



# JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN

## October 2023

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 October 2023.

### Celebrating the Season of Creation

A whole host of activities have taken place around the Diocese this month, including an outdoor ecumenical service for Farm Street Church and Grosvenor Chapel; a litter pick around Our Lady of Fatima parish, White City; weekly themed flower arrangements featuring the 'river of justice and peace' at St Peter and Paul, Northfields; an Uxbridge parish trip to Church Gardens, Harefield; and a Justice & Peace outing to the 'Plants of Qur'an' exhibition in Kew Gardens. In addition, some 43 Westminster parishes and staff at Vaughan House signed the most recent CAFOD 'Fix the Food System' campaign over the course of the summer – 'Salina's letter' to the World Bank, calling for the rights of farmers to be protected to preserve and trade their own seed. This represents around 8,180 signatures. Thank you to everyone!

If you would like to share your events and photos from the Season of Creation, please write to [colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk)

During the month, Pope Francis announced that he has written 'Laudato Si' Part 2', a follow-up to his 2015 encyclical. The Apostolic Exhortation '**Laudate Deum**' will be launched on 4<sup>th</sup> October (details below) to close the Season of Creation, significantly placing the care of creation and concern for the poor, themes central to the life of St Francis, at the heart of the Synod in Rome which opens on the same day. We will be reflecting on all these developments over the course of the coming months.



### New Commission Members

A very warm welcome to Richard Harries, the new Director of Caritas Westminster, and to Beata Rozycka, recently appointed as CAFOD Westminster Community Participation Co-ordinator, who are joining the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission as representatives of Caritas and CAFOD respectively. We look forward to working closely with Richard and Beata on justice at home and abroad and benefitting from their insights and experience. All best wishes in your new roles!



## DIARY OF EVENTS

**1 September – 4 October: Season of Creation. ‘Let Justice and Peace Flow’** [Resources](#)

**Throughout October: Black History Month.** [More Details](#)

**4 October, 2pm – Close of the Season of Creation – Global Ecumenical Online Prayer Service.** [Watch on YouTube](#)

**4 October, 7-8pm : Presentation of the Apostolic Exhortation ‘Laudate Deum’.** Join the Laudato Si’ Movement for this webinar to launch Pope Francis’ widely anticipated follow-up to Laudato Si’. Click the link to get a reminder notification. [Watch on YouTube](#)

**4-29 October – First Session of the Synod in Rome.** <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

**School for Synodality – Free Webinar Series. Monday evenings 7.30pm.**  
<https://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/news/practicing-synodality-webinar-series>

2nd Oct **Thinking about power and trust - leading, facilitating and creating safe groups** Ciaran Beary, facilitation and leadership consultant, including for the UN.

9th Oct **Best and worst practices - learning on the way** Fr Matthew Nunes and Fr Phillip Inch, co-moderators of the Archdiocese of Liverpool Synod.

16th Oct **Discerning the signs of the times** – Maurício Lopez, Executive Secretary of CEAMA (Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon.)

30th Oct **The art of listening - hearing all the voices** - Sr Ngozie (Sierra Leone) and Sr Anthonia (DRP) in partnership with CAFOD.

6th Nov **Group discernment** - how do we know it's the Holy Spirit? TBC

13th Nov **Moving to action** – TBC

20th Nov **Becoming a synodal community** – Prof Anna Rowlands, Office for Synod, Vatican and Durham University.

**6 October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.** <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>

**7 October, 2-4.30pm: St Paul’s Cathedral – Where Your Treasure Is.** With Sarah Edwards, Executive Director of the JustMoney Movement. £10. <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/whats-on/where-your-treasure-christian-perspectives-money>

**8 October: Homeless Sunday.** This year’s theme is ‘love and justice’ <https://housingjustice.org.uk/>

**8 October, 3pm: Housing Justice Homeless Sunday Service.** St Mary’s Church, Upper Street, Islington, London N1 2TX at 3pm on 8th October. RSVP to [j.whitney@housingjustice.org.uk](mailto:j.whitney@housingjustice.org.uk)

**8 October: Prisoners Sunday –** [Find resources on the PACT website](#)

**9 October, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network - Synodality and the Care of Our Common Home.** Online meeting for prayer, sharing and networking on the Care of Creation. Attend as a one-off or participate regularly. [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)



