



# JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN JULY & AUGUST 2024

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 August 2024**.

## SEASON OF CREATION

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth

The official Season of Creation website and guide is now ready and gives you a lot of content, with suggestions of activities and ways to participate. It is a really helpful guide to have to share with schools and parishes. Season of Creation website - <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

### *Ideas for Parishes*

- ♥ Read, print and share the [Message of Pope Francis for the Season of Creation 2024](#)
- ♥ Celebrate a Season of Creation Mass.
- ♥ Say a Season of Prayer at the end of Mass or in the Intercessions.
- ♥ Host a Season of Creation talk or workshop.
- ♥ Show the film 'The Letter' which tells the story of Pope Francis and the encyclical letter 'Laudato Si': *On the Care of Our Common Home*. Free to download <https://theletterfilm.org/>
- ♥ Produce a Season of Creation noticeboard display, banners or booklets for the Parish.
- ♥ Invite local people to speak.
- ♥ Plant a tree.
- ♥ Arrange a parish walk in nature, finishing with a picnic.
- ♥ Celebrate the Season of Creation with a parish vegetarian meal.
- ♥ Look after land around the church to encourage wildlife.
- ♥ Work towards the Live Simply Award as a Parish. <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/livesimply-award>
- ♥ Hold an exhibition for the Season of Creation in collaboration with a local school or art group.
- ♥ Hold a concert with music inspired by creation or as a fundraiser for local nature projects.
- ♥ Book a 'Tree Walk' with Colette Joyce, the Justice and Peace Co-ordinator, to explore the fascinating trees to be found around Westminster Cathedral [colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk)
- ♥ Use the prayer resources for every day of the Season of Creation produced by Brentwood Diocese - [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/laudatosi/seasonofcreation](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/laudatosi/seasonofcreation)
- ♥ Make your event Ecumenical.



## DIARY OF EVENTS

**3 July, 6pm: Aid to the Church in Need Mass and Talk - '50 Years in Liberia - ACN In Conversation with Fr Garry Jenkins'**. Church of the Immaculate Conception (Farm Street Church), 114 Mount St, London W1K 3AH Celebrants: Fr Garry Jenkins SMA and Fr Dominic Robinson SJ. [Aid to the Church in Need](#)

**5 July, 7.30-9.00pm: The Music of Justice and Peace** - All are welcome to these informal Friday evening music drop-ins at the London Catholic Worker House, St Augustine's Church, Mattison Road, N4 1BG. Enjoy old favourites and learn new hymns and other songs with a justice and peace flavour. Voices and instruments welcome. Facilitated by Colette Joyce, Westminster Justice & Peace Co-ordinator, 07593 434 905 / [colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk)

**6 July, 11am-5pm: Catholic Union Annual Summer Gathering at Worth Abbey.** The day will include an address from Catholic Union President, Baroness Hollins and a talk by Abbot Christopher Jamison. [More details on Catholic Union website](#)

**8 July, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – The Climate Coalition.** Monthly online meeting for prayer, sharing and networking on the Care of Creation. Attend as a one-off or participate regularly. New participants welcome. [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)

**8 July, 6.45pm: 'The Search for Democracy in India' - Jesuit Missions Talk and Q+A with Professor Alpa Shah,** London School of Economics, discussing her book which considers the case of the Indian human rights advocate Fr Stan Swamy SJ. London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. Free to attend. [More details](#)

**11 July, 7pm: Hounslow Friends of Faith AGM. 'Dialogue, A pilgrimage of Hope'** - Speaker James Holland, Westminster Interfaith Coordinator. Hounslow House, 7 Bath Road, TW3 3EB <https://www.hounslowfriendsoffaith.org/>

**12 July, 7.30-9.00pm: The Music of Justice and Peace** - All are welcome to these informal Friday evening music drop-ins at the London Catholic Worker House, St Augustine's Church, Mattison Road, N4 1BG. Enjoy old favourites and learn new hymns and other songs with a justice and peace flavour. Voices and instruments welcome. Facilitated by Colette Joyce, Westminster Justice & Peace Co-ordinator, 07593 434 905 / [colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk)

**12 July - 4 August: The Big Butterfly Count.** Counting butterflies is good for you! Recent studies show that just 15 minutes spent observing and counting butterflies boosts feelings of connectedness with nature, while feelings of anxiety can be reduced by almost 10%. Why not take part in this annual national citizen science project this year? <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>

