



JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN

February 2024

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 27 February 2024.

SHOW THE LOVE 2024

Westminster Justice and Peace are members of [The Climate Coalition](#), which since 2015, has used the power of green hearts on Valentine's Day to send a message to those in power that we want to see a safer, greener future for generations to come.

Watch some of the highlights from eight years of [Show The Love](#)



S DEN #ShowTheLove 2023

On Monday 12th February, everyone is invited to join the Southern Dioceses Environment Network on Zoom for deeper reflection on the theme of 'Show The Love' in our parishes and Catholic communities as we also make our preparations for Lent. If you would like to join us, make or bring a green heart to the meeting and wear something green!

Book for 12th February, 12.45-2.00pm, #ShowTheLove – [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)

THE SYNOD JOURNEY CONTINUES...



Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Bishop Nicholas Hudson have written to all the priests of the Diocese with an invitation to arrange two parish meetings before the next Deans meeting on 6th March to reflect on two themes of the Synod: Co-responsibility and Formation. The time is short but materials are available to help and will be published on the Diocesan website shortly here <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/>. The Cardinal writes: "It will be a moment for us to pause and consider how we are, in fact, keeping this mission before our eyes and in doing so striving to act in a participative manner."

PREPARING FOR LENT

2024 is to be a Year of Prayer, leading up to the next Jubilee Holy Year in 2025. We are invited to delve deeply into the Lord's Prayer at this time, reflecting on it deeply, line by line.

A Diocesan booklet ['We Dare to Say'](#) is available with 5 Lenten sessions for small groups and the Westminster Deaf Service is encouraging us to learn to pray the Our Father in sign language. Please give it a go!





DIARY OF EVENTS

1 February, 2.00pm: Friends of the Holy Land Online Symposium ‘Christians in the Holy Land – finding hope and resilience for the future.’ Speakers: Revd Dr Munther Isaac, Senior Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church, Bethlehem – the first to put the Baby Jesus in the ‘rubble’ of his Christmas crib and Revd Dr Fadi Diab, Rector of St Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Ramallah, and St Peter’s Episcopal Church in Birzeit. [Register for free](#)

1 February, 7.00pm: Act on Poverty Webinar hosted by CAFOD in conjunction with SVP, Christian Aid, Church Action on Poverty and JPIT. Hear stories of struggle and hope from the UK and around the world and be inspired to take action ahead of the coming General Election. Register to join the webinar [Act on Poverty](#)

2 February, 5.30pm: Catholics in the Conservative Party Candlemas Meetup. Mass at 5.30pm at Westminster Cathedral followed by drinks at the Windsor Castle pub, 23 Francis St SW1P 1D). [Catholics in the Conservative Party](#)

8 February, 7.30-8.30pm: Catholic Union - Meet the President. Save the date for a webinar with the new President of the Catholic Union [Baroness Hollins](#) Event chaired by Catholic Union Deputy Director, James Somerville-Meikle. Free. [Register in advance with Eventbrite](#)

10 February, 10am-4pm: Farm Street Parish - How to be a Synodal Church. London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. All voices welcome. Register by 8 February. FarmStreetOffice@rcdow.org.uk or 020 89860807.

12 February, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Join us to prepare for Lent and show your love - #ShowTheLove - for the climate by making or bringing a green heart and wearing something green! [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)

13 February, 12.30-2.00pm: Dominican Forum ‘When is it right to go to war?’ CCLA, One Angel Lane, London E4R 3AB. Free to attend but [booking required](#).

14 February - #ShowTheLove for the climate on Valentine’s Day! [The Climate Coalition](#)

14-24 February: 10-Day Vigil for the Climate - outside Parliament for Lent 2024. Organised by Christian Climate Action, Green Christian and others. Save the date. [More Details](#)

14 February, 12noon: Ash Wednesday Service to open the 10-Day Vigil for the Climate - at St John’s Waterloo, 73 Waterloo Road, SE1 8TY. [More Details](#)

14 February, 3.30pm: Ash Wednesday Pax Christi Witness and Prayer Against War outside Ministry of Defence, London. Gather on the green, on west side of Horse Guards Avenue, riverside. Supported by Christian CND, Columbans in Britain, London Catholic Worker and Westminster Justice and Peace. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/>

18 February, 12noon: 10-Day Vigil for the Climate - Multi-faith Gathering outside St John’s Church Waterloo for reflections and prayers from a variety of faith traditions. Followed by a meditation walk to join the CCA Vigil outside Parliament. Meet at St John’s Church, 73 Waterloo Road, SE1 8TY, at noon. We expect to join the Vigil by about 2.30pm. [More Details](#)



19 February, 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

23 February: CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day [CAFOD Website](#)

24 February, 10.15-3.00pm: NJPN Online Meeting

24 February, 2.00-3.00pm: 10-Day Vigil for the Climate closes with a Service outside Downing Street. [More Details](#)

1 March, 7.00-8.00pm: Catholic Union and Ampleforth Society Lecture - “The Gospel Imperative for Climate Action”, Speaker Lord Deben (formerly known as John Selwyn Gummer). At Ampleforth College and also streamed online. [More details](#)

4 March: Caritas St Joseph’s - Bernice Hardy, Co-founder of Wave (we are all valued equally) will share the story its work to encourage more inclusive worship and social places in the heart of our communities <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/family-forum-talk-caritas-st-josephs/>

9 March, 3-5pm: Caritas Volunteer Service - Volunteering Fair. Westminster Cathedral Hall. If you are considering volunteering and want to explore possible roles within the Diocese, do come along. More details will follow here: <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/volunteering-fair-2/>

11 March, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network - Parishes, Climate & Evangelisation. Speaker: Teresa Carvalho, Evangelisation Co-ordinator, Diocese of Westminster. 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](#)

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20 March, 6.00pm: Catholic Union Pub Talk with Jon Cruddas MP (Labour - Dagenham and Rainham) in association with Catholics for Labour. The Morpeth Arms (upstairs), 58 Millbank, London SW1P 4RW. <https://catholicunion.org.uk/>

8-16 June: Great Big Green Week <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>

19-21 July: National Justice and Peace Network Conference - ‘Just Politics’ [NJPN](#)

1 September – 4 October: Season of Creation. This year’s theme will be announced on 2nd February. [Season of Creation website](#)

9-22 September: Fairtrade Fortnight. NB New dates!! [Fairtrade Foundation](#)

11-24 November: COP29 in Azerbaijan. UN Climate Change Conference, 29th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 29) [UN COP29 Website](#)