

Rev James Bhagwan
On behalf of the Pacific Churches
(By hand)

30th October 2021

GREETINGS FROM IPSWICH METHODISTS

Dear James,

We are pleased to welcome you to Ipswich, and are delighted that you chose to join us on your way to Glasgow to represent the Pacific churches at COP26.

As you will have seen during your stay with us, we have an active campaign seeking climate justice, in which we have sought to **LEARN** more, so that we can **SPEAK** out with knowledge and confidence, can **ACT** decisively all in a spirit of **HOPE**, knowing that God will draw us more closely together to bring greater justice and fairness to his creation.

Your contribution at our Open Day exhibition has given us a real boost in our own confidence and we are most grateful. We pray that it has also been a blessing to you, and look forward to sharing further with you.

As we have studied the cause and effects of climate change, we have shared particular concern for the family of Small Island Developing States, for whom the impact of climate change is being felt earlier and more severely than for nations like Britain who hold greater responsibility for the crisis and have until recently had a louder voice in delaying the necessary action. We are truly sorry for the damage you are already experiencing and hold your community in our prayers as, in repentance, we stand with you in urging global leaders to take the urgent actions to avert further damage.

We ask you to pass on our warmest greetings to your churches and colleagues, and assure them of our support as we press our own government to expedite our transition to net zero, and for their renewed commitment to fund international aid that will expedite all 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Yours in Christ,

On behalf of the Ipswich Methodist Circuit.
