

Justice & Peace Link October 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. 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. 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. To follow their progress go to [Camino to COP26](#)

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). 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, for more click [here](#). CAFOD also have resources: [Season of Creation](#)

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 October issue of the NJPN North West Justice & Peace E-Bulletin is now available [here](#). The NJPN eBulletin is published fortnightly, the latest issue and subsequent ones are available on the [NJPN website](#)

Events

Friday, 1 October **Pray and Fast for the Climate**. For this month's prayer points click [here](#)

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](#)

Saturday, 2 October **UN International Day-Violence**
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-day>

Saturday, 2 October 11.00 to 12.30

The Cry Of The Poor - Exploring The Encyclical Fratelli Tutti Study Day with Fr Ashley Beck. Pope Francis issued his encyclical on 'fraternity and social friendship' at the height of the COVID pandemic. At a time of turmoil it is a strident call for global cooperation, solidarity and peace. Ashley Beck 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. For access to this free live stream event go [here](#) and follow the instructions. No registration needed. Talks will be available subsequently on the website.

Saturday, 2 October 11.00 to 3.30

Christian CND Conference and AGM with speaker, Dr Nick Megoran, who is a lecturer in Political Geography at Newcastle University specialising in religion and the war on terror, and also a Baptist minister. This is a hybrid event, both in-person in Newcastle, and [online over Zoom](#).

Sunday, 3 October 6pm

'Linking Militarized Space & Climate Crisis - Latest news from US & Europe'.

Zoom webinar. Speakers: Stuart Parkinson (UK), Regina Hagen (Germany), Dieter Engels (German astronomer), Bruce Gagnon (Maine). Zoom webinar link:

Meeting ID: 883 4842 4885 Passcode: 726090

Monday, 4 October 7.30pm

Refugees Not Welcome Here? Implications of the Nationality and Borders Bill The Bill is currently being considered by Parliament. What does it mean for people fleeing persecution, torture and war? What are the implications for refugees? And for our country? Hear from Thangam Debbonaire, MP, Shadow Leader of the House of Commons, Sile Reynolds, Senior Policy Advisor at Freedom from Torture and a member of One Strong Voice who has direct lived experience of the UK immigration or asylum system. Followed by an opportunity to ask your questions. Organised by Bristol and Bath Freedom from Torture. Reserve your free ticket [here](#)

Monday, 4 October 7.30pm

Stop the Rights Raid: Ask the Experts The UK government are trying to introduce new laws and make changes to existing ones that will result in less freedom for ordinary people, more power for people in authority, and even greater inequality in our society. These changes will also make it harder for you to stand up for yourself if your human rights are being abused. And on top of that, in many cases it will be society's most vulnerable people who are the worst hit by the changes. Our freedoms are under attack from all angles: this is a raid on our rights. If you're still not sure what all this means in practice, you're not alone. Join our Ask the Experts Panel to hear about threats to the Human Rights Act and two Bills currently going through parliament - The Policing Bill and The Borders Bill. This event will be hosted by Amnesty International UK for the 'Stop the Rights Raid' Week of Action in partnership with Equally Ours, Stonewall, Liberty, The End Violence Against Women Coalition, The British Institute of Human Rights, The Quakers, The Humanists and Freedom from Torture. To register click [here](#)

Monday, 4 October **Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi**, patron Saint of the environment and close of the Season of Creation

Wednesday, 6 October 7pm

Green Christian online workshop with the theme **"Preaching the Climate Crisis: Talking about the difficult issues"** – introduced by Andii Bowsher. To book, click [here](#).

Thursday, 7 October 7pm

'New Nuclear: What's at stake for Wildlife?' On the possible impacts of planned and existing nuclear energy facilities on local wildlife in the UK. With Jonathon Porritt, former director of Friends of the Earth; Craig Bennett, CEO of The Wildlife Trust; and others. Organised by Greater Manchester & District CND, Nuclear Free Local Authorities, Beyond Nuclear, and Chernobyl Children's Project UK. Ffi and registration click [here](#):

Friday, 8 October to 10pm - Saturday, 9 October, 7am
St Stephen's Church, BS1 1EQ

Big news! We're bringing our sponsored **Sleep Out** back to a carpark near you. That's right – we're inviting you to join us IN PERSON, to sleep out for one night so that women can find safety from the streets. The Sleep Out has always been a much loved event, with many people reflecting on what an eye-opener it is to take part in. We only have 20 places to fill and we hope they will go fast. So please make sure you grab yours today – do it now – to avoid disappointment. To register: Click [Here](#)

