

Justice & Peace Link Information sheet on justice & peace issues
January 2021

Events

Friday, 1 January & first of each month – **Pray and Fast for the Climate**. Join people around the world praying & fasting for climate justice. Info: [Pray and Fast for the Climate](#)

Tuesday, 5 January

7.30 – 9.00pm

Have Vegans got it Right? by Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution. The ethical, evolutionary and environmental implications of Veganism. All living things have arisen from inanimate matter by the action of natural selection. Humans exist today with domesticated species which provide us with meat and other foods, power, companionship and other products. In this long association humans and animals have co-evolved and the domesticated species have adapted to our needs. They have spread over the world becoming much more numerous than their wild relatives and quite different from them. Humans feel a moral duty to each other and to their domesticated animals. The question is what these moral values should be and is there a need for change? ****Live**** [Have Vegans got it Right? Tickets, Tue 5 Jan 2021 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Thursday, 7 January

10am-4pm

Feeding Bristol – Conference 2021 Feeding Bristol is pleased to invite you to an opportunity to help shape a resilient food system for the city. We are a relatively small city but with a big heart – we can make that difference together. Come and join us to create that better food future. For further information and to book a place on this free, online event, click: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/feeding-bristol-conference-2021-tickets-133062492497>

Thursday, 7 January

3.30 – 5.00pm

Ethnicity, Identity and Belonging. This session in the CARJ series of workshops on Diversity, Inequality and Racism in the UK will begin with an opportunity for participants to discuss the complexity of 'identity' (ethnic, religious, class, gender, etc) and to explore their own sense of identity. We will go on to discuss how students from diverse backgrounds in our schools see themselves and how others see them. Are students happy with a hyphenated identity? Is identity important to them? Do they feel alienated or marginalised? Do all students feel they belong and do they see one another as members of the same community? For further information and to register for the Series or for individual Workshops please contact CARJ, 9 Henry Rd, London N4 2LH. 020 8802 080, info@carj.org.uk. All those who register will be acknowledged and will be sent a link a few days prior to the event. Participation is free of charge.

Thursday, 7 January

8.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Briefing on the Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons This on-line briefing is an opportunity to hear from Rebecca Johnson, one of the architects of the Treaty and founder member of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. There will also be speakers discussing practical steps Christians in the UK can take to support the Treaty and a chance for discussion and sharing ideas. (Repeated on 12 Jan) Register [here](#)

Friday, 8 January

7.00pm - 9.00pm, Online

Pivoting to the End Game: Film screening. We will be watching Pivoting to the End Game, a presentation by Roger Hallam, one of the founders of Extinction Rebellion. Zoom opens at 7.00pm and the film starts at 7:15pm. It will finish at around 8:35pm, after which we will keep the Zoom room open until 9.00pm for anyone who wants to chat. [Register in advance](#) (after registering you will receive an email with joining instructions).

Saturday 9 January

11.00am - 12.00 noon

Pivoting to the End Game: Discussion. Our first 'Saturday Session' of 2021, led by CCA member Fr Martin Newell, will be a chance to discuss Pivoting to the End Game, a presentation by XR founder Roger Hallam. Watch the presentation with members of CCA (see Friday 8 above) or at a time that suits you in advance of the discussion via [this link](#). [Register in advance](#) (after registering you will receive an email with joining instructions).

Tuesday, 12 January

12.00 noon – 1.00 pm

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Tuesday, 12 January

7.30 - 8.15 pm Doors open at 7.15 (zoom)

Paths of Peace: the work of the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative A briefing by Joan Sharples The Catholic Nonviolence Initiative “CNI” is a project of Pax Christi International initiated in 2016 with the support and continuing encouragement of Pope Francis, who has called for “thoughts on revitalizing the tools of nonviolence, and of active nonviolence in particular.” Thought and dialogue at all levels in many countries have been stimulated, with Pax Christi England and Wales playing an important role. Already days of action have been held to help parishes celebrate nonviolence through liturgy, discussion and action. Joan Sharples is a member of the Executive of Pax Christi England and Wales and former Shrewsbury Diocesan J&P Coordinator. Among other things she has led reflections in parishes on the Pax Christi Icon of Peace. To register for the meeting contact SKeithTayl2@outlook.com

Wednesday, 13 January

7.00 pm

How can my church become net zero carbon? With Adrian Frost. This session arranged by Green Christian looks at the tools and methods for measuring and helping churches to become net zero carbon. It follows on from Adrian's popular session in October which looked at personal carbon footprints. Adrian Frost works for Climate Stewards, one of the UK's leading Christian climate charities. He has developed carbon footprint calculators for individuals and churches. Before Climate Stewards, Adrian worked as a pastor in Belgium. [Register in advance](#) for this meeting.

