



JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 2021

Welcome to the e-Bulletin from the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. Please send Events for inclusion to justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk. The deadline for the next e-Bulletin is 27th September 2021.



The Season of Creation 1st September – 4th October

Theme: A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we're awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation. The Season of Creation unites the world's 2.2 billion Christians around one shared purpose. With so much injustice all around us, now is the time for Christians everywhere to come together and show the world how to love each other and creation.

Visit the Westminster Justice and Peace website for more information on celebrating the Season of Creation:

<https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/season-of-creation-1st-september-4th-october/>

Can you hold a Climate Sunday Mass or Ecumenical Service? Celebrate a traditional Harvest Festival? Say the Season of Creation prayer? Take further steps to decrease your carbon emissions? Plant trees or make wildlife-friendly improvements to your grounds or garden? Advocate for strong actions on climate change at COP26, 1st 12th November? Enter the Season of Creation Video Competition for schools and parishes? Reflect and connect more to nature? Every action, small or large, makes a difference!



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](#)

To join the Briefing or receive the weekly newsletter, please contact:

colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk / 07593 434905

13th June – 1st 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 walk in support. YCCN events in 10 cities along the way included London 5th -8th August. An Ecumenical Climate Prayer Service was held at Westminster Cathedral on Friday 6th August. Support the Relay for the rest of the journey! <https://www.yccn.uk/>. Follow on Twitter [@YCCNetwork](#)

1st September – 4 October: Season of Creation. Theme - 'A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God.' Celebrating our call to cherish and protect our common home. <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

4th September: March for life. Beginning with Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Horseferry Road at 9.30am, continuing with events throughout the day at the Emanuel Centre. Meeting at 1pm in Parliament Square for the march. <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/m4luk-2021-event-page/>

3rd-6th September: Living Laudato Si' Retreat Online from Boarbank Hall. Includes talks from Cardinal Vincent Nicholas and Bishop Paul Swarbrick. Voluntary donation. No fee for weekend. **Members of the Dioceses of Westminster and Lancaster are especially encouraged to attend.** To apply, simply email Sr Margaret Atkins margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

5th September: Circular Tree Walk from Westminster Cathedral. 3-5pm - with Colette Joyce, Justice & Peace Co-ordinator. Exploring the contribution of trees in the locality. [Book on Eventbrite](#)

5th September: 4pm Climate Sunday Nations online ecumenical service at Glasgow Cathedral. For further details please see <https://www.climatesunday.org>

9th September, 2-3.30pm: The Diocese of Westminster Refugee Network invites you to a Culture of Encounter with Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Meet refugees to hear their stories of their journey to the UK, their experience of the UK asylum system and their dreams, aspirations and successes since they have arrived here. Learn about how we can join together to influence government decision making at a very critical moment. Please register on Eventbrite: www.tinyurl.com/encounter9thSept or email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk

11th September, 11am-4pm: CAFOD Faith in Action Campaign Day. Join CAFOD for 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.

12th September: Ecumenical Service for the Season of Creation. 3pm at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington High Street, W8 6SA. Watch online: <https://www.ourladyofvictories.net/mass--confession.html>



13th September, 6.30-8.00pm: Pax Christi & Quakers – Vigil at DSEI Arms Fair. [Details](#)

14th September: Pax Christi & Quakers – All day action at DSEI Arms Fair in London. Meeting at 11am on 14th September at St Anne's Catholic Church, 1 Berwick Road, Custom House, London, E16 3DR (location tbc). <https://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/events-calendar/>

18th – 25th World Week for Peace in Israel and Palestine. [Pax Christi Resources](#)

18th– 26th 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.

23rd September, 6.00-7.30pm: Exploring Religious Tolerance in Nigeria, CAFOD Young Adult Event. Hosted by Nigerian students from a project CAFOD is supporting called Zaman Tare. Online or in-person at Romero House. [Register with Eventbrite](#). keastmond@cafod.org.uk

26th September: World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

27th September, 7-8pm: Westminster Justice & Peace Parish Contacts Meeting – update and discussion for all current parish representatives. Email colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk for more details.

1st October: CAFOD Family Fast Day. Collection on Sunday 3rd October.

1st October: Deadline for Diocese of Westminster Season of Creation Video Competition for all schools and parishes [Deadline for entries 1st October](#).

17th- 18th October: Faith for Climate Justice. A global multi-religious weekend of action. [Details](#)

23rd October: Little Amal in Central London - waking up on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral and being welcomed by many faith leaders <https://www.walkwithamal.org/events/amal-sees-the-city/>

25th October: Little Amal at Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral.

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

6th November: Global Day of Climate Action <https://cop26coalition.org/>



SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE:
Season of Creationtide



Isaiah 54:7-10

“For this is like the days of Noah to me, as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you and will not rebuke you. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you”.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/noah-and-creation-care/>