



JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN OCTOBER 2022

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 28th October 2022.

SEASON OF CREATION

"Listen to the Voice of Creation"

4 October Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
patron saint of ecology

May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth. May we recognise the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams.
Amen.

(Prayer from Fratelli Tutti)



REPORT FROM WESTMINSTER SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE FORUM 17TH SEPTEMBER

On Saturday, 17th September people from around the Diocese of Westminster joined Bishop Nicholas Hudson and Bishop Paul McAleenan for the Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum on Zoom. The theme of the forum was 'To Accompany Refugees', and took place on the weekend proceeding World Day of Migrants and Refugees (25th September). The Forum was chaired by Bishop Nicholas Hudson who underlined that this was an opportunity to explore what the response in the ecclesial community in Westminster has been... [Read the full report on our website](#)

WELCOME TO NEW COMMISSION MEMBER

Fr Dominic writes:

A warm welcome to Sr Carolyn Morrison ra, University Chaplain based at Newman House, to the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. We look forward to benefiting from Sr Carolyn's skills and experience. We hope to recruit more new members to the Commission in due course.

The current Commission members are: Fr Dominic Robinson SJ (Chair), Colette Joyce (Co-ordinator), Tony Sheen (CAFOD), John Coleby (Caritas), Sr Carolyn Morrison ra



DIARY OF EVENTS 2022

1st September – 4th October: Season of Creation - 'Listen to the Voice of Creation.' Find resources <https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/season-of-creation-1st-september-4th-october/>

3rd October, 5-6pm – Listen to the Voice of Creation: Pakistan – Archdiocese of Birmingham. Guest Speaker Columban Fr. Liam O'Callaghan will discuss the devastation caused by recent flooding in the Sindh province of Pakistan where he lives and works. On Zoom. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/listen-to-the-voice-of-creation-pakistan>

6th October, 6-7pm: Online Catholic Association for Racial Justice Lecture – Housing. Richard Zipfel and other speakers discuss recent policy developments on Housing, including the Government White Paper on the Private Rented Sector and the Social Housing Regulation Bill. There will also be an update on the Grenfell Enquiry. Free. Register with the CARJ Administrator at info@carj.org.uk

7th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Parish-fundraising>

7th-8th October: Green Christian Conference - Building back greener? Christian perspectives on the future of our economy, money and work. Friday 7pm, Zoom, with Paul Kingsnorth. Free. Saturday 10.15am-4.30pm, Priory Rooms, Birmingham, B4 6AF. Costs £10 to £30. Travel bursaries available for under 30s. <https://greenchristian.org.uk/conference2022/>

8th October, 10-11.30am: West London Justice and Peace Network, Guest Speaker Nigel Parker, Director of the Catholic Union of Great Britain – online local gathering for West London parishes. For details and the Zoom link contact Maggie Beirne maggiiebeirne@googlemail.com

8th October, 2pm: Celebrating 45 years of Caritas St Joseph's - Mass of Celebration at Westminster Cathedral. You are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate 45 years of the mission of Caritas St Joseph's – supporting those with intellectual disabilities both at the lifelong learning centre in Hendon, and in our communities. Followed by refreshments.

9th October: Prisoners Sunday – Resources and ideas to mark the day available from PACT <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/Pages/Category/markings-prisoners-sunday>

9th October: Homeless Sunday – Guidance for churches from Housing Justice <https://housingjustice.org.uk/homeless-sunday>

10th October, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Guest Speaker: Bishop John Arnold (Salford) [Register with Eventbrite](#)

15th October, 11am – 12.30pm: Community Climate Action. Part of the Bloomsbury Festival with Citizens UK. Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Ave, Holborn, WC2H 8EP. Speakers giving practical examples of steps to combat climate change include Colette Joyce. <https://bloomsburyfestival.org.uk/events/community-climate-action/>

17th–23rd October: Challenge Poverty Week England and Wales – [Toolkit](#)



17th October, 12.30-1.30pm: Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office with Westminster Justice & Peace and London Catholic Worker to pray for migrants seeking safe passage to the UK. Contacts Barbara Kentish (J & P) barbarakentish@talktalk.net and Br Johannes Maertens (LCW) johanmaertens@hotmail.com

25th October, 7.30-9.30pm: Catholic People's Weeks Annual Autumn Online Lecture with Dr Carmody Grey - *Living in a Time of Crisis: Christianity and Ecological Catastrophe*. Dr Grey is Assistant Professor of Catholic Theology at Durham University and a visiting research fellow at Laudato Si Institute, Oxford. <https://catholicpeoplesweeks.org/events/annual-autumn-lecture-2022>

28th October, 7.30-9pm: Black History Month Lecture – Prof Anthony G Reddie ‘A Gospel of No Compromise in the Face of White Supremacy: The Legacy of James H. Cone.’ London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH <https://londonjesuitcentre.churchsuite.com/events/36fcmrcy>

29th October, 11am-2.30pm: CAFOD Faith in Action – Online event. Includes updates on transforming our food system campaign and finding out more about COP27. [Register in advance](#)

6th-18th November: COP27, United Nations Climate Conference - Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. <https://cop27.eg/>

10th November, 7-9pm: Justice & Peace Parish Contacts meeting – with Bishop Nicholas Hudson. Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Also on Zoom. Representatives sought from every parish. Contact Colette on colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk for details.

12th November, 11am-4pm: National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Networking Day – Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Rd, London, SE1 7JB. Open to all.

12th November: 10.30am-5.00pm: Firm Foundations in a Cost-of-Living Crisis. All Saints College, 75 St Charles Square, W10 6EL. Caritas Westminster will explore responses to the crisis. Open to all from Diocesan parishes, schools and projects. An opportunity to hear from some of the organisations who are here to help. +Workshops. Free, with light lunch provided. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/firm-foundations-in-a-cost-of-living-crisis-tickets-422656796857>

14th November, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Register with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/366836847887>

17th November, 6.30pm: Diocese of Westminster ‘Love in Action’ Volunteering Awards – Westminster Cathedral Hall. Nominations open until 8th September 2022. [More details](#)

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