



PUM PETH PERSONOL

On behalf of the Union of Welsh Independents' Environmental Working Group, it is my pleasure to introduce the Pum Peth Personol / Five Personal Things campaign, which we hope will help us, as individuals and as churches, to consider practical steps that each one of us can take to show our care for others, and our love for our neighbours around the world.

We should remember that not everyone can do everything stated in the accompanying Five Things resource pack. Our goal, rather, is to encourage everyone to do something, large or small, that creates change for the benefit of others.

The first four things – food, clothing, energy and travel, relate to choices we all make every day, while the fifth element, which we have entitled Care, encourages us to change our mindset when making choices. A society where progress and profit take precedence at the expense of everything else encourages us to take care only of ourselves, without worrying about the impact on anyone else, but Jesus' message in the parable of the Good Samaritan is that we need to be willing to give of our time, money and energy to take care of our neighbours. That has never been more important than now, when climate change threatens the livelihoods and homes of so many of our brothers and sisters around the world.

You can watch and download videos from our website, annibynwyr.cymru, and use them as part of your services. During the year we will also be sharing stories and actions on social media.

Our hope, therefore, is that the Five Personal Things resource pack will motivate all of us to think seriously about all the little choices we make every day. Every choice counts, and we can work together to make them caring choices.

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