

Justice & Peace Link September 2021

Ongoing

UK Churches' Relay to COP26 The Young Christian Climate Network's Relay to COP26 left St Ives after the G7, passing through our Diocese in July, and are now headed for Glasgow in October. Members of the group and local walkers will be headed North from Nottingham to Stockton-on-Tees this month. Please pray for those walking, organising and supporting them. For more information click [Relay Home | YCCN](#)

The **Camino to COP** is a walk of pilgrimage, organised by Christian Climate Action in partnership with a number of faith groups within XR, that will see a group of ordinary people walking to Glasgow in time for the COP 26 Climate Conference in November. Some people are walking all the way, others just part of the way, spreading the message about the Climate Emergency in towns and villages along the route. There are a few different start points, with groups starting from Bristol, London, Norwich etc, but all aiming to join up into one big pilgrimage at Birmingham later in September. The Bristol leg will be setting out from College Green on Thursday, 9 September (see below).

The Climate Sunday initiative is calling on all local churches across Great Britain & Ireland to hold a climate-focused service on any Sunday before COP26 (November 2021). The Season of Creation (see below) may also be a suitable time. Encourage your priest to celebrate a special Mass – resources from [Climate Sunday Mass 2021 | CAFOD](#)

Wednesday, 1 September to Monday, 4 October **The Season of Creation** - this year's theme is 'A Home for All?' Christian communities around the world are celebrating the Season of Creation with the new free Season of Creation Guide, ffi click [here](#). CAFOD also have resources: [Season of Creation](#) Liverpool Archdiocese J&P Commission have produced the [Season of Creation Challenge](#): 28 challenges for the Season of Creation. There are four themes: Prayer, Formation, Action and Advocacy. You could choose one theme to focus on, or a challenge from each theme, or try to complete as many actions as possible!

Tuesday, 21 September (International Day of Peace) to Saturday, 2 October (International Day of Nonviolence and Gandhi's birthday) **Catholic Nonviolence Days of Action 2021** You are invited to study, pray, act and celebrate the power of nonviolence. The theme for this year's Days of Action 2021 is "Nonviolence as a way of life in the web of creation." We encourage solidarity actions around the globe to promote and celebrate nonviolence. These dates align with the Season of Creation dates. For further information click [here](#)

NJPN Publications

The September issue of the **NJPN North West Justice & Peace E-Bulletin** is now available [here](#) and also the Autumn issue of [MouthPeace](#). Although many of the events described are held in the North of England there are some excellent wide-ranging articles in both.

Events

Wednesday, 1 September **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** Pope Francis this day of prayer to encourage the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and

to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”

Wednesday, 1 September **Pray and Fast for the Climate** Also, we can join with Christians around the world in praying and fasting on this the first day of the month, for climate action and climate justice. For this month’s Prayer Points click [here](#)

Friday, 3 to Monday, 6 September

Living Laudato Si’: Your Parish and Your Planet Organised by Boarbank Hall, Cumbria, and the Ecological Conversion Group and led by the inspirational Sister Margaret Atkins, a Canoness of St Augustine in the community at Boarbank Hall. A long weekend of talks and discussions on Zoom and practical activities on living the message of Laudato Si’ in and through your parish. Sessions will be on Friday evening, Saturday morning, late afternoon and evening, Sunday late afternoon and evening and Monday evening (leaving people free during the day on Monday). Any interested parishioner (including clergy!) is most welcome to join the retreat. The weekend is aimed especially at people with parish responsibilities or who are part of or want to start a relevant parish group. Ffi click [here](#). To apply contact Sr Margaret Atkins on margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

Saturday, 4 September

10am-1pm

Shirehampton Public Hall, Station Road, Shirehampton BS11 9TU

The Way to COP 26 What COP26 is, why it’s important and how we can take part. The Camino to COP: a pilgrimage for climate justice. Free, all are welcome. Tea, coffee and cake available.

