



National Justice and Peace Network

AGM and Open Networking Day

Zoom Meeting

Saturday 13 May 2023

10.30 – 4.00

'Women in Prison'

Facilitators:

Simeon Sturney – Currently Prison Chaplain at Bronzefield HMP & YOI,

Deirdre Leach – Assistant to Chaplain at Coldingley and Co-founder of "Making Connections",

Karen Connaughton – Catholic Chaplain at HMP & YOI Bronzefield

There will be a 'notice board' session, with the opportunity for justice and peace groups and representatives from dioceses and Catholic/Christian Agencies to share information about their activities and campaigns.

For further details and meeting link

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'Grant that I may be a blessing to all thy children, of every faith and belief, and together we may discover the ways of gentleness and be led into the paths of peace'

King Charles III during his Coronation on 6th May 2023

Dear Friends,

Today is the start of a new era as far as the monarchy is concerned. The big question is, will it change with the times and make itself more relevant! Our new King was gardening organically before it was even a 'thing,' and he has had a lifelong interest in the environment. This came across quite strongly in the words that Prince William spoke at the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee just under a year ago.

Although the King is not supposed to be political, and indeed I seem to remember that Liz Truss advised him against attending the last COP, but it is my fervent hope that he will break the mould and make a stand for the climate.

Our Action today is wrapped up with the Coronation - in The Big Help Out. Also, I know that there are many that are not fans of the Royal establishment, so there is also an article giving a more J & P take to the proceedings.

At present, our Administrator is away from work, and I am picking up emails and Conference bookings. If you have booked a place at the Conference in July, and have not yet received an acknowledgement, or have any concerns about your booking, please contact me directly on the E-bulletin email address: ebulletin@justice-and-peace.org.uk.

Also, please be advised that our Networking Day/AGM (details above) that was due to take place in London next weekend, 13th May, has now been changed to an online event. This is due to the threatened rail strikes on that day. If you want to take part, please send me an email and someone will forward a Zoom link.

All being well, the next e-bulletin will be produced for the 21st May. If you have anything you want shared, please send it to me by Friday the 19th. (please be aware that I will need a link to an article on your own website, and I cannot include PDF's, but can use most other formats).

God bless,

Sharon

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ACTION OF THE WEEK



Can you lend a hand?

The Big Help Out writes: -

To mark His Majesty The King's Coronation thousands of organisations across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities.

Starting on Monday 8th May there will be opportunities for everyone

to join in. No matter what you are good at, there'll be something to suit helping hands of all shapes and sizes! From checking in on someone who'd like a bit of company or volunteering for a charity the more of us who join in, the bigger help we will be.

If you can spare an hour...fantastic. The day?...amazing. If it becomes a regular thing, so much the better. If we all do a bit, it will really help a lot.

Help us to do something amazing. Join in, Lend a hand. Make a change.

Thank you!

P.S. If you are looking to help out, NJPN are still on the lookout for a new Treasurer! Contact us for further information or pass this onto someone you know who could help.

Articles on the same theme:

Archbishop of Wales to clean up beaches for Big Help Out

[Premier Christian News](#) reports that the Most Rev. Andrew John will be giving up two hours of his Bank Holiday to raise awareness of plastic pollution.

NEWS AND COMMENT

1. Climate/Environment (includes **Actions and **Events**)**

Are Heat Pumps heading to a home near you?

Are you as confused as I am about Heat Pumps, which seem to be the only way forward in regard to moving away from fossil fuels at present. A year or so ago we needed to replace the boiler at my place of work. I spent quite a while looking at alternative options, including heat pumps, but at the end of the day the information and funding towards heat pumps wasn't readily available. In the end we went back to a gas boiler, albeit the most energy efficient one that we could get.

Ben's Tiny Eco Home Life has provided an [Intro to Air Source Heat Pumps](#) which gives you more information, including what is available in terms of helping with the cost. If you are a novice like me, it is worth a read.

Action - Tell Unilever to stop buying conflict palm oil

Friends of the Earth write: - *Brutal land grabbing for palm oil, environmental destruction, and criminalising indigenous farmers. That's what Unilever - the company behind famous brands like Magnum ice creams and Dove soap - has hidden in its supply chain in Indonesia.*

Unilever claims to be a leader in sustainability, but is tolerating environmental injustice while its profits soar.

