



# JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN

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Welcome to the e-Bulletin from the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. Please send Events for inclusion to [justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk). The deadline for the next e-Bulletin is 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### Three Actions for the Summer of Climate Justice:

**1) As part of CAFOD's G7 Youth Delegation, Caitlin Boyle, Caritas Westminster's Information Officer, spent the weekend 11-13 June in Cornwall.**

Caitlin writes: For as long as I can remember, I have been interested in campaigning for social justice, a key factor in why I wanted to work for Caritas Westminster, the social action agency of the Diocese of Westminster. We arrived in Cornwall on Thursday evening, and hosted an interfaith service at Truro Cathedral ... [read full article on the Caritas website](#)



CAFOD Young Adult G7 Campaigners

**2) The Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) is an action-focused community of young Christians in the UK aged 18-30, from different denominations, choosing to follow Jesus in the pursuit of climate justice. The YCCN has organised a 1,000+ mile relay pilgrimage from Carbis Bay in Cornwall, where the G7 summit took place, up to Glasgow, where COP26 will be meeting in November. The walkers want to see systematic change on a global and a local scale.**

Molly Clarke, who walked the first day, said: "Our Relay is about rising to the moment. This year, with COP26 happening on our doorstep, is an opportunity like no other to call for change. Taking part in our pilgrimage was the most wonderful, once-in-a-lifetime experience, and I urge everyone to get involved..." [read full article on Independent Catholic News website](#)

**3) Care of Creation Briefings take place online 1.00-1.45pm every Monday and will continue in the lead-up to the UN Climate Conference COP26 in Glasgow, 1-12 November 2021.**

Colette Joyce and Nali Nathan report: Passionate social justice activists from across London and the South-East of England have been coming together on Zoom every Monday lunchtime in 2021 to pray, share ideas, and take unified action for Climate Justice. They discuss all aspects of Care of Creation including preventing habitat loss, protecting biodiversity, eliminating waste, promoting sustainable development, global racial justice, Live Simply Parishes, Journey to 2030, communicating with clergy, parishioners and bishops, and building ecumenical and interfaith partnerships. The Monday Briefings bring together Catholics from five dioceses – Arundel & Brighton, Brentwood, Portsmouth, Southwark and Westminster... [read full report on the Westminster Justice & Peace Commission website](#)



## DIARY OF EVENTS 2021

### London & South East Lunchtime Briefings on Catholic Environment & Climate Action

Every Monday Lunchtime in 2021 - 1.00-1.45pm on Zoom - open to all

Full details on [website](#)

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**13<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> November: Young Christian Climate Network Relay (YCCN) – from the G7 in Cornwall to COP26 in Glasgow.** Ecumenical relay led by 18-30s. Older adults and accompanied children can join in support. Join walkers along the route for a day or more. Residencies in 10 cities along the way, including London 5-8 Aug. Sign up to walk or offer support along the way - <https://www.yccn.uk/> Follow on Twitter @YCCNetwork

**26<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> July: London Climate Action Week – Harnessing the Power of London for Global Climate Action.** Talks, events and workshops from dozens of organisations including businesses, educational institutes, political, charitable, faith-based and cultural groups. <https://www.londonclimateactionweek.org/events>

**1<sup>st</sup> July: CAFOD Volunteers Mass, 7.30pm** – Celebrated by Fr Mark Odion, CAFOD trustee. Online. [https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Volunteers-Mass?utm\\_bmc\\_r\\_source=Social](https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Volunteers-Mass?utm_bmc_r_source=Social)

**5<sup>th</sup> July: Pax Christi, Nonviolence – Responding to the Cry of the Earth, 7.00-8.30pm.** Online Zoom meeting. Join Pax Christi's Peace Education Officer, Aisling Griffin, in conversation with Christina Leano, GCCM Associate Director. <https://t.co/Ku3hiC6XHD?amp=1>

**12<sup>th</sup> July: Christian CND 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 7pm** – Evening of talks, workshops and memories. Speakers include Marie Dennis, Senior Advisor at Pax Christi International, on Vatican support for nuclear disarmament and role on RC Church in next stage of campaigning <https://t.co/Ny7INptP3G>

**18<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Walk With Amal in UK** - At the heart of *The Walk* is 'Little Amal', a 3.5 metre-tall puppet of a young refugee girl, created by the acclaimed Handspring Puppet Company. Representing all displaced children, Little Amal will travel over 8,000km embodying the urgent message "Don't forget about us." Experience the journey of Amal as she travels from the Syria-Turkey border to safety in the UK. <https://www.walkwithamal.org> Follow on Twitter: @walkwithamal

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> July: National Justice and Peace Network Annual Conference – Action for Life on Earth 2021, The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, DE55 1AU.** Profound ecological conversion is becoming essential for the very survival of life on earth. With Lorna Gold, Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, Mark Rotherham, Lord Deben & Bishop John Arnold. Liturgy Facilitator: Colette Joyce. Chair: Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD. Workshops. [Booking details on the NJPN website.](#)

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> August: YCCN Relay** - reaches Dioceses of Westminster and Southwark. Reading - London leg. Overnight stops include Ashford, Twickenham and Clapham. Support needed includes additional walkers (one day or more) and people to meet & greet along the route. Sign up at: [YCCN Relay](#)



**5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August: YCCN Relay London Residency** - Opportunities to meet up with the YCCN relay for climate actions in London. Events planned at St Paul's Cathedral, St James Piccadilly and All Hallows. <https://www.yccn.uk/>

**9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August: YCCN Relay** - crosses Diocese of Westminster. London – Oxford leg. Overnight stops include Muswell Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Tring and Watford. Join Colette Joyce, J & P Co-ordinator as she walks this leg for climate justice. Support needed includes additional walkers (one day or more) and people to meet & greet along the route. Sign up to help at: [YCCN Relay](#)

**6<sup>th</sup> August: Hiroshima Day.** Details from Pax Christi website.

**9<sup>th</sup> August: Nagasaki Day.** Details from Pax Christi website.

**9<sup>th</sup> August, 6:30pm: Franz Jaggerstatter Service** - For further details please visit [Pax Christi](#)

**26<sup>th</sup> August, 3.30-5pm: Diocese of Westminster Quarterly Meeting of Homeless Projects.** Online. An opportunity for all parish and school homelessness projects to meet together, share best practice and ideas, receive training and agree main advocacy issues. [Register with Caritas](#)

**1<sup>st</sup> September – 4 October: Season of Creation.** Theme - 'A Home for All'. Diocesan Season of Creation Video Competition for all schools and parishes [Deadline for entries 1<sup>st</sup> October.](#)

**5<sup>th</sup> September: Climate Sunday** Worship and Services for the Climate can be held any Sunday between now and 5<sup>th</sup> September, culminating in a national event at Glasgow Cathedral. For further details please see <https://www.climatesunday.org>

**5<sup>th</sup> September: Circular Tree Walk from Westminster Cathedral. 3-5pm** - with Colette Joyce, Justice & Peace Co-ordinator. [Book on Eventbrite](#)

**14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September: Pax Christi – DSEI Arms Fair in London.** Action being planned.

**18<sup>th</sup>– 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> November: United Nations Climate Conference of Parties 26 (COP26)** - Scottish Events Campus, Glasgow, UK. Follow all the developments on the website <https://ukcop26.org/>



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