## **CONVERSATIONS**

- The COP28 discussions are a vital part of how the world addresses climate change. Sadly, many of the industries that need to change are resistant. Pope Francis is upfront in saying we're not doing enough. Words are insufficient. Action is needed. What are your actions? Are they enough? Could they be better?
- If the world were to respond to climate change with ways similar to the big measures taken over the COVID pandemic it would make a measurable difference and in a short time. Do you think this is a good and/or a reasonable comparison?
- 3. The Israel-Gaza War has enormous consequences, and we are seeing only a small part of what is happening. What does it teach us about war, about dialogue, about human fears and hatred? What do you learn personally from this?
- 4. Jesus was born into a world in which the gap between rich and poor was very pronounced, where despotic power (Herod) could take savage measures to maintain personal superiority. Have we learnt anything? The Lord came to teach us that power is given to enable growth and care, not belittlement and suppression. How do you use your power? We all do have power!
- 5. How do you understand the stunning truth that our God chose to be born as a helpless baby and live among us? How will you celebrate the religious meaning of Christmas?
- 6. Are you able to embrace the custom of gift giving at Jesus' birth by donating something to the foodbank? Believe me, your gift will be used!
- 7. This time of year is a reminder that God's Son came for all people. Can this question be a request for prayers for all who experience hardship, loss, deprivation and pain across our troubled but beautiful world?

Thank you.