Indigenous communities, alongside Friends of the Earth Indonesia, have been sounding the alarm for years. But Unilever is still buying palm oil from a company linked to abusive practices - Astra Agro Lestari (AAL). Even though many others like Nestlé have cut their ties.

We're calling on Unilever to suspend AAL immediately. And use its huge influence to demand AAL rights the wrongs the communities have suffered.

[Please join us to tell Unilever you don't want goods tainted with human rights abuses and environmental destruction.](#)

The murky world of soft plastic recycling

Everyday plastic have lots of interesting articles about plastic recycling, and how much of it actually goes for proper recycling. They have both the positives and negatives of supermarket recycling, including a link to a recent Bloomberg investigation, which proved that some of it is exported and then goes for incinerating. So much for recycling!

[Read more here.](#)

Event - We Make Tomorrow - Saturday 20th May, Manchester

Climate Justice Coalition invite you to the above event, taking place in Central Hall, Manchester, between 10am and 5pm on the 20th May.

They write: - *We Make Tomorrow, supported by UNISON, PCS, War On Want, NHS Workers Say No, Doctors in Unite, Campaign Against Climate Change and more, is a one day conference for building workers power on climate and crisis.*

The conference will bring together union reps and members from every key

sector, with union officials, climate justice activists and international guests. Together we will dig into what climate change really means for workers and how rising energy prices, inflation, falling wages and the climate crisis are not only connected but being driven by the same systems.

We start from the perspective that climate change is not a "green" issue per se, but fundamentally an issue for workers and social justice. From health and safety threats to the rising cost of living and from job losses to attacks on pay and conditions, change is unavoidable and workers' power is more vital than ever.

[Join us to build it...](#)

Laudato Si' Movement on The Big One

Laudato Si' Animators UK were involved with The Big One a couple of weeks ago and wanted to share this reflection from John Woodhouse: -

How did it feel at 76 to be going on my first real demo and march? A bit daunting, but the two days I spent were fantastic and fun! We started at St John's Waterloo with a service of praise and lament and then we walked to the Shell building where Magda who leads the European Laudato Si' animators and had travelled from Poland read the prayer of Pope Francis from Laudato Si'. Led on by the Salvation Army band we reached Parliament Square to find 1000s more protestors. The second day I settled at the Faith hub (I had walked 6.2 km with my stick the day before at the rally!) and Fr Joe Ryan celebrated Mass. This was very special. Fr Joe said he had waited 52 years for this day and he produced a copy of Laudato Si'. The Gospel was about the road to Emmaus and it was noticeable how the congregation grew during the Mass. This was a fantastic opportunity to meet 20 animators from around the country whom we had known on zoom for two years, and in fact I met lots of Catholic and Anglican friends as well. The variety of protestors was just staggering and all was well organised and stewarded. It was good to see families taking a full part. The reason I am so committed to this cause is that I want a better world for my 3 grandsons. We must all do what we can!

Also, you can [watch this video](#) of Magdalena Noszczyk's short prayer in front of the Shell HQ.

Event - "Laudato Si' Revisited - 7 Years" - 30th May and 6th June

The Live Simply Group at St. John Vianney Church, West Green are inviting you to attend their above event either in person or on Zoom on the above dates. For more information on what they do, and the link to register for the event, [click here](#).

Firm releases almost 800kg of 'forever chemical' a year into Lancashire river

The Guardian reports on the above concerning the River Wyre, and the fact that despite the chemicals being very toxic, what the company is doing is not illegal.

This shocking and very worrying report is available to read [here](#).

What's up with our rivers?

A more positive story about how a community-led approach involving farmers and locals is helping to make a difference around the River Mease, is available to read through [Wicked Leeks](#).

2. Sowing the seeds of poverty; How the world bank harms poor farmers (includes an **Action)**

ICN writes: *The World Bank is failing in its duty to tackle poverty by pushing an agricultural model that benefits big agribusiness at the expense of the world's poorest, according to a shocking new report by CAFOD.*

The study: [Sowing the seeds of poverty: how the World Bank harms poor farmers](#) finds that poor countries are being forced to subsidise patented seeds and fertilisers at great expense, often provided by agribusiness giants.

Not only has this approach done little to tackle poverty, it effectively transfers public funds from poorer nations into the pockets of big business, draining resources while locking smallholder farmers into a package of unaffordable and environmentally destructive seeds and chemical fertilisers.

Read more details from [ICN](#), or click on the link above to read the report in full.