Saturday, 4 September

11.00 to 12.30 pm

‘The Cry of Creation- A Study Day on Laudato Si’ with Fr Ashley Beck. Fr Ashley Beck is a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark, based in the parish of Beckenham in South East London. He is Dean of Studies of the Diaconate formation programme which covers most of southern England, and Associate Professor at St Mary’s University, Twickenham. He has degrees from Oxford University in Classics and Theology, and a PhD by publication from Surrey University in the methodology of Catholic Social Teaching. Access to this free live event is via www.whatgoodnews.org. No registration is needed

Saturday, 4 September

1.30 – 4.30 pm

Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ (or virtually for some parts)

End Vaccine Apartheid - Activist Assembly arranged by Global Justice Now. Speakers include Fatima Hassan, Health Justice Initiative (South Africa); Sangeeta Shashikant, Third World Network; Nick Dearden, Global Justice Now; Universities Allied for Essential Medicines; Students for Global Health; People’s Action (US)

As rich countries drop pandemic measures with plentiful vaccines and life returns to normal, the rest of the world is suffering with new deadly waves of the virus. Only 1.5 % of Africa’s population has had a jab. Yet the same rich nations are blocking other countries from accessing the know-how to make their own vaccine. Join us for an afternoon of learning and organising to end the global vaccine apartheid! Register [here](#)

Sunday, 5 September 4pm

Nations’ Climate Sunday Service: Churches Prepare for COP26. Churches from across Britain

and Ireland will come together online and in Glasgow Cathedral to celebrate, challenge and commit ahead of COP26. More than 1,600 churches have held a Climate Sunday service, a testament to churches' desire to show love for God and neighbour by caring for creation and acting on climate change. The service will be broadcast live from Glasgow Cathedral - at the heart of the city where the UN climate talks will take place in November - with contributions from Christians around the nations. Sign up to [watch the service live online here](#).

Sunday, 5 to Sunday, 12 September (live and on Zoom, see below)

Root & Branch Inclusive Synod A Synod that starts with women. But does not end there. Caring Catholics, lay and religious, are meeting online, sharing their concerns, their disillusionment and their love for the Church. Root and Branch believe reform is needed. After a year-long phase of Discernment they believe the following must be explored: The redefining & reclaiming of ministry; The embracing of diversity; A rethink of moral theology; The sharing of authority. Root & Branch invite you to embrace and advance renewal, reform and healing in the Catholic Church. The Synod being held will discuss issues of equality, inclusion and governance between 5 and 8 September in online workshops, culminating in a conference 10-12 September at St Michael's Church Centre, Stoke Gifford. Please email hello@rootandbranchsynod.org, ring 07831 328940 or 07968 390420 or visit www.rootandbranchsynod.org

Tuesday, 7 September 6pm

"Saving the Climate with Agriculture!" A webinar where we'll learn how regenerative agriculture works and what positive contribution trees can make on farmland with Ivo Degn from Climate Farmers, Nick Jacobs from the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food) and Annemarie Botzki from the WeMove Europe Team. To register click [here](#).

Wednesday, 8 September

7.00 – 8.00pm

Kindred in Creation: mobilising faith for nature An online workshop with Thomas Vellacott TSSF, Chief Executive of WWF Switzerland, hosted by Green Christian and the Creation-Justice-Peace Network of the Third Order, Society of St Francis. A month ahead of COP15, the UN Biodiversity Conference, Green Christian and Franciscans will come together to discern how our faith compels us to restore nature and rediscover humanity's proper place within it. The UN estimates that a million species are threatened with extinction, and WWF last year found that wildlife populations are less than a third of those in 1970. This depletion of biodiversity is an existential threat to the future of humanity. And yet it commands even less public attention than the climate emergency. The environmental movement is complicit in this neglect. While the public is being mobilised for COP26 in Glasgow, COP15, the UN Biodiversity Summit, takes place a month earlier in China is attracting much less fanfare. At this workshop we'll give the biodiversity crisis the priority it deserves. We'll seek to hold to account the forces that drive the destruction of nature. We'll explore how our faith can help humanity turn the corner towards the re-wilding of the Earth. And we'll begin to discover the action we ourselves are challenged to take. Click [here](#) to register

Thursday, 9 September

gathering at 11.00 am for a 12 noon start

College Green, Bristol

This is the start of the Bristol leg of the **Camino to COP** (Bristol to Frampton Cotterell) a walk of pilgrimage, organised by Christian Climate Action in partnership with a number of faith

groups within XR, that will see a group of ordinary people walking to Glasgow in time for the COP 26 Climate Conference. For further information go to the website [Camino to COP](#). If you'd like to take part in the walk, please send an email to: westerncamino@gmail.com

Friday, 10 September

Frampton Cotterell to Wooten under Edge

The second day of the Bristol leg of the **Camino to COP** pilgrimage (see above) to Glasgow in time for the COP 26 Climate Conference. If you'd like to take part in this section of the walk, please send an email to: westerncamino@gmail.com

Saturday, 11 September 10.50am for 11am - 3pm

NJPN Networking Day via Zoom **What do you have in mind? Exploring issues in Mental Health and Well being: Moving to a healthy society** For further details contact: admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