Sunday, 17 January

Pax Christi Peace Sunday Pope Francis' message for 2021 is 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace'. For resources, click [here](#)

Monday, 18 to Monday, 25 January. **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** [Materials](#) have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

Tuesday, 19 January

2 pm

Holocaust Denial: New Trends During the Global Pandemic arranged by the Council of Christians and Jews with a noted expert on far-right movements for a discussion on recent trends in Holocaust denial. Join alums of the Yad Vashem seminar to welcome Dr Joe Mulhall, a Senior Researcher at Hope not Hate and a Trustee of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust. He is the author of *British Fascism after the Holocaust* and a joint editor of *The International Alt-Right: Fascism for the 21st Century?*, both published with Routledge in 2020. To book your place and for more information, via [eventbrite](#)

Friday, 22 January

11.30am - 1.00pm

Celebration of The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Pax Christi joins with members of the Network of Christian Peace Organisations for this on-line celebration. The Treaty was negotiated at the United Nations in 2017 and supported by 122 states. It will enter into legal force on 22 January 2021, banning nuclear weapons under international law. To register, click [here](#)

Friday, 22 - Monday, 25 January

A long weekend of talks and discussions on zoom, and practical activities, on **living the message of Laudato Si' in and through your parish.** Building on a very successful and lively first experience. If you missed out the first time, please consider joining us...The ecological crisis, Pope Francis writes, is a summons to profound interior conversion, to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world. Led by Sr Margaret Atkins of Boarbank Hall. Any interested parishioner is most welcome to join us. The weekend is aimed

especially at people with parish responsibilities or who are part of or want to start a relevant parish group. Times Sessions will be on Friday night, Saturday morning and night, Sunday afternoon and night and Monday night (leaving people free during the day on Monday). Speakers include: Trish Sandbach, who worked in Oxfam Education for many years and led to St Benedict's, Garforth, in the Leeds diocese, winning a Livesimply award. She is also an assessor for the LiveSimply award; John Paul de Quay, a founder member of the Ecological Conversion Group and Journey to 2030; Sr Margaret Atkins, an Augustinian Canoness at Boarbank Hall in Cumbria, a teacher of philosophy and theology, with a lifelong interest in the natural world, and author of Catholics and Our Common Home: Caring for the Planet in a Time of Crisis (CTS). A panel discussion for sharing advice on practical projects. Cost - voluntary donations gratefully accepted, but there will be no fee for the weekend. To apply, simply email Sr Margaret Atkins

Wednesday, 27 January

Holocaust Memorial Day 2021. 'Be the light in the darkness' is the theme for this year's HMD. For ideas and resources, visit the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust [website](#)

Wednesday, 27 January

6pm – 7pm (via Zoom).

'Be the light in the darkness' The event will be hosted by Council Leader, Councillor Dine Romero. Special guests will include Yoav Ben-Shlomo who will talk about his father and read from a short account he wrote about the desperation and help he experienced whilst hiding with his own father to escape Nazi persecution. Music will be provided by Ninotchka. To register for the event [here](#). The event will also be broadcast live on the Council's [You Tube Channel](#). 'We will continue to do our bit for as long as we can, secure in the knowledge that others will continue to light a candle long after us'. Gena Turgel MBE, survivor of the Holocaust (1923-2018). Bath and North East Somerset Council, in partnership with Bath Interfaith Group

Wednesday, 27 January

7.00 pm

Introduction to The Green Christian Way of Life The Green Christian Way of Life offers a framework for living more lightly on the Earth and for deeper engagement and shared encouragement. It comprises a set of four Disciplines: Prayer and Devotions; Living Gently on the Earth; Public Witness; and Encouragement. The Green Christian Way of Life is offered to Green Christian members for whom care for God's creation is a fundamental outworking of their faith. Followers of the Way are part of a dispersed Community and are called 'Companions'. Deborah Tomkins is Co-Chair of Green Christian, and has been a member for over 25 years. She lives in Bristol with her husband. She enjoys growing organic vegetables in her city garden, music, and books. [Register](#) for this event. To get the most out of the workshop, click [this link](#) to read about the Green Christian Way of Life beforehand.