Action - Stand in solidarity with small-scale farmers

[Join CAFOD](#) in demanding the World Bank end all policies that restrict farmers' freedoms to choose which seeds they use to grow food.



3. Refugees/Migrants (includes Events)

Home Office to acquire fleet of ships to house asylum seekers

In the last e-bulletin we shared stories from [The Guardian](#) and [The Independent](#) about the fact that asylum seekers were going to be housed in a barge off the coast of Portland in Dorset.

The good people at [The Guardian](#) have now shared another story letting us

know that the Home Office are looking to acquire up to 10 disused cruise liners, ferries and barges to help tackle processing delays. (and Merseyside is believed to be next in line to house them on one of these).

Event - Welcoming the Stranger

Jesuit Refugee Service are holding another of their information sessions about their Hosting Scheme.

Taking place on the 30th May at Farm Street Church, Mayfair, between 7pm and 8pm, you can read more details [here](#) (including information about how to get involved if you cannot make the meeting).

South Sudan at risk of being overwhelmed by refugees

[ICN](#) have reported on Christian Aid's news that South Sudan is struggling to cope as thousands of refugees are fleeing across their border to avoid the fighting in Sudan.

They say 'humanitarian agencies fear up to 120,000 people mainly South Sudanese returnees, Sudanese refugees and third country nationals might cross to South Sudan if the conflict goes on. Between 13-20,000 people have already made it to South Sudan. Numbers are hard to come by as there are many informal border crossing routes.'

In South Sudan the aid agencies are struggling to cope already, Food, clean water, shelter and sanitation facilities at the border are stretched to breaking point and there is a risk of diseases spreading.

'Horror beyond words': how Channel distress calls were 'ignored' 19 times before 2021 disaster

This article in The Guardian tells how many times the necessary authorities have failed to send help in response to distress calls concerning migrants crossing the Channel.

In November 2021, when 27 people sadly perished, it would appear that calls for help were not heeded on both sides of the Channel, and this is now under investigation by the Marine Accident Investigation Branch.

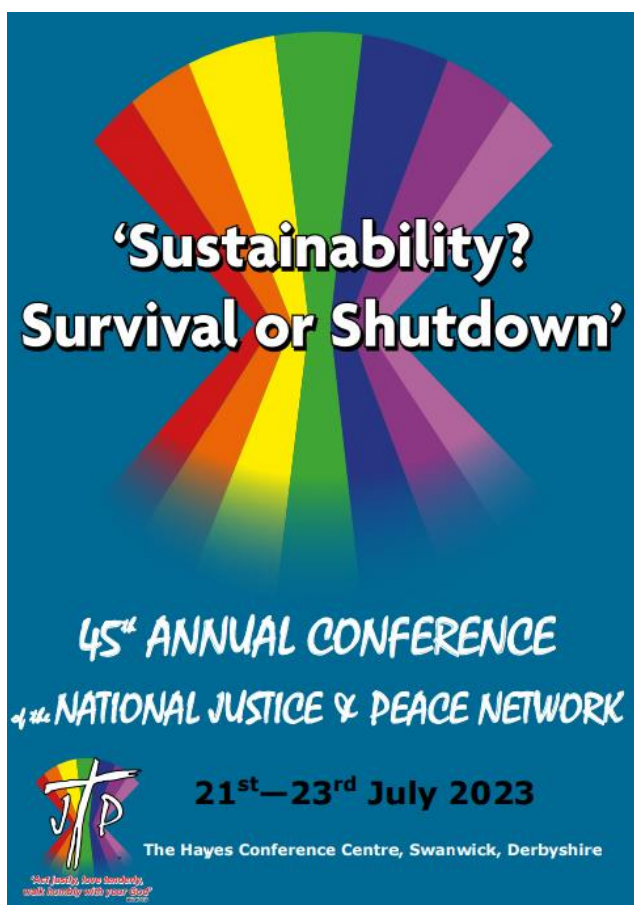
You can read the full article [here](#).

Event: A Radical Spirituality of Welcome - the Life and Legacy of Mother Maria Skobtsova
A Zoom-based Webinar to mark World Refugee Week.

Taking place on Friday 23rd June, 7pm to 8.15pm, 'Seeking Sanctuary' is organising a webinar to discuss the life and legacy of this remarkable woman who was born in 1891. It will be facilitated by Ben Bano, from 'Seeking Sanctuary' and Brother Johannes Maertens, missionary-monk of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd and the Catholic Worker movement.

