

JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN

AUGUST 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 August 2021.

Summer of Climate Justice Part 2:

1) The Diocese of Westminster has published a commitment to do its utmost to become carbon neutral by 2030 in its parishes and curial buildings. It has also expressed its commitment to working with schools to encourage them to follow the same path. The Diocesan plan focuses on 4 pillars:

- i) Clean Energy Sources – purchasing gas and electricity from green suppliers.
- ii) Investment Policy – promoting a path to decarbonisation.
- iii) Reducing Carbon Emissions - from energy usage in parishes and diocesan buildings.
- iv) Generating Clean Energy.

The announcement, made on 26th July 2021, is accompanied by more detail on the website here:

<https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/2021/07/27/westminster-diocese-committed-to-becoming-carbon-neutral-by-2030/>

and a short, six-minute video from Cardinal Vincent encouraging every parish, school and household to play their part:

<https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/2021/07/28/cardinal-vincent-speaks-on-the-road-to-carbon-neutrality/>



2) We welcome the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) Relay to Westminster Cathedral on Friday 6th August 2021 for a Climate Prayer Service at 3.30pm.

The service is preceded by lunch and a blessing at Farm Street Church, Mayfair, at 1pm, followed by a walk to Westminster Cathedral as part of the Relay. The route will take us through Berkeley Square, Green Park, St James Park and past Buckingham Place as a witness to climate justice and a call for action to our political and business leaders ahead of the G7 in Glasgow in November. All welcome to join us and show your support. Check the Diary Dates for sign up details.



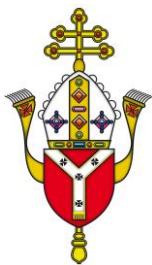
3) 200 activists gathered at the Annual Justice & Peace Conference at the Hayes in Swanwick, Derbyshire, for discussion and reflection on the theme 'Moment of Truth: Action for Life on Earth.' A strong contingent of around 20 participants took part from the Diocese of Westminster. Read the reports here:

<https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/2021/07/26/njpn-conference-report-taking-action-for-life-on-earth/>

4) The Global Catholic Climate Movement has changed its name to: Laudato Si' Movement

"[The] name now is not a corporate label; it is a prayer... When we name the movement now, every time we name it we're saying a prayer. Laudato Si', praise be the Creator."

– Cardinal Michael Czerny, Under-secretary of the Section for Migrants of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.



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:

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Young Christian Climate Network Relay (YCCN) – from the G7 in Cornwall to COP26 in Glasgow. 13th June – 1st November: 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](#)

3rd-5th 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](#)

5th-8th 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 Martin-in-the-Fields, Westminster Cathedral, St James Piccadilly and All Hallows. <https://www.yccn.uk/london>

Friday 6 August, 1.00-3.30pm: YCCN Climate Relay Lunch at Farm Street and Walk to Westminster Cathedral – Book at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/163375276851>

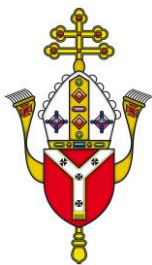
Friday 6 August, 3.30-4.00pm: Ecumenical Climate Prayer Service at Westminster Cathedral Welcoming the YCCN Relay – Book at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/163372454409>

6th August: Hiroshima Day, 11:00am-1:00pm Pax Christi witness will be hosted outside Westminster Cathedral for a vigil to commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima. All are welcome. For more information visit [Hiroshima and Nagasaki](#)

9th August: Nagasaki Day, 11:00am-1:00pm, Pax Christi England and Wales will be outside Westminster Cathedral for a vigil to commemorate the bombing of Nagasaki. All are welcome. For more information visit [Hiroshima and Nagasaki](#)

9th-15th August: YCCN Relay - crosses Diocese of Westminster. London – Oxford leg. Overnight stops include Muswell Hill, Borehamwood, Hemel Hempstead and Tring. 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 - <https://www.yccn.uk/>

9th August: 6:30pm, online: Franz Jaggerstatter Service – Pax Christi hosts the annual service commemorating his life. Please register in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/9wt527j2>. For further details please visit [Pax Christi](#)



Saturday 14th August, 12:00 noon. A mass to celebrate the 104th birthday of Archbishop Romero. Held at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, London SE1 7HY. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster and trustee of the Romero trust. All are welcome.

26th 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](#)

1st 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 1st October.](#)

3-6 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: Climate Sunday Worship and Services for the Climate can be held any Sunday between now and 5th September, culminating in a national online service at Glasgow Cathedral at 4pm. For further details please see <https://www.climatesunday.org>

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

14th – 17th September: Pax Christi – DSEI Arms Fair in London. Action being planned.

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 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/>



Visit the Laudato Si' Action Platform!

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/about/>

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