Saturday, 11 September 11am - 4pm

CAFOD Faith in Action Day An online day of talk and prayer to learn more about this year's climate talks, Pope Francis's call to action and how people in the Amazon region are leading the fight to care for our common home. In a few months, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks. Our government has a vital role to play in leading global efforts to tackle the climate crisis. But as citizens of the host nation and as people of faith, we have an important role to play too. This is the time to come together, build a community and act. To register, click [here](#)

Monday, 13 September

Nurses not Nukes: nuclear disarmament in the age of Covid-19. Join CND for its online fringe meeting as part of TUC 2021. During this ongoing massive public health crisis the government has decided to increase its nuclear arsenal by over 40% and make a big increase in military expenditure, but it refuses to pay nurses properly. How can it justify this shocking misallocation of public funds – on weapons of mass destruction rather than healthcare – during a pandemic? Join us to discuss how we can change government priorities and give nurses and the NHS what they deserve. With speakers Dr John Puntis, co-chair of Keep our NHS Public; Rachel Ambrose, Mental Health Nurse, Nurses United & Nurses of Colour Network; Sam Mason, PCS Policy Officer Sustainability & Climate change; and Kate Hudson, General Secretary, CND. Register [here](#)

Monday, 13 September

6.30pm - 8pm

East London

Vigil at DSEI Arms Fair - Pax Christi. For further information, click [here](#)

Tuesday, 14 September

All Day

DSEI Day of Action - details to be confirmed. See the Pax Christi website

Tuesday, 14 September 6.30 - 7.30pm

Selling Death: why we must stop the arms trade Join CND for an online rally in opposition to the DSEI Arms Fair 2021. With speakers including Rokhsana Fiaz, Mayor of Newham; Cllr Lawrence Brown from Liverpool; and Andrew Feinstein, Director of Shadow World Investigations. Register [here](#)

Friday 17 - Saturday 18 September

Community Eco Festival Keynsham & Saltford

Friday, 17 September - Evening of Talks The Space 7:30pm – 9:30pm Food, Nature, Money & Energy: how can our choices change the future ? Jo Lewis, Head of Food and Farming, Soil Association Ian Barrett, CEO, Avon Wildlife Trust Richard O'Brien, Fund Manager, Triodos Bank Peter Capener, CEO, Bath and West Community Energy will discuss actions available to individuals, businesses and our government to avert the worst effects of climate change with Q & A Tickets £5 in advance from <https://keynshamtickets.cloudvenue.co.uk/>

Saturday, 18h September - Festival Day

Stalls in Market Walk and The Space 10am - 3pm. Chat with local organisations about all things sustainable including recycling, tree planting, renewable energy, electric cars & bikes, nature conservation and sustainably produced goods including food.

Nature Inspired Exhibition of Photographs and Art works by Children & Images of Global Climate Change Impact. Baptist Church, High Street 10am - 3pm

Quiet areas and Refreshments - opportunities to stop, pray, meditate and reflect on the beauty of nature and our dependence on it. Methodist Church, High Street 10am - 3pm

Nature-based activities for Children and Families in Keynsham Memorial Park at the Community Plot (next to the café) 11am - 3pm and in St Francis Church, Warwick Road 2pm – 4:30pm

Saturday, 18 September

Day of action: Corporate Courts vs The Climate. To take part see [here](#)

Saturday, 18 to Saturday, 25 September **World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel**

The World Council of Churches encourages churches, congregations, faith organisations and civil society groups from across the world to come together for a week of prayer and witness for a just peace in Palestine and Israel. Pax Christi resources from previous years are available [here](#) and resources for 2021 will be available soon.

18 – 26 September – [The Great Big Green Week organised by The Climate Coalition](#) Aiming to be the largest event for climate and nature ever seen in the UK. Thousands of events will celebrate how communities are taking action to tackle climate change and protect green spaces, and encourage others to get involved too. Together we will call on politicians to raise their ambition and champion action on climate change.

Tuesday, 21 September

UN International Day of Peace, an annual day of non-violence and cease-fire. Ffi click [here](#)

Tuesday, 21 September 7pm

Pathways to Peace A free, online evening of music, film and debate with Yemeni artists and human rights defenders exploring how art and culture contributes to peacebuilding. Click [here](#) to register.

Sunday, 26 September **The World Day of Migrants and Refugees** (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen 'Towards an ever wider "we"'. Click [here](#) for further information and to download Pope Francis' message for 2021

Advance Notice

Friday, 1 October **CAFOD Family Fast Day**, support people around the world who are dedicating their lives to protecting God's creation. Resources available [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