More details and a flyer for the event can be found on the [Seeking Sanctuary](#) website. (keep scrolling down the page until you get to the details!)

4. NJPN Conference - 21st - 23rd July



Our Conference plans are coming together nicely and there is a good write up on what to expect from Ellen Teague through [ICN](#).

As I have probably mentioned before, this is my family's third Conference, and we have been blown away by the previous two. It is great to be surrounded by like-minded people, in lovely surroundings, all coming together for the common good. I expect to come away having learnt something, as well as with information/goals to bring back to my parish/Diocese. The Conference has an energy to it that just makes you want to go out and change the world. (you really have to be there to see for yourself).

For more information, and to make a booking, please go to our [website](#).

A couple of things to note:

- 1) If you book **after the 19th May** there will be a small surcharge, so remember to get your booking in early!
- 2) Although the website asks you to send it through to the Admin email account, please send it to me at ebulletin@justice-and-peace.org.uk as I will be dealing with the bookings for the time being.
- 3) If you know of any young people that wish to attend, particularly if they are at University, and cannot afford to, please get in touch. There may be funding available through various organisations/Dioceses.

We look forward to meeting you all there!

5. Palestine/Israel (includes Events and an Action)

Event: Nakba 75: Exist Resist Return

Tuesday 9th May at 6.30pm - [Register here](#)

On May 15th Palestinians across the globe will be commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Nakba, the process of ethnic cleansing, colonisation and dispossession that saw over 750,000 Palestinians driven into exile and more than 500 towns and villages wiped from the map.

The Nakba is marked not just as an historical event but as a continuing process of oppression enacted over the past 75 years though ongoing

colonisation of land, enforcement of apartheid and military occupation.

Join us for this online event to hear from Palestinian movement leaders, poets, scholars and activists from across historic Palestine and the diaspora who will share their personal histories and tell us how they confront the ongoing Nakba in their life and work.

Event: Balfour Project Conference 2023

Human Rights in Palestine: Responsibility and Accountability

This takes place on the 17th May, 2pm to 6.30pm, either in-person or online. More details and [register here](#).

What is going on in Israel and in Palestine

Embrace the Middle East have shared this article on the current situation in Israel and Palestine that Tim Livesey, their CEO, has written for The Church of England Newspaper.

They have arranged for people to read it free of charge through their [link](#), and asked if we could follow up in prayer.

Action: Write to the Foreign Office

Palestine Solidarity Campaign writes: - On Wednesday 2nd May, political prisoner Khader Adnan died after 86 days on hunger strike. Khader had been routinely targeted by Israel over many decades, and spent long periods held under Israel's Kafkaesque system of administrative detention.

Administrative detention allows Israel to indefinitely imprison someone without ever charging them with an offence. Political prisoners like Khader are then detained based on secret evidence not available to them or their lawyer, and kept imprisoned without ever facing trial.

Please [write the Foreign Office](#) to demand they press Israel to end its use of administrative detention and release Palestinian political prisoners.

Event: Living together in the household of God - a view from Bethlehem

A Talk by Rev'd Doctor Munther Isaac - Wednesday 7th June, 2.30pm, Coventry

Embrace the Middle East writes: - *In partnership with Coventry Cathedral and the Chapel of Unity, we invite you to come and explore what it means to live together in the household of God from the perspective of Palestinian Christians.*

[Click here for more details and to book.](#)

6. War and Peace

Archbishop Gallagher: wars end only through diplomacy and reconciliation

The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales report on the keynote speech that Archbishop Gallagher gave at a conference on Vatican diplomacy.

The Archbishop delivered the line “We are all hungry for peace, and this peace cannot be achieved without walking the paths of reconciliation.” He also said, “Papal diplomacy has no interests of power: neither political, economic, nor ideological”, unlike that of states, “which pursue their own interests”. Its only concern is the promotion of the common good of humanity. Therefore, it “can represent the reasons of one party to the others with greater freedom, and denounce to each party the risks that a self-referential vision can pose to everyone”.

Lots more was included in the speech, including a part that covered the need to uphold human rights and reform the functioning of the UN. You can read more about it through the [CBCEW website](#).

Please take one simple action for Sudan (includes an Action)

Rebecca Tinsley through ICN tells the story of how King Charles surprised everyone at [Waging Peace](#) with a visit back in March. He wished to meet the people in the British Sudanese community, in the same week that the Government introduced its Illegal Migration Bill.

