

Justice & Peace Link May 2024

National Justice and Peace Network Publications The current issue of the NJPN Newsletter is available [here](#) , the Summer issue of the MouthPeace [here](#) and the NW NJPN Justice and Peace E Bulletin May 2024 [here](#).

There is still time to book for the **NJPN Conference 2024**, entitled '**Just Politics**' (July 19 -23). See 'Advance Notice' below for more details.

Events

Saturday, 1 to Sunday, 9 June

Across the Bristol and Bath region.

Festival of Nature 2024 For a full programme of events click [here](#)

From Saturday, 1 June

Bristol Refugee Festival For a programme of events, from cooking to football to music and dance click [here](#)

Saturday, 1 June **Pray and Fast for the Climate** is celebrated by Christians around the world usually on the first day of the month but the prayer points are available for use on a day of your choosing [here](#)

Saturday, 1 June

Meet 12.00 noon on College Green, Bristol BS1 5UY

United For Gaza March and Rally. Bring banners and placards. Speakers include Huda Ammori - founder of Palestine Action.

Tuesday, 4 June 2-3pm

Webinar: **What can church land do for nature?** A Rocha UK is supporting churches to care for God's creation on their own land or neighbouring land as part of their core mission. Its CEO Andy Atkins, Head of Eco Church Helen Stephens will be speaking. Ffi and to book your ticket [here](#)

Wednesday, 5 June **World Environment Day**

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day>

Wednesday, 5 June 7pm

Green Christian online workshop Looking at the LOAF principles - **The "A" of LOAF, ANIMAL - FRIENDLY – has the church made any progress?** Joyce D'Souza, the former CEO (and still a member) of Compassion in World Farming, and author of Animal Welfare in World Religion, explains.

Thursday, 6 June

2.00-6.30 pm

Bush House, London and online *Hybrid event*

Balfour Project Annual Conference '**Peace With Justice – How To Get There**'. The participants in our Parliamentary Panel chaired by Sir Vincent Fean, Balfour Project Trustee: Wayne David, MP (Shadow FCDO Minister for MENA region; Labour) Lord Purvis of Tweed (Foreign Affairs Spokesman, House of Lords, LibDem) Brendan O'Hara, MP (Shadow Foreign Affairs Spokesman, SNP) Kit Malthouse MP (Conservative) Plus, there will be contributions from Adam Sutcliffe, Senior Lecturer in European History, Department of History, King's College London. General admission including reception after the conference: £15 Online access: FREE, Students/Jobseekers: £8. Book tickets [here](#)

Thursday 6 June, 2-3pm,

'Why Green Investment: A Look at the Science & Theology'. Webinar arranged by Operation Noah and Just Money Movement. Speakers will include Dr Martin Hodson – a plant scientist, environmental biologist and visiting researcher at Oxford Brookes University – and Revd Margot Hodson, a vicar in Oxford Diocese and co-author of several books, including, A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues (written with Martin Hodson). Register [here](#)

Saturday, 8 to Sunday, 16 June

Great Big Green Week The UK's biggest annual celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Get involved by attending an event in your local area, or by sharing online how you're taking action. Ffi and local events at [Great Big Green Week](#)

Friday, 7 June

6.30pm Palestine Museum and Cultural Centre, 27 Broad Street, Bristol, BS1 2HG

Film: **Gaza Surf Club** Tickets are £10-25 or pay what you can afford to raise as much money as possible from this event. All profits from ticket sales will be donated to Medical Aid for Palestinians. Ffi and to buy tickets, click [here](#)

Monday, 10 June 12.45-2pm

Southern Dioceses Environment Network monthly webinar. **Preparing for the Season of Creation** Recordings of previous meetings are available [here](#). All are welcome; book via [Eventbrite](#)

Wednesday, 12 June

7.30 - 9.30pm

Bath Abbey Bath BA1 1LT

Soul in the System with Sarah Bachelard. Meditation or mindfulness practice is often promoted as a way of helping us cope better with the demands of daily life. Meditation is said to build resilience and reduce anxiety, and so it does. But at what point does 'coping' become 'colluding'? If we're asked to work in unjust systems, or to live in an inhuman way, should we be learning to adapt ourselves to such demands? This talk explores the notion of 'mysticism as resistance' and asks how contemplative practice and community might empower souls to transform, and not simply survive, the system. A suggested donation of £12 - £15 can be made on arrival at Bath Abbey to cover WCCM costs. Students £5 with student card. All are welcome, pay what you can afford. Ffi and to book a ticket [here](#)

Thursday, 13 June 1pm-1.30pm

Climate prayer by zoom run by Cheltenham Laudato Si Circle – usually with guest prayer leaders. Open to all. Request the link cheltlaudatosicircle@gmail.com

