big letter' as people left."



If hundreds of parishes sign the letter, we can send a strong message to the World Bank that the Catholic community stands with small-scale farmers on this vital issue.

Order prayer cards, and an extra giant letter if you need one, at [shop.cafod.org.uk](https://shop.cafod.org.uk)



*Bishop Tom Neylon from Liverpool, Bishop Patrick McKinney from Nottingham and Bishop Paul Swarbrick from Lancaster (L-R) have all signed Salina's letter in recent weeks.*

## Thank you for being a CAFOD volunteer!

We'd like to say a huge thank you for your amazing commitment to making the world a better place for our brothers and sisters. June 1-7 is National Volunteers' Week, an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering in their communities. See details of how to join our online events here, including our Mass of Thanksgiving for CAFOD volunteers on 6 June: [cafod.org.uk/onlinetalks](https://cafod.org.uk/onlinetalks)

## We joined 'The Big One' climate protest

On Friday 21 April over 1,400 Christians, including supporters from CAFOD, gathered at St John's Church, Waterloo with a simple message: **We have no faith in fossil fuels!**

We then marched to Parliament Square, stopping at Shell's headquarters, where the Rt Rev John Sentamu, former Archbishop of York, delivered a joint letter calling on the oil giant to turn away from fossil fuels, while the huge crowd sang Amazing Grace.

A big thank you to all those who were able to be there for this powerful action and help ensure that the Catholic community had a strong presence at this important act of Christian witness.

*Right: Fr Rob Esdaile from Woking with our director Christine Allen*



## Ask your MP to stop cowboy lenders

54 countries are already facing a crisis as debts owed by some of the poorest countries mount up to unsustainable levels. But instead of cancelling some of the debt, big banks and hedge funds are demanding it all - plus interest to boot!

These lenders are acting like cowboys - making millions in interest payments while some of these countries are left without enough money to pay for health, education, or tackling the climate crisis.

Please email your MP now and ask them stand up to these cowboy lenders by introducing a new law to hold them to account: [cafod.org.uk/cowboylenders](https://cafod.org.uk/cowboylenders)



## Meet Angelina and Merridith

Angelina (front left) and Merridith (front right) from Dorset had a great idea – to create a recipe book that would raise awareness of the fragility of our global food system.

Along with CAFOD volunteers Anne, Nicholas and Helen (back, l-r), they created a booklet with seven great recipes that range from Sri Lankan Black Pork Curry to Banana and Oat Traybake, alongside information about our food system, prayers and ideas to save food waste.

Angelina and Merridith explain, "We realised that all it takes is one small step from each of us. As we brainstormed ideas to spread the word across our parish about the Fix the Food System campaign, one idea kept coming up - a simple recipe book that would reflect the communities of our parish and hopefully start a conversation about cooking, culture and our broken global food system.

We challenged our parishioners to share their favourite recipes and they delivered. The seven recipes have been selected with love and are shared so that together we can take that first small step."

Thank you Angelina and Merridith! We have limited copies available, but if you would like a recipe book for a suggested £4 donation, please email Helen: [hmoseley@cafod.org.uk](mailto:hmoseley@cafod.org.uk)



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