**13 July 2024: CAFOD in partnership with the Archbishop Romero Trust - Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.** 10.00am Coaches meet at Purdy Lodge cafe on A1. [CAFOD](#)



**15 July, 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)

**15 July, 6.30pm: Together for the Common Good. Online Lecture with Jon Kuhrt, in memory of Frank Field - 'Grace, Truth and the Common Good: The Future of Christian Social Action'.** [Book tickets](#)

**19-21 July: National Justice and Peace Network Conference - 'Just Politics'.** The Hayes Conference Centre, Hayes Ln, Swanwick, Alfreton DE55 1AU. As people of faith, how are we called to work towards honest dialogue and respectful listening in political and social engagement and seek good governance in all seats of power; local, national, and global? Chair - Sir John Battle. Keynote speakers - Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford and Molly Scott Cato, Former Green MEP and currently Finance and Economy Spokesperson for the Green Party. Steve Whiting, former manager of the Quaker Turning the Tide Programme, will start to pull together what we have learned from speakers and workshops and help us identify common themes. Colette Joyce of Westminster Justice and Peace Commission will facilitate a panel with young people. Conference Mass celebrated by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ. Take part in workshops, find resources and information in the 'Just Fair' and listen to the voices of young adults as they share their hopes and concerns for the future of our world. Places still available. Book at [NJPN](#)

**6 August, 11am -1pm: Hiroshima Day** - Pax Christi England & Wales will be outside Westminster Cathedral for a vigil to commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima. All are welcome to join us for any or all of the vigil. [Pax Christi](#)

**8 August, 7.30-9.30pm: The Priest's Tale. An evening remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki.** 1 hour play, followed by Q & A. The riveting story of a miraculous suitcase, a daring escape and the devastation wreaked on a city in one instant by one bomb... Father Wilhelm was a German Jesuit priest living in Hiroshima, who survived the blast but witnessed much of the destruction. He later succumbed to radiation sickness. Live musical accompaniment will be provided by London-based Japanese violinist Chihiro Ono. This event is supported by CND, donations shared by Sands Films and CND. Studio main stage, 82 St Marychurch Street, London, SE16 4HZ. [Book tickets](#)

**9 August, 11am – 1pm Nagasaki Day** - Join Pax Christi England & Wales outside Westminster Cathedral for a vigil to remember the Nagasaki atomic bombings. All are welcome. [Pax Christi](#)

**9 August: Memorial of Blessed Franz Jaggerstatter.** Pax Christi are hosting a service in the evening, time and venue tbc. [Pax Christi](#)

**9 August: Interfaith memorial service for the Atomic Bombings in Japan at Battersea Pagoda.** Check Pax Christi and Westminster J & P social media for more details soon. [Pax Christi](#)

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**22-25 August: Greenbelt Festival ‘Somewhere to Come Together.’** A weekend of music, comedy, craft, theatre, dance, food, spirituality, talks, provocation and more.

<https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

**1 September – 4 October: Season of Creation.** This year’s theme is ‘To Hope and Act with Creation’. [Season of Creation website](#)

**5 September, 7.00-9.00pm: Westminster Holy Land Roundtable.** All are welcome to join us for the next Roundtable meeting at Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. For sharing and solidarity in response to the war in Gaza. New participants welcome. Please do come along to find out more or get in touch with the Justice and Peace Co-ordinator, Colette Joyce. Mobile: 07593 434905 Email: [colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk)

**7 September: March for Life.** 11.00am Mass at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 7HY. 1.30-4.00pm March from the Emmanuel Centre, Westminster, to Parliament Square.

<https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

**9 September, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Pilgrimages and the Holy Year.** Monthly online meeting for prayer, sharing and networking on the Care of Creation. Attend as a one-off or participate regularly. New participants welcome. [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)

**9-22 September: Fairtrade Fortnight. NB New dates!!** Celebrate 30 years of the FAIRTRADE Mark here in the UK. The issues that we are addressing through our public campaigns go to the heart of our calls for greater price and power for farmers and call for rapid action on environmental sustainability and climate justice, the most urgent issues of our time. [Fairtrade Foundation](#)

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**2-27 October: Synod on Synodality Second Session, Rome.**

**4 October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**

**6 October: Homelessness Sunday** <https://housingjustice.org.uk/>

**1 November, 7pm: Westminster Justice and Peace Talk. Speaker - Baroness Scotland on the UN Sustainability Goals.** Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. \*Save the date!\* More details to follow.

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

**Jubilee Year 2025: 24 December 2024 - Feast of the Epiphany 2026.** The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”, and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>