

Dear friends,

For your attention and action where appropriate: (this information can also be found on our website <http://bit.ly/2udGQts>)

Dear all,

I am sure you are as horrified and angry as I am about the news from Gaza and the West Bank. Below is a call to action from EAPPI with some other comments and actions that can be taken.

WCC Statement: <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/wcc-calls-for-just-peace-and-an-end-to-impunity-in-the-holy-land>

Jews for Justice have also appealed for letters to go to Boris Johnson and Alistair Burt at: [fcocorrespondence@fco.gov.uk](mailto:fcocorrespondence@fco.gov.uk)  
<http://jffjp.com/52-palestinians-killed-today-14-may-more-than-2000-wounded/>

Avaaz

petition: [https://secure.avaaz.org/campaign/en/gaza\\_end\\_the\\_massacre\\_loc/?fhOuzab&fbogname=Miranda](https://secure.avaaz.org/campaign/en/gaza_end_the_massacre_loc/?fhOuzab&fbogname=Miranda)

Names and faces of 60 of those killed in the last few days:

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/gaza-names-palestinians-killed-israel-us-embassy-1239370023>

For a collection of statements and information on Facebook, Please see Kairos Palestine and Palestine updates.

There are so many things that are not being mentioned in the media - like the statements from Israeli and Jewish groups and the protests being held by them.


For an interesting comment on the appalling media coverage see the the reputable journalist Jonathan Cook: <https://www.jonathan-cook.net/blog>

Best wishes, Ann

 **RISING Global Peace Forum**  
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Following

 #Business #Trade #Economy #Health  
#Education #CitizenRights #Security #Travel  
#Environment

It all depends on #peace 

Join #RISINGBritain on 14 June in #Coventry as Rt Hon Michael Portillo dramatically shifts the entire #Brexit focus.

BOOK NOW: [rising.org/rising-britain/](http://rising.org/rising-britain/)

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14 June 2018 | Coventry, St. Mary's Guildhall

How can Britain's foreign policy act as a force for international peace after Brexit?



Special guest speaker  
**Rt Hon Michael Portillo**  
British Broadcaster and former Cabinet Minister

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*A Future for All...*



*Implementing  
the Christian  
imperative  
to care for  
our World*

**ECO CHURCH**  
AN ECOLOGICAL PROJECT

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 10.00am - 4.00pm**  
Priory Rooms, Bull Street, Birmingham, B4 6AF

An ecumenical day of worship, speakers, workshops and conversations.

We'll be learning from each other and discovering action we can take: individually and together.

Register at: [centrallenglandquakers.org.uk/futureforall](http://centrallenglandquakers.org.uk/futureforall)

Organised by  
Birmingham Anglican Climate Action Group

Hosted by  
Central England Quakers Low Carbon Commitment Forum



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#### Speakers

**Bishop David Atkinson** - scientist, theologian and author of "Renewing the Face of the Earth: A theological and pastoral response to climate change"

**Paul Parker** - Britain Yearly Meeting Recording Clerk: Quaker's commitment to becoming a low carbon community and working for climate justice

**Rich Bee** - Engagement Director at A Rocha UK: A Rocha's vision of all churches caring for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully.

#### Workshops (TBC)

- Worship and teaching
- Growing children and youth
- A Rocha UK Eco Church Project
- Buildings issues
- Engaging with politicians
- Fossil fuel divestment
- Interfaith opportunities

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Refugee Week resources: - Place your order at <http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk/shop>

### Plastic food packaging



Greenpeace petition calls on UK supermarkets to go plastic-free. By ending plastic packaging, supermarkets have the power to lead the way in dramatically reducing the amount of single-use plastic produced. UK supermarket Iceland has announced plans for their own-brand packaging to go plastic-free. Call on UK supermarkets to end throwaway plastic packaging:

<https://secure.greenpeace.org.uk/plastic-free-supermarket-ef>



Pope Francis says, "Bring the whole human family together . . . for we know that things can change." (Laudato Si', 13)

As Catholics, we're called to preserve the good gift of creation and to protect the vulnerable people who share it. We have the power to [answer the call](#). **There are 1.2 billion of us Catholics. We can make a big impact if we act together. Protect creation**

<http://catholicclimatemovement.global/>



The Global Catholic Climate Movement

### Have A Climate Heart - To - Heart With Your MP This Summer

#### Speak Up - Week 30<sup>th</sup> June – 8<sup>th</sup> July

This summer be part of something incredible: a national conversation on how climate change is affecting the life we love. More and more of us are feeling the effects of climate change on our everyday lives, but when we Speak Up together we can create a powerful and unified voice that our MPs will want to join.

#### **THE SPEAK UP WEEK IS FOR EVERYONE**

Whether this is your first time talking about climate change or you're on first-name terms with your MP, the Speak Up Week is for everyone - and the best news is, there's absolutely no wrong way to get involved! Let your creativity fly by hosting an event as unique as you are - take your MP on a tour of an incredible local energy project, host a fair in the park and invite the entire neighbourhood, or partner with your local football team to show how climate change is affecting your favourite sport - or keep it small and simple by visiting your MP at their surgery or gathering your closest friends for a tea party. So long as you're speaking up, no event or conversation is too big or small.

There will be resources to help you at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) and <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/speakupweek>

To help you keep abreast of what is going on in the dioceses our Website is updated on a regularly. We also now have a twitter account so please follow us.

*With best wishes as always,*

Janet Vaughan

*Administrator, on behalf of the Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission*

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