

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

Are you concerned about injustice in our world?

Would you like to help others play their part in tackling peace and justice issues?

If so, you might like to volunteer to join Clifton Diocese Justice and Peace Commission. The Commission is looking to increase its representation of people across our Diocese. We are under-represented by people who live in Gloucestershire, South Wiltshire and Somerset, those from a younger age group and those from a range of ethnic minority groups.

The commitment - during lockdown we have held online evening meetings every 2 months; previously we met in Bath or Bristol and will aim to have some face-to-face meetings, pandemic regulations permitting. Individual members follow their own J&P activities but come together to discuss current issues, on-going projects and to arrange public meetings. The most [recent public meeting](#) arranged by Clifton J&P Commission was held at St Nicholas of Tolentino Parish, Bristol.

For more information, please contact the Secretary at justiceandpeace@cliftondiocese.com

Publications

The latest National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) e-Bulletin is available [here](#) and the May 2021 NW NJPN ebulletin [here](#). Both have some very interesting articles.

Events

Saturday, 1 May & the first day of each month – **Pray and Fast for the Climate**. Join people around the world praying & fasting for climate justice. Prayer points are [here](#).

Wednesday, 5 May, 7pm

Exploring the Way of Life: Prayer and Devotions with George Dow. Many spiritual communities have Rules or Ways of Life involving a set of disciplines to assist believers in living out their faith in a deeper and more structured way. 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. Register [here](#)

Saturday, 8 May, 11am - 3pm

NJPN AGM and Open Networking Day The morning session will be the NJPN AGM and noticeboard followed by an opportunity for joining breakout rooms to network over lunch. At 1.15pm, Prof Anthony Towe and Matthew Dell (both of St Mary's University) will speak on **Closing the gap? Post-lockdown ramifications for pupils in schools**. Please [register](#) in advance for this meeting - you will receive a confirmation email containing information to enable you to join the zoom meeting.

Saturday, 8 May, 11am - 12.30pm

Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture with Pat Gaffney - **Shining a light on the power and creativity of nonviolence**. The Catholic Nonviolence Initiative 5 years on. To register, please email bhungin@yahoo.co.uk

Monday, 10 May, 7.30pm (repeated Tuesday 11 May, noon)

The first of a series of meetings throughout May exploring some of the key issues facing Christian peacemakers at the present time presented by Network of Christian Peace Organisations. The three themes covered will be racism, militarism and climate change, with a chance to hear from leading thinkers, activists and to share ideas and experiences in break-out groups. Each session will run twice, once during the day and on another day during the evening, to make it as accessible as possible.

Militarism today – challenges and responses At a time of uncertainty, spending and investment in weapons and armed forces is growing. 'Healthcare not warfare', as campaigners have recently urged, challenges us to face the issues and to take action for a different type of security, for planet and people. With input from Chris Cole, of Drone Wars UK, this workshop will aim to inform and to provide a space for reflection and discussion.

[REGISTER](#)

Tuesday, 11 May, noon

Militarism today – challenges and responses See above for information. [REGISTER](#)

Tuesday, 11 May, 7pm-8pm

Tree Planting, Carbon and Climate - Online Talk by Avon Needs Trees and Friends of the Marden Valley. Ffi and to register click [here](#)

Tuesday, 11 May, 7.30pm

David Goodbourn Lecture 2021 **Untangling the legacies of slavery: Deconstructing Mission Christianity for our contemporary Kerygma** with Anthony Reddie, Director, Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture. Arranged by Church Action on Poverty. Sign up [here](#) for your free place.

Tuesday, May 11, 7.30pm - 8.3pm

Christina Leño (Associate Director of the Global Catholic Climate Movement) is the first speaker in a series of talks 'Canonball Conversations', arranged by the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre to mark the 500th anniversary of the 'Canonball Moment during the Battle of Pamplona in 1521' resulting in the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola. Register [here](#)

Tuesday, 11 May, 1.00 - 2.15 pm

How do we tackle the unequal impacts of climate change? With a focus on the UK, this event explores how the impacts of climate change are felt unequally and considers how injustices can be addressed. This is the fourth in a series of events arranged by Sustainability *first*. Ffi, to view earlier events and to register for this, click [here](#)

Wednesday, 12 May to Friday, 14 May, 10am - 12.30pm

Sitting among the Ashes: an online conference on spiritual accompaniment.

