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Graham Ryan
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Dear Graham

Following the recent visit of the assessors, I have great pleasure in confirming that Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden has more than satisfied the necessary criteria and so achieved a LiveSimply award. This is a fantastic achievement and I warmly congratulate you and your team on obtaining your award.

In compiling their report, Ellen Teague and Barbara Kentish were pleased to highlight the following initiatives/activities that they considered worthy of particular commendation:

- An excellent large diversified committed group making up your livesimply team
- Your own steering role
- Your commitment to involve the whole parish through the weekly newsletter and liturgy
- Your commitment as a fairtrade parish
- The livesimply speaker programme

I look forward to formally presenting your livesimply award plaque which I hope you will be able to display in a prominent place somewhere on the church premises.

It would be good if you could mark this award with a special presentation – you have achieved something worth celebrating, so make the most of it! Issuing a press release about your award and a formal presentation is a good idea, as local radio and newspapers are often interested to cover the story. Do let us know about your plans, so that we can support you. We'd also love to see any photos or press coverage that you receive and use this to encourage other communities in their *livesimply* journey.

We hope that you will be inspired by what you have achieved so far to go even deeper over the next few years. In particular the assessors would encourage you to:

- Strengthening your campaigning work
- Organising a carbon audit for the parish and individuals in it.
- Making livesimply more prominent on the parish website
- Outreach to the wider community
- Parish recycling
- Involving young people in livesimply through the sacramental programmes

Once again, very well done on your award - it is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates your commitment to living simply as a vital part of the everyday life of discipleship of your community.

Every blessing

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Graham Ryan
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2 March 2019

Dear Graham

Following the recent visit to the assessment, I have great pleasure in confirming that Our Lady of Lourdes has been the most that needed the necessary criteria and so achieved a 'livesimply award'. This is a fantastic achievement and I warmly congratulate you and your team on obtaining your award.

In compiling this report, I have had a great time and I hope you were pleased to highlight the following initiatives - that they consisted of words of prayer (at the assessment):

- An excellent and detailed checklist group signed up your livesimply team
- Your own 'livesimply' plan
- Your commitment to involve the whole parish through the weekly newsletter and group
- Your commitment to a 'livesimply' parish
- The livesimply speaker programme

I look forward to formally presenting your livesimply award plaque which I hope you will be able to display in a prominent place in your church premises.

It would be good if you could visit this award with a special presentation - you have achieved something worth celebrating, so make the most of it! Having a press release about your award and a local newspaper is a good idea as well as local radio and newspapers are also interested to cover the story. Do let us know about your plans so that we can support you. We'd also love to see any photos or press coverage that you receive and use this to encourage other parishes in their livesimply journey.

We hope that you will be inspired by what you have achieved so far to go even deeper over the next few years. In particular, the assessment would encourage you to:

- Strengthen your caring group
- Grow your carbon audit for the parish and individuals in it
- Make livesimply more prominent on the parish website
- Connect to the wider community
- Launch 'livesimply'
- Involve young people in livesimply through the 'livesimply' programme

