

# All age talk



Jars of  
Change

Lent Appeal  
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Use this talk to encourage your congregation  
think about how our changing climate impacts  
the poorest communities around the world.



## Slide one

From rainforests to snowcapped peaks, deserts to coral reefs, everything in our beautiful world is the creation of God. But the future of our fragile planet is in our hands. We have the responsibility to protect and care for our environment.

## Slide two

Our climate is changing. Across the world, extreme weather is becoming more frequent and the poorest people in the world are being hit hardest. Droughts are getting more intense, and as families wait for rain to fall, wells run dry and food runs out. Floods are becoming more common and severe, polluting precious water sources and washing away seeds.

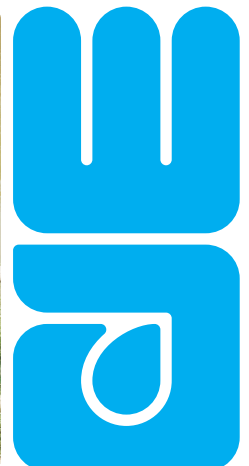
Without reliable clean water, people living in poverty are unable to protect themselves as the climate changes around them.

## Slide three

Share the story of Mouri, a mother living in coastal Bangladesh, one of the most vulnerable areas to climate change. When Cyclone Aila tore through the country, it stole Mouri's home, her land, and her source of clean water. Now she has no choice but to rely on a dirty, contaminated pond, which makes her whole family sick.



Mouri has no choice but to collect dirty water. Dacope region, Bangladesh.



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## Slide four

Now share the story of Julia, another mother living in coastal Bangladesh, who also relies on a pond for her drinking water. Until recently her water source was contaminated with iron, arsenic and salt, making it dangerous to drink.

Now, WaterAid have installed a special solution called a pond sand filter, which makes the water safe to drink. Julia and her community are now healthy and happy, and can withstand whatever our changing climate brings.

## Slide five

Explain that this Lent your church is supporting WaterAid by joining the Jars of Change Appeal. By giving up something for Lent, and collecting the money saved, you can all help the most vulnerable people cope with climate change, by giving them a reliable supply of clean water.

You can end the session with a prayer to thank God for our Earth and everything on it.

**Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea  
and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for your gracious providing  
may we cherish and respect  
this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Prayer published by The Church of England

Julia and her family now have a reliable source of clean water. Dacope region, Bangladesh.



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## Join Jars of Change

Join WaterAid's Jars of Change and change everything for families like Mouri's. Ask your congregation to give something up for Lent, collect the money they save in their Jar of Change, and donate it to WaterAid.

Taking part is fun and easy. Donations can be collected within your church, or you can ask families to pay in their collections online. Every single pound donated will help get clean water to people most in need.

For more information about Jars of Change and ways to pay in your collections, please visit [wateraid.org/uk/Lent](https://wateraid.org/uk/Lent)



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