The article then goes onto talk about where everyone has gone wrong with

Sudan and why there is such a problem. Rebecca is also asking for help from the community - **please write to your MP, and amongst other things ask for humanitarian aid.**

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

7. News from Pact

Does Criminal Justice do God? The Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture 2023

Exploring a Christian approach to the problems of the Criminal Justice System

Pact write: You may have seen the Bloom Review launched last week, 'Does Government Do God?' Following a public consultation, the author Colin Bloom, makes 22 recommendations for government regarding engagement with faith groups. There is a chapter relating to the criminal justice system, 'Faith in prison and on probation' and three associated recommendations focusing on chaplaincy and faith-based organisations.

Pact is the national Catholic prison charity. Our timely Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture will examine the intersection of faith and criminal justice and the contribution Christian values can make to reshaping the criminal justice system and fostering the common good of everyone in society. A fitting way to celebrate the life and memory of a great friend and champion, the late Sir Harold Hood and a great opportunity to advance the public discourse.

Join us on 24th May at Maria Fidelis Catholic School, London. Our keynote speaker is Dr Chijioke Nwalozie, a Senior Lecturer in Criminology at De Montfort University and an international criminal justice practitioner speaking on 'The Church's Participation in Prison Reform.' He will be joined for a panel discussion by Emily Thomas, Governor at HMP/YOI Isis, Rev Beverly Fraser, Anglican Chaplain at HMP Downview and Andy Keen-Downs, Pact CEO.

The life-affirming Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir will perform at this event and there will be further dialogue over a canape reception. Find out more and book a place [here](#)

Contact Theresa Alessandro for more information parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk

8. Britain Today

Caritas Westminster calls for more action to prevent homelessness as we celebrate Coronation

Caritas Westminster has made an appeal for long-term solutions for those sleeping rough or in poor-quality housing, according to this article in [ICN](#).

They write: - "As we approach the Coronation of King Charles III, we urge the authorities to work closely with homeless services to ensure that those experiencing street homelessness are not simply asked to move on, as part of a 'clean-up', but are instead provided with longer term support to help them to move off the streets, like we experienced during the 'everyone -in' campaign in the pandemic."

'People have found connection and meaning': Bishop of Durham on how 500,000 people helped by Warm Spaces campaign

Premier Christian News report that The Rt Rev'd Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham, has praised the Warm Spaces Campaign as figures show that over 500,000 people attended "warm rooms" across Britain.

They write: - "The collective impact has been enormous," Bishop Paul wrote. "With Spaces welcoming up to 100,000 people each week, [Warm Welcome](#) has been inundated with stories of people finding not just places of warmth but of connection and meaning. Feelings of isolation and loneliness for visitors collapsed by 85 per cent after using our spaces."

The article is available to read [here](#).

Million reasons to act as SVP warn of rise in foodbank use

This article from Andy Drozdziak at the Catholic Universe reports that the St. Vincent de Paul Society has joined forces with the Trussell Trust in sharing the information that there has been a steep rise in emergency food parcels being given out, as well as an increase in foodbank users.

The article says: - A record near-three million emergency food parcels were handed out at food banks from April 2022 to March this year, with the number provided for children topping a million for the first time. Trussell Trust say this is a 37% increase compared to the previous year, and that many of the latest recipients of help are working parents who

simply “cannot make ends meet.”

The full piece can be read [here](#).

(By the way, the Universe is going back into print for those who want to subscribe to it - more details directly from michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

9. How Facebook and Instagram became marketplaces for child sex trafficking

This shocking article from [The Guardian](#) is a culmination of two-years of investigations, which appear to show that Meta is '*struggling to prevent criminals from using its platforms to buy and sell children for sex.*'

The examples that they give are all based in the US, but that is not to say that the same thing doesn't happen over here. It would appear that they target the more vulnerable young people; those from care homes or who have low self-esteem.

My concern is that if this happens with Facebook and Insta, what is to say it is not happening on other sites. My children (admittedly two are adults) are on sites I didn't even know existed. As parents/concerned adults, how do we even begin to take care of our children.

10. Pioneering survey of Catholics who have stopped attending Mass

If you are in the Brentwood Diocese and no longer attend Mass, or know someone who is, then this article is for you.