Wednesday, 27 January

3.30 – 5.00 pm

The life of the School. This final session in the CARJ workshops on Diversity, Inequality and Racism in the UK will discuss the usefulness of a school race equality audit, which might cover: policy, leadership, appointments, training, remuneration, promotion, regulations, curriculum, books in the library, etc. The remaining part of the Session will give participants an opportunity to reflect on the workshops and some of the thoughts, hopes and plans they will take away with them. For further information and to register for the Series or for individual Workshops please contact CARJ, 9 Henry Rd, London N4 2LH. 020 8802 080, info@carj.org.uk. All those who register will be acknowledged and will be sent a link a few days prior to the event. Participation is free of charge.

Thursday, 28 January

5pm GMT

The Condor & The Eagle Standing in Solidarity: Indigenous Communities and the Fight for Land Justice You are invited you to join this screening of an award-winning documentary film following four indigenous leaders on an extraordinary trans-continental journey, from the Canadian Boreal forests to the heart of the Amazonian jungle, to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of "Climate Justice". This screening will be followed by a live Q&A with activists and representatives of impacted communities. For further information and tickets (free but a donation is suggested) click [here](#)

Thursday, 28 January

7.00 - 8.00 pm

Wellbeing for Future Generations: building a more peaceful world Join the Big Issue and Youth and Student CND to discuss how the Wellbeing for Future Generations act could play a part in creating a more peaceful world for future generations. The act could play an important part in securing a world with less conflict and less potential for catastrophic war and destruction. Introduction and chairing by Caroline Lucas MP. Other speakers: Alexandra Phillips, Campaign Manager, The Big Issue; Ellie Kinney, Co-convenor, Youth and Student CND. For further information and to register click [here](#)

Saturday, 30 January

11-12.30GMT

Gidea Park Study Day on 'Let Us Dream' By Pope Francis with Austen Ivereigh. To access this live stream event go to: www.sppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services. Available subsequently on: www.whatgoodnews.org Questions for Austen may be emailed beforehand to adriangraffy@dioceseoflrentwood.org

Sunday, 31 January

Racial Justice Sunday An opportunity to reflect on the action needed to counteract racism and promote diversity, belonging and inclusion.

To do

New Year's resolution? During 2020 we had a glimpse of just how beautiful the world can be with less pollution. In 2021 let us commit to reducing our emissions by 10%. It is

amazingly easy. For example if you fly five times a year, you can reduce it by 20% by doing one less return trip by air. If you drive, you can drive 10% slower, you can reduce your fuel per week by 10% or you can have one car free day a week. If you eat meat three times a day, you can have two meat free meals a week. If you do a wash every day, you can have one wash free day. These are all rules of thumb but they show how we can reduce our emissions and impact on the beautiful planet we share, how we can 'hear the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth'.

Join the campaign to support the **Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill**. For information see <https://greenchristian.org.uk/the-climate-and-ecological-emergency-bill/> or <https://www.ceebill.uk/>

Support for Palestinians The Covid-19 pandemic has affected everyone in the West Bank and Gaza. Most people there now have no income, because there are no visitors and because they cannot move to any employment. One way we can show our support is to send personal or group messages. As there are three celebrations of Christmas in Palestine for the different denominations, we have until the 12th January to get them there. These messages are very important as they show that as we think about Jesus being born in Bethlehem, we also think about the present reality there and show solidarity to the people suffering the injustices of the occupation. To send Christmas messages of hope and peace to our friends and partners in Palestine, email: palmessages2020@gmail.com

Sponsoring Olive Trees This year, thousands of Palestinian olive trees have been burnt uprooted or cut down. Please help to replace these by sponsoring olive trees for yourself or as a gift for others, through '[Trees for Life](#)'

If you would like to publicise an event, please send details to the Secretary, Clifton Diocese Justice and Peace Commission justiceandpeace@cliftondiocese.com. The items above are included as they may be of interest because of their relevance to peace and justice issues. Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Justice and Peace Commission.