Saturday, 9 October 9.45am – 3.30pm

Saying Yes to Life - a Day Conference devoted to our care of the environment. This is a day of inspiration and encouragement through talks and workshops on the theme of building our awareness and care of the environment. The keynote speaker is Dr Ruth Valerio, an Environmentalist and theologian, social activist and author. She is the Director of Global Advocacy and Influencing at Tearfund, based in the UK. She was previously Churches and Theology Director at A Rocha UK, during which time she launched the Eco Church scheme. A more detailed programme and a list of available workshops to choose from during the day (one in the morning and one after lunch) will be sent to you by email in, giving you the opportunity to choose your preferences in good time. Click [here](#) to book.

Sunday, 10 October **Homeless Sunday**

The theme for this year is ' **The post-pandemic Church response to homelessness, in 2022 and beyond**' and serves to give churches an opportunity to reflect upon and raise awareness of homelessness issues. Housing Justice have provided lots of downloadable resources, available [here](#)

Sunday, 10 October **World Mental Health Day** wfmh.global

Sunday, 10 October **Prisoners' Sunday** prisonadvice.org.uk

Sunday, 10 to Saturday, 16 October **Prisons Week** prisonsweek.org

Sunday, 10 to Sunday, 17 October **Week of Prayer for World Peace**
weekofprayerforworldpeace.co.uk

Monday, 11 to Sunday, 17 October **Challenge Poverty Week**

An opportunity to highlight the incredible work being done by community groups around the country, and to show what can and must be done differently. It's an opportunity for voices that are often ignored to be heard loud and clear. It's a chance to focus attention on the need to tackle poverty – and to show the immense difference we could make to our society if we do. For resources, go to challengepoverty.co.uk

Monday, 11 to Sunday, 24 October **UN Biodiversity Conference** Zoom followed by in-person, April/May 2022, China [UN Biodiversity Conference \(COP 15\) China](#)

Tuesday, 12 October 5-6pm

Journeying from Despair to Hope. Prisons Week Online Event. Arundel and Brighton, Clifton and Plymouth Dioceses would like to invite you to explore the challenges facing prisoners and their families and how we can get involved in our parishes. Prisoners and their families are often some of the most socially excluded people in our society. This event will offer an opportunity to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners and their families and to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Speakers include: Canon Paul Douthwaite, National Catholic Chaplain for Prisons at Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales; Andy Keen-Downs, Chief Executive Prison Advice and Care Trust. Participants will receive advice on practical steps that parishes can implement and information on voluntary organisations helping prisoners and their families. Please register your attendance [here](#)

Wednesday, 13 October 4:00 – 5:30pm

School Exclusions The seventh workshop in the Series organised by the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) on Diversity, Inequality and Racism in the UK – A Challenge for Catholic Education. This Workshop will include a main presentation by Asha Sidhu, examining the Timpson Review (May 2019), ethnic minorities, alternative provision, and the impact of exclusion on pupils, families and communities. A second speaker will reflect briefly on how the Catholic community might support all concerned. Ffi and to register, please contact CARJ, 9 Henry Rd, London N4 2LH, 020 88028080, 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.

Friday, 15 to Monday, 18th October

Living Laudato Si': Your Planet and Your Parish

The weekend will provide a great opportunity for people in our parishes to find out and share ideas about how to be part of an 'ecological conversion' throughout their Diocese, something Pope Francis called us to in Laudato Si'. Shared projects are also a great way of getting the parish together and of bringing in young people, and people who are not already involved with the Church. The weekend of zoom sessions is designed to be compatible with work and with Sunday Mass commitments, as well as some time out! For more details, email Sr Margaret Atkins on margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

Saturday, 16 October 10.00am - 4.30pm

Synodality: A Path for Renewing both the Church and Society. ACTA 8th National Conference. Speakers: Sr Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ, Director of Religious Life Institute and Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge; Dr Peter Coughlan, former Under-Secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Laity. Dr Pat Jones, former Assistant General Secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Fr Philip Inch, Joint Moderator of the Liverpool Synod 2020. Register your interest [here](#)

Sunday, 17 October

3.30pm

Bristol Cathedral, College Green, Bristol BS

An Anti-Slavery service, to mark Anti-Slavery Day (see below). The Clewer Initiative and Mothers' Union have been working alongside the Cathedral to organise the service, which will be followed by tea and cake.

