EXTRA INFORMATION ON QUESTIONS



ON CLIMATE CHANGE

e.g | The example shows what is expected

General Questions about climate change

This question asks how much of increases in the world's temperature (around 1°C over the past century) has been due to our burning of fossil fuels (oil, gas etc) which add to greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Some people think that climate change is part of normal climate cycles, and some Christians believe that manmade climate change is part of God's plan for the Earth.

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If your knowledge is: never considered climate change score 1, read newspapers 10, read occasional report 20, listen to TV or radio programmes 30, attend a conference 40, read books 50, witnessed affects 60, keep abreast of 2011 findings from scientists 70, study technical papers 80, top expert 90-100.

Questions asking about dangers to others

- This asks about any link between destructive storms, droughts, and floods etc and climate change.
- The question asks for an idea of how many people in the world may have to move from their homes due to the effects of drought, problems with agriculture, sea level rise and other flooding etc within 10 years of the world temperature rising to 3°C (or 5°F) above pre-industrial levels. This is asked to get your idea of the scale of the problem.
- This follow-on question asks how many people are going to be able to live on the Earth a generation after the problems outlined in Question 4 for a 5°C (or 9°F) rise, plus wars associated with migration etc. This is again asked to get your idea of the scale of the problem.

Questions asking when any action might be needed

- Some experts have been advising us to act quickly, while others tell us to wait and leave it for our children or grandchildren to sort out. Please give your opinion, assuming it is not too late.
- This question asks if there is a risk of "tipping points" being reached that will spoil future efforts by mankind to control warming. Such tipping points could include: loss of Arctic sea ice, the release of frozen methane from the seabed, decay of peat and frozen tundra, and the burning of the Amazon forests.
- 8 This question seeks your opinion on how quickly the ice floating in open water around the North Pole (with an area usually the size of Western Europe) will melt.

Questions on the ethical issues

- This asks how much of British Christians' thought and action should be on climate change, or is it an issue for scientists, politicians, emerging nations etc...
- This asks whether there could be a direct link between our lifestyle and the deaths of people in other parts of the world.

Questions about actions

- How much our politicians should act on our behalf? 1-10 leave well alone, 10-20 of little importance, 20-30 worth minor consideration, 30-40 worth some consideration, 40-50 features in some policy recommendations, 50-60 starts to underpin policy making, 60-70 features in a politician's top 10 campaign priorities, 70-80 underpins major policy decisions, 80-90 in a politician's top 3 campaign priorities and underpins most policy decisions, 90-100 of utmost importance and nothing else matters.
- The question asks whether in the UK there should be personal carbon allowances for all, or whether cuts in the use of fuels etc should continue to be from businesses, through green taxes for petrol etc and on a voluntary basis.

Forwarding your questionnaire

It would be useful if each parish/area had a 'messenger' who would collect and forward questionnaires: please consider volunteering for your area. Results will be released at the Culmination on April 21st in York Minster - see web for details.