



JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 2022

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Listen to the Voice of Creation SEASON OF CREATION 2022

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The celebrations run from **1 September**, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to **4 October**, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

This year we are uniting around the theme, *“Listen to the Voice of Creation.”*

The Psalmist declares:

“The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge...their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the Earth and their words to the end of the world.” (Ps19: 1-4)

WESTMINSTER SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE FORUM 17TH SEPT, 10AM-1PM

[All are invited](#) to join Bishops Nicholas Hudson and Paul McAleenan to explore our Diocesan response to refugees. Guest speakers giving input and facilitating discussion will include:

Megan Knowles: Communications and Development Manager at the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) - Megan manages a team of staff and volunteers responsible for raising awareness and amplifying the voices and experiences of refugees, which can lead to positive changes in their lives. Megan also leads on fundraising at JRS and her varied role takes her across the UK speaking to schools, parishes and communities about the work of JRS and the importance of welcoming refugees in our own communities.

Teresa Clarke: St Bartholomew’s Church, St Albans, Herts - There are 140 asylum seekers housed near St Albans and the ecumenical group of South St Albans Churches has been organising English conversation groups for some of them since January 2022. These groups have led to closer links with St Albans Cathedral and Greenwood United Reformed Church. They have developed networks with other organisations, such as the Jesuit Refugee Service, Herts Welcomes Refugees and the local MP’s office, and look forward to sharing their learning.





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 September: Annual [March for Life](#) in London on the theme "**10 Million Too Many**", referring to the number of abortions carried out in the UK since the 1967 Act. From 10.30am: Events at The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street. 11am: Mass - St George's Cathedral, Southwark. 2pm: March.

3rd September, 4.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network - Mass for the Season of Creation. Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. Followed by refreshments and displays from all the represented dioceses in the Arrupe Hall. Everyone welcome.

10th September, 10.30am-12.30pm: CAFOD Online Talk with guest speaker Catherine Ogolla, CAFOD country representative from Kenya. [Register here](#)

12th September, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Shanon Shah (Faith for the Climate) Register with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/366821582227>

12th – 16th September: Citizens UK, Still Small Voice - a residential 5-day retreat - at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, OX44 9EX for community organisers, both new and experienced. £500 residential, £250 non-residential. [Book a place](#)

14th September, 5.30-7pm: War in Ukraine - Consequences for Ecumenism. Catholic Institute of Paris. Free. Simultaneous translation in French and English. <https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/billets-guerre-en-ukraine-consequences-pour-loecumenisme-382840846277>

14th September, 6.30-8.30pm: Refugee Hosting Information Session for the Diocese of Westminster. Online. Facilitated by the Jesuit Refugee Service, who run the 'At Home' hosting scheme. <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/refugee-hosting-information-session-1383.php>

15th September, 11am-4pm: Outing to Kew Gardens with Colette Joyce & Fr Dominic Robinson SJ. Visit the [Food Forever](#) exhibition in the morning with time to explore the gardens in the afternoon. Prayer to begin and end. Purchase own tickets and meet inside the ticket barriers at the Victoria Gate. Bring a picnic or buy food in the café. Contact Colette to let her know you are coming on colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk or 07593 434905.

15th-22nd September: Week of Prayer for Peace in Palestine & Israel "Faith, Hope and Love in Action: Towards Justice in Israel Palestine" <https://tinyurl.com/3fddjupi>
<https://paxchristi.org.uk/campaigns/israel-and-palestine/> <https://www.oikoumene.org/events/world-week-for-peace-in-palestine-and-israel>

17th September, 10am-1pm: Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum – 'To Accompany Refugees.' St Aloysius, Euston, NW1 1TA. Hosted by Bishops Nicholas Hudson and Paul McAleenan. Input and discussion with Megan Knowles (JRS), St Alban's Hostel Visiting Group and others. Open to everyone in the Diocese with an interest in supporting migrants and asylum seekers in these difficult times. Free. [Register with Eventbrite](#)



19th September, 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

19th September, 6.30-8.30pm: Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture. Speaker Baroness Hollins "Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe - Insights from the Vatican." University of Notre Dame, 1 Suffolk Street, London, SW1Y 4HG. All welcome. Free to attend. Followed by a Drinks Reception. [Register for in-person with Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/#!/event/123456789) Livestream <https://youtu.be/hZH7dsSqP4c>

20th September: Green Christian 'Deep Waters' online programme begins. An 8-week faith-based course to enable people to express their feelings about climate change and biodiversity loss. <https://borrowedtime.earth/programmes-of-mutual-support/deep-waters-programme/>

21st September, 2.30pm: CAFOD Westminster In-person Volunteers Meeting - Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London, N14 4HE. With guest speaker Jack Ellinas from the Communications Team, who recently visited CAFOD's work in Kenya. [Register here](#)

22nd September – 7th November: Walk2COP27 – Download the app today to take part in a day or more of this virtual walk to the next UN Climate Conference in Egypt <https://www.walk2cop27.com/>

23rd September: Together with Refugees National Day of Action – Fill the Skies with Hope. Make origami heart shaped orange plane/s (see [video](#)) with a message to the PM and send them via your MP. Westminster J & P is a member of the coalition. <https://togetherwithrefugees.org.uk/>

24th September, 10.30am-4pm: National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Networking Day 'Welcoming the Stranger in a Hostile Environment'– Hosted by Hexham and Newcastle Diocese. Quaker Meeting House, 6 Skinnergate, Darlington, DL3 7TG [Details](#)

24th September – 2nd October: Great Big Green Week. The Climate Coalition – [Step up for climate, nature and people](#)

25th September: World Day of Migrants and Refugees [Message from Pope Francis](#)

25th September, 5.30pm: International Mass for World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Westminster Cathedral.

26th September, 12.30-2.30pm: Walk2COP27 Townhall 2 – London. Online gathering. Check the website for details of how to join. Coming soon <https://www.walk2cop27.com/thejourney/london>

28th September-26 October, 7-8pm: 'Laudato Si', Politics, Theology and Beyond.' Wednesday evenings course at London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London. £50 suggested contribution <https://londonjesuitcentre.churchsuite.com/events/6wnvecht>

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, 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>

10th October, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – [Register with Eventbrite](#)

17th–23rd October: Challenge Poverty Week England and Wales - 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. <https://challengepoverty.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Challenge-Poverty-Week-England-Wales-2022-toolkit.pdf>

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7th-18th November: COP27, United Nations Climate Conference - Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. <https://cop27.eg/>

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

12th November, 11am-4pm: National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Networking Day – Zoom and/or London/South East area tbc. Open to all.

12th November: Save the date! Caritas Westminster are planning a free all-day conference on the cost of living crisis, open to representatives from all Diocesan parishes and schools. An opportunity to hear from some of the organisations who are here to help us all.

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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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