Monday, 17 to Sunday, 23 June **Refugee Week** This year's theme is "Our Home". From the places we gather to share meals to our collective home, planet earth: everyone is invited to celebrate what our Our Home means to them. See [Refugee Week – 17 – 23 June 2024](#)

Monday, 17 to Sunday, 23 June **Better Transport Week** Whether you're a bus user, a rail passenger or a fan of the tram... whether you walk or wheel, cycle or car-share... if you care about transport, Better Transport Week is for you! For more information, click [here](#)

Monday, 17 to Monday, 24 June **Global Week of Action on Nuclear Spending** Vast sums of money are spent on nuclear arsenals around the world (\$82.9 billion in 2022, new figures coming out in June 2024). To find out more, click [here](#)

Monday, 17 June 6 -7.15 pm

How Christians welcome refugees? Stories from Beirut and Bristol A webinar organised by Embrace the Middle East. Many of Embrace's partners are involved in welcoming and supporting

refugees – often in far more challenging social and economic conditions than in the UK. Speakers will include Catherine Mourtada from Embrace’s partner Tahaddi in Lebanon, and Dan Green, co-founder and director of Bristol-based charity, Bridges for Communities. We’ll be asking Dan and Catherine about the joys and challenges they face in their work, and the role their faith plays. We’ll also learn about some of the bigger-picture issues facing people who have been forced to flee their homes. There’ll be an opportunity for Q+A’s. Register [here](#)

Tuesday, 18 June

Deadline to **register to vote in the General Election** if you aren’t already registered [here](#)

Wednesday, 19 June 7pm

Joy in Enough workshop – **The Affluent and the Climate & Nature Crises: a focus for advocacy and hope** – A talk by Ian Christie of the Centre for Understanding Sustainable Prosperity (CUSP). Ian Christie writes.....“The climate crisis and the destruction of biodiversity affect the poor and vulnerable of the world disproportionately. And the rise in greenhouse gas emissions and large-scale development are driven disproportionately by the interests, decisions and values of the most affluent people on Earth. This means, among hundreds of millions of people, ME. If we are to get near to a tolerable stabilisation of the climate system and the beginnings of nature recovery, we need the support, resources and commitment of the affluent and the very wealthy, or at least of a critical mass of such people, worldwide and especially in the West. However, this means that such people need to undergo a process of what the Pope has called ecological conversion, embracing a greater contribution to the common good and willingly making what will feel to them like sacrifices of money, time and consumption. How can this happen? I don’t know – but I have a few ideas.” Zoom registration [here](#)

Thursday, 20 June

7.30 pm - 9.00 pm

Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, 16-18 Queen Square Bath BA1 2HN *Hybrid Event*
How can plastics be recycled? A talk by Dr Helen Liang How do we use material resources sustainably and without damaging the environment? Dive into the intricate world of plastic recycling! In this talk, Dr Helen Liang, CTO of local tech start-up LabCycle, explains the problems and introduces us to a particular case study. Unravel the challenges stemming from diverse compositions, contamination hurdles, and economic intricacies. Her talk celebrates progress and sheds light on the road ahead, using plastic recycling in the research and healthcare sectors as a vivid example. Join us in shaping a sustainable future! Ffi and tickets (£3-£6) click [here](#)

Thursday, 20 June 1-2pm.

The Green Investment Declaration: How to join the movement The Green Investment Declaration aims to support Churches and other faith institutions to increase their investment in climate solutions, and also to encourage others to do the same by communicating this publicly. Operation Noah and friends at JustMoney Movement will lead an interactive session exploring this initiative, and how to take your next steps into impact investing. Register [here](#)

Saturday, 22 June

Creation Cries Out Ecumenical Service 11am - 12 noon

Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, 114 Mount Street London W1K 3AH

After the service join the Restore Nature Now mass demonstration gathering at Park Lane, London, W1K, between midday and 1pm. **Restore Nature Now March** - A lawful, family-friendly event of celebration and protest, organised by Green Christian, Christian Climate Action, RSPB, The Wildlife Trusts, National Trust, WWF-UK and around 200 other non-governmental organisations. More information [here](#)

Wednesday, 26 June You’ll need to apply by 5pm to get a **Voter Authority Certificate** for the General Election on 4 July 2022. Check if you have accepted photo ID and, if not, apply [here](#)

Thursday, 27 June 1pm-1.30pm

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Advance notice

Friday, 19 to Sunday, 21 July Hayes Centre, Swanwick, DE55 1AU The NJPN 46th Annual Conference **Just Politics** building on the work of the past two years' conferences this conference will seek to explore the need for truth and integrity in the public place. For more information and a booking form 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