Bishop Alan Williams, in partnership with the Centre for Ecclesial Ethics at the MBIT says he wishes to listen and understand the stories and experiences of women and men who either don't attend, or don't feel that they belong.

More details, and a link to the survey, can be found through [ICN](#).

11. A crowning ambivalence

Jon Kuhrt from Grace + Truth was very quick off the mark to send this through yesterday. He talks about the Coronation yesterday, which was

quite a spectacle. I very much liked his paragraphs: - *On the one hand, there is no doubt that the whole Coronation is deeply shaped by Christian rhetoric, liturgy and symbolism. The fact that it is the Archbishop who leads, anoints and crowns the King are among countless ways that show that the authority of the role is one granted by God. And Justin Welby's clear emphasis on the centrality of service ('love in action') enhanced this further.*

But on the other hand, these words and symbols are overpowered by militarism, pomp and religious opulence. The liturgy and music may contain great content but they are drowned out by what seems like an archaic celebration of nationalism. It means the whole event feels a very long way from the humility and simplicity of Jesus Christ.

Read the full blog [here](#).

Actions

12. Ask your MP to stop cowboy lenders



CAFOD writes: - *Right now, countries in debt crisis are being held to ransom by big banks and hedge funds. These lenders are acting like cowboys - making millions in interest payments while lower income countries are left without enough money to pay for health and education. Over 54 countries are already in crisis.*

But your MP can help stop this.

UK law plays a key role in enforcing debt contracts, 90% of the loans for the poorest countries are enforced through UK courts. That means we can push for a new law to make these cowboy lenders cancel debt.

And an influential committee of MPs has just come out and recommended just that. It's crucial we take this chance to push for action.

Will you ask your MP to write to the International Development Minister?

13. Do you have experience of having a prepayment meter?

Warm this Winter write: - We need your help. On Thursday 4th May, Ofgem's investigation into prepayment meters (PPMs) and remote switching will close. The regulator is calling on all energy customers who have moved to a PPM to share their experiences.

It's vital that anyone who has used a prepayment meter shares their experiences. Only by telling our stories of the abuses that have taken place will we be able to hold energy suppliers to account.

Do you have a story to share about moving to a prepayment meter?

Over the last three months, we have seen an abuse of power in regards to the forced installation of PPMs on an industrial scale. The investigation by Dean Kirby of inews revealed the extent to which energy firms were using the courts to gain warrants to people's homes to force them onto PPMs.

Even with the current ban put in place by Ofgem and the Chief Justice, there are still reports of energy firms using the threat of a court order imposed PPM to intimidate households.

This consultation is part of Ofgem's market review of prepayment meters to ensure suppliers are meeting their legal obligations in protecting customers. By telling our stories of the abuses that have taken place, we can hold energy firms accountable and push for a fairer energy system.

You can submit your experience through this [online form](#) on Citizens Advice's website or call 0800 464 3374. You can also submit your evidence via charities you may already be in touch with.

Newsletters/Reports

(please note that any events advertised in individual newsletters will not necessarily be also advertised in our Events section unless specifically requested by the organisation)

14. NW NJPN E-Bulletin mid-April 2023

Another excellent edition from Anne O'Connor containing concerns about 'safe routes' from Sudan, peace reports, and sharing an article about Dominic Raab's resignation - along with resources and dates for your diary. Read it through the [NJPN website](#).

15. Columban Missionaries Britain April 2023

Stories of vocations, and details of their Laudato Si' event at the end of May. [Read it here](#).

16. Salesians Justice and Peace April 2023

Highlighting the work of Anti-Slavery International. [Read it here](#).

17. World Council of Churches Weekly

Lots of news and events. Read it through your browser [here](#).

18. Operation Noah April 2023

News on their divestment campaign. [Available here](#).

19. Churches Together in Britain and Ireland April 2023

Lots of news, information and events, which can be read through this [link](#).

