Water is essential for life!

Deep down we know this, but the ease of just turning on the tap gives us a (false?) sense of security! Years ago in the arid Argentine Chaco, where water was sometimes unavailable, we were used to carrying 3 or 4 gallons in the truck, even on a short journey – just in case.
The present dry spell – drought now announced– has brought with it the realisation that water is a finite resource. As at 10th August there are 27 million households under a hosepipe ban after 50 days without appreciable rainfall. As with energy it is vital that there is some forward planning done as more data centres are planned and developed, along with the need for much more house building.

As Christians we accept water with gratitude as one of the many gifts from our heavenly Father.
From chapters 1 and 2 of the Book of Genesis through to chapter 22 of the Book of Revelation there are many references to water – seas, rivers, mist and rain are all part of God's gift to life on planet earth.
The symbol of the rainbow is used in publicity for a number of different reasons. Most of them without any regard for its original purpose. This was as a reminder, to both God himself and to mankind, of the covenant and promise to Noah. This promise was to Noah and through him to all mankind! Genesis chapter 9, verses 12 – 17.
"While earth remains, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." Genesis chapter 8, verse 22.

A prayer for Rain.
O God our heavenly Father, through your Son Jesus Christ you have promised to all them that seek your kingdom, and its righteousness, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance: Send us, we pray in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to your honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***
Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer.

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