Monday, 18 October **Anti-Slavery Day** provides an opportunity to raise awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery, and encourage government, local authorities, companies, charities and individuals to do what they can to address the problem. It was created by the Anti-Slavery Day Act, a Private Members Bill introduced by Anthony Steen CBE, now Chair of the Human Trafficking Foundation. [Further information](#)

Sunday, 17 to Saturday, 23 October **One World Week** This year's theme is **Act Now For Our Children's World**. In the meantime, don't wait for OWW! Use every opportunity to promote awareness about the UN Conference on Climate Change (COP26) scheduled for Nov 2021, hosted by the UK in Glasgow) and to take action NOW to reduce climate change. <https://www.oneworldweek.org/>

20 October 2021, 6.00 - 7.30pm

Cabot Institute Annual Lecture: **COP26 - are you paying attention? What outcomes do we need to see at this year's United Nations climate talks (COP26) that haven't happened in previous years?** With Mya-Rose Craig (Birdgirl), young birder, naturalist, environmentalist & writer; Journalist Leo Hickman, Director and Editor of Carbon Brief; Alyssa Gilbert, Director of Policy and Translation at the Grantham Institute for Climate Change & the Environment, and Chair of the COP26 Universities Network. Cabot Institute Associate Director and University of Bristol lead on COP26, Professor Paul Bates CBE FRS, will be chairing the event. We will discover the different perspectives and analyses of our speakers. From youth and justice, to journalism and government, we will hear what they think we should be looking out for and paying attention to at this year's event and what we really need to see happen. [Get your free ticket](#) for this official pre-COP26 event.

Join us for what will be a fascinating and inspiring talk in the run up to COP26. We look forward to seeing you there.

20 October

7.30 pm - 9 pm

Great Hall, Wills Memorial Building, Queen's Road, Bristol, BS8 1 QE

How do we build an open, tolerant and inclusive city? The Mayor's state of the city address 2021. Following on from what has been another challenging year, how ready is Bristol to recover? What have been the lessons learned about Bristol's response to COVID-19 and how will these help build the future inclusive city? Can Bristol continue to move forward in creating an open and tolerant city that uses its past to help create a better place? What lessons can we learn from other places? What are the threats facing Bristol and what are the opportunities? And what messages do Bristol want to send to COP26? Caleb Parkin (City Poet) and Alice Towle (Youth Mayor) open the event. After delivering his State of the City Address, Mayor Marvin Rees joins a panel with Ian Goldin (author most recently of *Rescue: From Global Crisis to a Better World*), Sado Jirde (director, Black South West Network), writer, broadcaster and musician Musa Okwonga, and Liz Zeidler (Centre for Thriving Places). The panellists will debate policy needs for cities coming out of the pandemic as well as questions from the audience. Book your free tickets for this event [here](#)

Saturday 23, October

11am

Clifton Cathedral, Clifton Park, Bristol, BS8 3BX

Clifton Climate Liturgy Bishop Declan is inviting us all, as the community of Clifton Diocese, to join him in celebrating God's creation. Each one of us has talents to bring to the care of our common home, whether beginning our journey or if we have been working for climate

justice for some time. Come and meet others to find out what you can do and to share ideas and experiences. Bring families and friends - all are welcome!

Saturday, 30 October

1.30pm

[Alexandra Park](#), Bath

An invitation to join singers and choirs from in & around Bath to sing "What a wonderful World". This autumn **Music Declares Emergency** will be inviting choirs across the UK to sing a message to the world, during COP26 - the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. Music Declares Emergency aim to place action on climate at the heart of public thinking by mobilising choir networks across the UK to create the largest musical event ever seen in the UK. At the end of October choirs across the nation will perform the iconic Louis Armstrong song 'What A Wonderful World' arranged by acclaimed choir leader Mark De-Lisser. Ffi and to sign up click [here](#)

Sunday, 24 to Saturday 30 October **UN Disarmament Week**

The annual observance of Disarmament Week begins on the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, was called for to highlight the danger of the arms race, propagate the need for its cessation and increase public understanding of the urgent tasks of disarmament.

[Further information](#)

To Do PRAY alone, with your friends and family or as a community for the success of COP26 and the negotiations that are going on ahead of the Conference. Pray and Fast for the Climate have produced material for a [Prayer Vigil for COP26](#), CAFOD has a [Novena](#) to St Francis and Green Christian have prayer resources [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 J