20. Pax Christi May 2023

Lots of events and opportunities to get involved this month. [Do join in.](#)

21. Columban Justice Peace and Ecology

This is a great newsletter but doesn't seem to be available through their website, however all of the articles are. Well worth a look, and maybe subscribe to future issues. I cannot get the link to work, but the website is <https://columbans.co.uk/update/justice-peace/>

22. Green Christian News No. 226

Lots of news and events. [Find it here.](#)

23. Church Action on Poverty Spark Newsletter Summer 2023

[Click here to download a copy.](#)

24. Just Money Movement

Details on how to celebrate Tax Justice Sunday in June, and various events. [Click here.](#)

EVENTS (in chronological order where applicable)

25. 13th May - NJPN Open Meeting and AGM

10.30am - 4pm 'Women in Prison'

26. 15th May - Southern Dioceses Environment Network

12.45pm - 2pm - Online Meeting: 'Guardians of Creation Update'

27. 17th May - 2pm - 6.30pm - Balfour Project Conference

[Human Rights in Palestine: Responsibility and Accountability](#)

(Church House, London, and online)

28. 17th May - Interfaith Reflection on Fratelli Tutti

Monthly meetings held by the Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group in London. Details through this article on the [ICN website](#).

29. 22nd May - CAFOD

[CAFOD parliamentary reception 2023: Politics for the Common Good](#)

30. 23rd May - Archdiocese of Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission

7pm - Catholic Social Teaching in our society today

Footnote: If you are planning on coming to the NJPN Conference, this may be an interesting starter...

31. 24th May - 6pm - 8.30pm - PACT

[Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture, London](#)

'Is there a Christian answer to the problems of the Criminal Justice System?'

32. 27th May - 10am - 11.30am - Catholic Association for Racial Justice

[Webinar Series: - The Changing Face of Britain - A Brief History 1947-2023](#)

33. 2nd - 4th June - World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM)

Annual Conference: How the Light Enters: Contemplative Wisdom for Flourishing in our Broken World

34. 10th June - JPIT/Church Action on Poverty/APLE collective

[Dignity for All Conference](#)

35. 10th June - Diocese of Brentwood

10am - 2.30pm Caritas Networking Day (for those in the Diocese of Brentwood)

36. 11th June - Tax Justice Sunday

Details to follow

37. 15th June - 7pm - 8.30pm - Catholic Association for Racial Justice
Webinar Series - Persistent Inequality and Racism over the past 75 years

(various other dates are also listed on the above link)

38. 20th June - PACT Westminster Supporters Mass and Roadshow

Details to follow

39. 23rd June - 7pm - 8.15pm - Seeking Sanctuary

Webinar - A Radical Spirituality of Welcome - details in the Refugee Section above

40. 15th July - 10am - 1.15pm - PACT

Birmingham JustPeople Roadshow

41. 21st - 23rd July - NJPN Annual Conference

Sustainability? Survival or Shutdown - BOOKING IS NOW OPEN!

42. 23rd - 28th July - Christians Aware Summer School

This year we aim to raise awareness of the interconnectedness of all life on earth, and to increase our commitment to its flourishing. [More details here.](#)

43. Various dates - Meditatio Centre, London

Our friends at the Meditatio Centre London have a full programme of events (you may remember they held a workshop at the NJPN Conference last year). Check out details [here.](#)

The Last Word

44. Free public speaking and media training

Christians in Politics have sent us the following email: -

A new tranche of high-level public speaking, media interview and writing training is beginning in June for those who want to improve how they articulate their Christian worldview in the public square, and to make the

case to the church that politics is an important mission-field.

Initially 10 places are available. There will be 5 Zoom workshops throughout the calendar year, and they will be interactive, encouraging, challenging and fun (as anyone who has participated before can tell you).

Application is via a 2 minute video emailed to info@christiansinpolitics.org.uk before 19th May.

That's no more than 2 minutes of you talking to a 'church audience' making the biblical case for being involved in politics. Think about how you can best showcase your abilities as a communicator to make the message memorable.

The training will be free, and as before, the plan is that it will widen the pool of speakers who are able to be ambassadors for Christians in Politics when we are invited to speak at events, conferences and churches.

45. The unlikely champions of fair fashion

Transform Trade have brought to our attention the '1000 dogs campaign.' Their "*call to get hand-made dogs on the desk of every MP to convince them to support a fashion watchdog.*

A fashion watchdog is one of the steps we need for fairer fashion – it would stop brands getting away with cancelling orders with factories and delaying payment by months, all of which impact the working conditions and wages of the people who make our clothes. "

With your help we'll get 1000+ handcrafted dogs on the desks of MPs all across the country. Each comes with a message calling for a fashion watchdog to hold UK clothing brands to account for their actions.

Every new MP who pledges their support is a huge victory - it's one step closer to positive change in the sector.

Your crafting could be the thing that convinces them. [Click here to see how you can get involved.](#)

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