**10 October, 5.30pm: 'Prisoners' Sunday' Mass - Westminster Cathedral.** Celebrant Bishop Paul McAleenan.

**11 October, 7-8.30pm – Westminster Justice and Peace Parish & Chaplaincy Contacts Meeting.** Synodal discussion. Online and at Vaughan House. Details from Colette Joyce (Westminster J & P Co-ordinator) [justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk)

**11 October, 6pm for 6.30pm: Catholic Union 'Pub Talk' series returns** with Professor Stephen Bullivant as guest speaker. The event will be taking place at the Windsor Castle in Victoria. [Book with Catholic Union](#)

**14 October, 11am-1pm: Let's End Poverty – Founding Assembly.** Join online or in Manchester, Liverpool, London, Nottingham, Cambridge, Newcastle, Leeds, Cardiff and Glasgow. London venue: Wesley's Chapel, 49 City Road, London EC1Y 1AU. [Let's End Poverty website](#)

**17 October, 6.30pm: Catholic Union webinar featuring Raymond Friel OBE** on his new book on Catholic Social Teaching. Online. [Book with Catholic Union](#)

**16 October, 12.30-1.30pm: Monthly Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office – Organised by Westminster Justice & Peace, London Catholic Worker and the London Churches Refugee Fund** to pray for migrants seeking safe passage to the UK. Marsham Street, SW1P4DF. Contact Barbara Kentish [barbarakentish@talktalk.net](mailto:barbarakentish@talktalk.net)

**16-22 October – Challenge Poverty Week.** [Download the Toolkit here](#)

**18 October, 2-3.30pm: Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group – Chapter 8 “Religions at the service of fraternity in our world.”** Monthly discussions on *Fratelli Tutti*, the encyclical on fraternity and social friendship by Pope Francis. Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, SW1 1EN. Contact John Woodhouse [woodhousesopten@btinternet.com](mailto:woodhousesopten@btinternet.com)

**18 October, 7-8.30pm: Christian Climate Action – An Evening with John Dear.** On Zoom. US-based Fr John Dear is an internationally recognised voice for peace and nonviolence. He has been arrested some 85 times for actions concerning peace. [More details and registration here](#)

**11 November, 11am-2pm: CAFOD young adults (18-30) gathering.** Pavilion venue. 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB. Free lunch and lots of info about climate action! [Find out more and register here](#)

**13 November, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Money.** Monthly online meeting for prayer, sharing and networking on the Care of Creation. Attend as a one-off or participate regularly. [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)

**18 November 10.30am – 2.30pm: CAFOD's annual Online 'Faith in Action' Conference.** Hear from CAFOD's partners in Bolivia and look ahead to the upcoming UN COP28 climate talks in the United Arab Emirates to discuss what urgent outcomes we need. (Fine to join for just some of the event). [Register here](#)

**12-19 November: Interfaith Week**



**18 November: National Justice and Peace Networking Day.** Focus on COP28. Zoom. [NJPN](#)

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**22 November: Red Wednesday.** Break the Silence on the persecution of Christians worldwide. More details from [Aid to the Church in Need](#)

**28 November, 6.45pm: Catholic Union AGM and Reception.** Aula Magna (upstairs hall), London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH, preceded by 6.00pm Mass in Farm Street Church. Guest of honour: Bishop John Sherrington. [More details and registration](#)

**30 November – 12 December: COP28** – United Arab Emirates. [COP28](#)

**2 December, 2pm: Pax Christi Advent Service** - Holy Apostles, Pimlico.

**5 December, 7pm: PACT Carol Service.** Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington. Catholic Bishop Richard Moth and Anglican Bishop Rachel Treweek co-presiding.

**9 December: CAFOD's Nativity Fun Run is back! Clapham Common.** Walk, run, roll or stroll our 5km route with a difference. Come along to for lots of fun activities, dance warm-ups and a Christmas Choir. [Sign up here with CAFOD](#)

**11 December, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Advent Prayer and Christmas Party.** Monthly online meeting for prayer, sharing and networking on the Care of Creation. Attend as a one-off or participate regularly. [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)

**13 December, 7 – 8pm: Aid to the Church in Need Christmas Carol Service.** The Oratory, Brompton Road, London, SW7 2RP. Celebrate Christ's coming with uplifting traditional music by The Schola Cantorum of the London Oratory School, conducted by Charles Cole with organ and brass ensemble. Free. Collection taken for ACN's work with persecuted Christians. Book [here](#).

**14 January 2024: Peace Sunday**

**28 January 2024: Racial Justice Sunday**

**19-21 July 2024: National Justice and Peace Network Conference - 'Just Politics'**