



JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN

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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 29th June 2022.

Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum – 17th September, 10.30am-1.00pm

Bishop Paul McAleenan invites you 'To Accompany Refugees' at our next Forum:

In his message for *World Day of Migrants 2014* Pope Francis wrote, 'We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved'.



Undeniably, the displacement of people due to war, poverty and persecution is a major problem. The victims are our brothers and sisters. It is our Christian duty to enable them find a home where their basic needs are met and an environment where they can flourish. A truly Christian approach towards refugees seeks not only to provide but also to communicate a welcome, to accompany them on their journey.

How are we to move '*Towards a Better World*', the title of Pope Francis' 2014 message? As those seeking shelter and sanctuary continue to arrive on our shores Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum invites you to be part of the solution and *To Accompany Refugees*.

On Saturday 17th September, WSJ&P Forum will assemble again in person to discuss, and present our vision of, the Catholic response to migration. We look forward to welcoming you. You will have an opportunity to contribute to the debate on this pressing need of our time and have any questions answered.

New Commission Members

We are currently seeking new volunteer members for the Westminster Justice & Peace Commission. [For more information and to apply please visit our website.](#)

"The Commission exists to promote action and reflection on peace and social justice in the Diocese of Westminster, in the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching."

The deadline for applications is **Friday, 17th June 2022.**

Westminster Justice and Peace Parish Contacts

At the same time, we are also seeking more Justice & Peace Parish Contacts in those parishes where there is no named person in this role. A list of current Contacts and a role description can be found on our website: <https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/parish-contacts/>



DIARY OF EVENTS 2022

3rd June: Jubilee Walk of Faith – All are welcome to join people from many different faiths for this walk across London to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Walks start from three points – Regent's Park Central Mosque, Shepherd's Bush Central Gurdwara & the Battersea Peace Pagoda – and converge at Westminster Abbey with a celebratory lunch. [Sign up here](#)

7th June, 6.30-8pm: St Paul's Cathedral - A New Beginning? Recovering well after the pandemic. Contributions from Deborah Bull, Stephanie Flanders and Victor Adebowale. Chair: Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London. [In-person or watch online](#). Free.

8th June 7pm: Paul Rogers on the Ukraine Crisis. On Zoom. [Register here](#)

10th June, 12:30pm: Mass to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of CAFOD. St. George's Cathedral in Southwark, London. The Celebrant is Bishop Stephen Wright (Birmingham.) [Also live-streamed](#)

13th June, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Sustainable Summers. Register with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/300571967847>

14th June, 7pm: Welcoming the Stranger – Hosted On Zoom by St John Vianney, West Green Parish Live Simply Group. Speakers - Enver Solomon ([Refugee Council](#)) and Revd Chris Brice ([London Churches Refugee Fund](#)) [Register in advance](#)

18th June. TUC Cost-of-Living Crisis Rally in London. [Care for Calais](#) are leading a refugee bloc to 'Stop the Rwanda plan – All Refugees Welcome.' Gather at Portland Place 10.30am. [Sign up](#)

18th June, 11.00am- 4.30pm: Pax Christi AGM - Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London, WC2H 8EP and online via zoom. Guest Speaker: The Reverend Mary Gregory, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/>

19th June: Day for Life – “Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent.” (*Psalms* 71:9) The focus this year is older persons. [Day for Life](#)

20th-26th: June Refugee Week 2022 – Theme 'Healing'. [More details Refugee Week website](#)

20th June, 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. Contact Barbara Kentish (J & P) barbarakentish@talktalk.net

20th June, 7pm: London Churches Refugee Fund Annual Speaker Meeting. Revd Dr Sam Wells “*A Home for Everyone*”: *Responding to the Needs of Displaced Populations* - St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JH. Further details www.lcrf.org.uk Email info@lcrf.org.uk

25th June – 3rd July: London Climate Action Week - Harnessing the power of London for global climate action. <https://www.londonclimateactionweek.org/>

27th June, 6-8.30pm: Caritas Refugee Hosting Briefing - In person at JRS, E1W 2QT [Bookings](#)



1st July, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Preparing for the Season of Creation and COP27. Register with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/300574134327>

12th July, 11am-12.30pm: Caritas Food Collective – Quarterly Network Meeting of Diocesan Food Relief Projects – Co-Working & Productivity Session. Online. [Register](#)

22nd-24th July: National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Annual Conference – Theme ‘Hope! A verb with its sleeves rolled up.’ The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Booking- <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/>

9th August, 11am – 4pm: Kew Gardens Outing to the Food Forever Festival with Westminster Justice & Peace, CAFOD and Caritas – Join us for a visit to see the famous botanical gardens and explore Kew’s exhibition on the future of sustainable food. You will need to book your own tickets via Kew’s website and will be free to explore the gardens at your own pace. All participants are invited to meet together inside the Gardens at the Victoria Gate entrance at 11am for an introduction to the festival and again in the same place at 4pm for a time of sharing and a closing prayer. There will be the option to bring a picnic to eat together (weather permitting!) or you can go independently to any of Kew’s restaurants or food outlets. For more information or to let us know you will be joining us, please contact Colette Joyce (J & P) colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk, Tony Sheen (CAFOD) or Niki Psarias (Caritas) <https://www.kew.org/kew-gardens/whats-on/food-forever>

26th August – 29th August: Greenbelt Festival – Boughton House, Kettering. A festival where arts, faith and justice meet. Theme ‘Somewhere to Make a Stand’. Bands, workshops and talks. Family friendly. Camping and other accommodation options. <https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

1st September – 4th October. Season of Creation. Theme – ‘Listen to the Voice of Creation.’ <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

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.

15th September, 2.00-3.30pm: Caritas Quarterly Network Meeting for All Who Welcome Refugees and Migrants. This meeting will focus on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which falls on Sunday 25th September. Link to follow.

17th September, 10am-1pm: Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum – To Accompany Refugees. St Aloysius, Euston. Hosted by Bishops Nicholas Hudson and Paul McAleenan. [Book](#)

24th September, 11am-4pm: National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Networking Day – Hosted by Hexham and Newcastle Diocese. Venue in the North-East tbc. Open to all.

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

7th-18th November: COP27, United Nations Conference of Parties - Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

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