For more details and to register email andii.bowsher@northumbria.ac.uk

Saturday, 15 May, 11am-12 noon

Why should we support the CEE Bill? Understanding how the CEE Bill works to meet the mandates of our faith. The Bill is a groundbreaking blueprint for serious climate and ecological action by which the UK Government can lead by example on the international stage. Jane King from the CEE Bill Alliance will be talking about current progress of the Bill and we will be discussing how it works to meet the mandates of our faith and what we can do to help make it law. Ffi and to register click [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Co-hosted by Green Christian and Christian Climate Action.

Saturday, May 15, 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm

Conscientious Objectors Day Join us online to remember those who have refused to participate in war and to show solidarity with conscientious objectors around the world today. Simply visit www.CO-Day.org at the time to watch the live stream.

There will be a minute's silence, songs and speeches from around the UK and beyond including: Israeli conscientious objector Atalya Ben Abbah; Natalia García Cortés from War Resisters' International in Colombia; Actor Michael Mears live from the Conscientious Objectors' Commemorative Stone in Tavistock Square, London

Saturday, 15 May 9.00am-4.30pm

War On The Mind Bradford on Avon Friends of Palestine are proud to host an international online conference on the impact of occupation, brutality, oppression and conflict on the mental health of Palestinians and Israelis - as individuals, communities and societies. Register and further information [here](#)

Saturday, 15 to Friday, 21 May

Pilgrimage for Peace - Pax Christi Fundraiser. Make your own Pilgrimage for Peace. Walk, cycle, run, dance, pray... whether as an individual, a group, a school, or a family. Set yourself a challenge, get sponsored for it, and raise funds to support Pax Christi's vital work for peace. Or donate to support one of the planned events listed on the Go Fund Me page. For some exciting ideas, to find out more and register: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/>

Sunday, 16 to Monday, 24 May

Laudato Si' Week 2021 will be the crowning event of the Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year, and a celebration of the great progress the whole Church has made on its journey to ecological conversion. It will also be a time to reflect on what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us and prepare for the future with hope. Watch Pope Francis invitation to celebrate Laudato Si week and sign up to the programme of international events [here](#)

Monday, 17 May, noon (and Thursday, 20 May at 8pm)

Christian CND Prayer Meeting via Zoom. [Click here for more information.](#)

Monday, 17 May, 1pm (repeated Tuesday 18 May, 7.30pm)

The second of a series of meetings throughout May exploring some of the key issues facing Christian peacemakers at the present time presented by Network of Christian Peace Organisations. The three themes covered will be racism, militarism and climate change, with a chance to hear from leading thinkers, activists and to share ideas and experiences in break-out groups. Each session will run twice, once during the day and on another day during the evening, to make it as accessible as possible. **Caring for creation – tackling climate change** Climate change is one of the gravest threats facing humanity, but there is still time to make positive changes as we seek to be good stewards of creation. This session will feature the latest climate science and outlook from Liz Kalaugher from Scientists for Global Responsibility and theological insights. [REGISTER](#)

Tuesday 18 May, 7.30pm

Caring for creation – tackling climate change See above for information [REGISTER](#)

Wednesday 19 May

CEE Bill – What it is and how you can do something about it Alex Bradbury, the Grassroots

Coordinator at the CEE Bill Alliance, will be giving an update on the progress of the Bill and outlining some of the ways you can campaign for it at local level. This includes how to get a meeting and talk to your MP, getting your local council(s) to pass a motion in favour of the Bill, building a local alliance of organisations, businesses and community groups to lobby your MP(s) together, and putting on campaign activities such as panel events, open letters, petitions etc. He'll also be able to answer any questions you have. Register [here](#)

Thursday, 20 May, 8pm

Christian CND Prayer Meeting via Zoom. [Click here for more information](#)

Saturday, 22 May, 10.15am - 1.30pm

Pax Christi AGM. Click [here](#) for details

Saturday, 22 May, 1.00pm - 4.15pm

Working for Peace in the Middle East - online Conference. Join CND and guest speakers to discuss the current situation in the Middle East and how we can best campaign for peace in the region. Will the Middle East ever be nuclear-free? And what is the UK's role in the region? Ffi and to register click [here](#)

Sunday 23 May **Pentecost**

Advance Notice

Saturday, 5 to Sunday, 13 June

Churches Count on Nature Discover the wildlife in your local church yard, recording the species found, combining results with others which will be collated on the [National Biodiversity Network \(NBN\)](#), a nationwide database of wildlife in the UK. Ffi and to register click [here](#)

23-25 July National Justice and Peace Conference **'2021: Life on Earth – moment of truth'** at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick. Bookings are now being taken. Ffi click [here](#)

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.