



*The Father is God for you.
The Son is God with you.
The Holy Spirit is God in you.*

Dear Friends,

Again, this will be a shorter e-bulletin, due to Conference work taking precedence. We now have less than seven weeks to go, and there is an awful lot of work to get through.

As you will see below, rather than precis the information in the articles I am sharing, I have just relied on hyperlinks. Normal service should hopefully be resumed in two weeks' time.

As mentioned last time, if you **HAVE NOT** received a confirmation from me to say that you are booked into the Conference, please email or telephone me urgently as we believe that some booking forms may have gone astray. Also, if you are running a Workshop, or Just Fair stall and are planning on staying, I will also need a booking form from you.

The Conference planning side of things is taking shape and there will be plenty of information coming out over the next few weeks. Please see the section below for up to the minute things.

Don't let cost stop you from coming if you really want to. Speak with us as

there may be a partial bursary available.

All being well, the next edition will be out around the 18th June. Please bear that in mind when sending items that you want included.

God bless,

Sharon

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***** ACTION OF THE WEEK *****



Take a moment to add your name to Lord Dubs' amendments

Safe Passage write:-

This week Suella Braverman's Refugee Ban Bill is being debated in the House of Lords – including two crucial amendments by Lord Dubs to protect child refugees.

Of the many cruel things in the Bill, few are worse than Braverman's plans to punish child refugees by denying them the chance to seek asylum in the UK. Instead, she wants to shove them into an unsafe, overcrowded Home Office hotel whilst they wait in limbo to turn 18, when they'll be banished forever.

Childhood should be a time of safety and opportunity. Today's child refugees are tomorrow's doctors, teachers, builders, and bus drivers. However, Braverman is determined to deny them this chance and

leave them without a chance of building a new life in the UK.

Lord Dubs' amendments are our best chance to stand up for the rights of child refugees and protect them from this proposed cruelty.

[Add your name in support and help spread the word that you support child refugees.](#)

Other articles on refugees:-

Migration is a good thing says Christian campaigner

[Premier News share the above article quoting Dr Krish Kandiah of The Sanctuary Foundation.](#)

Birmingham school calls for asylum seekers to be allowed to work

Emma Birks, through [ICN](#), writes about St. Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School, who had a Day of Action, asking local businesses to support the [Lift the Ban Campaign](#).

NEWS AND COMMENT

1. Climate/Environment (includes Events)

Here are some good articles, which I have put links into below: -

[ICN - CAFOD: UK funding cut to East Africa a 'shameful betrayal'.](#)

[The Guardian - More than 800 million Amazon trees felled in six years to meet beef demand.](#)

[ACI Africa - Caritas South Sudan Farming Skills Training to improve 'local food security'](#)

[Vatican News - UN talks to end global plastic pollution resume in Paris](#)

[Climate Emergency Toolkit - Is your Church on the map?](#)

[The Guardian - how an army of volunteers fights to save Britain's bumblebees.](#)

[ITV News - Steve Coogan, Paul Whitehouse and Lee Mack campaign against sewage discharges in Lake Windermere](#)

[Homethings - Confused by eco-labelling? Us too.](#)

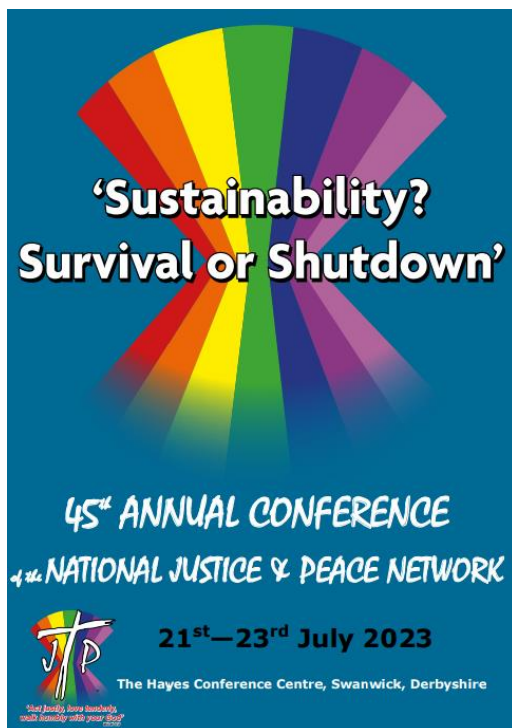
Event - Southern Dioceses Environment Network

[Monday 12th June - Online lunchtime meeting - 12.45pm - 2pm](#)

Event - CAFOD - Small Scale Farmers in Bangladesh

[Thursday 15th June at 2pm \(Webinar\)](#)

2. Annual Conference



Hot off the press from the recent NJPN Environment Meeting (and on the back of the recent Conference Planning Meeting), we have the following updated details: -

'Sustainability? Survival or Shutdown' is to be the theme of the 45th Annual Conference of NJPN at the Hayes in Derbyshire, 21–23 July. As Justice and Peace groups prioritise sustainability issues, a major focus will be the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. The last two conferences have explored the "ecological conversion" called for in Laudato Si', sustainable lifestyles and signs of hope. Conference 2023 aims to continue this process by discerning a more sustainable path to the future. Families are welcome. Some bursaries available for young people.

Speakers to include:

Brian O'Toole - Presentation Order's Justice Desk

Christine Allen – Director of CAFOD

In a final session, **Brian O'Toole** and **Barbara Butler** of Christians Aware will identify actions or commitments coming out of the weekend.

Fr Dominic Robinson, Chair of Westminster Justice and Peace Commission, will celebrate Mass at the conference.

Workshops include:

Good governance (Quakers Truth and Integrity Group)

Peace and the Arms Trade - war undermining sustainability (Mike and Patricia Pulham)

Fixing the Food System (CAFOD)

Laudato Si' goals (Brian O'Toole)

Season of Creation – talking about this in the context of Diocesan Justice and Peace (Westminster Justice and Peace)

Farming and the Future – speaking about food, earth, soil and eating more seasonal produce. How the farmers face the future, how land is used, what is sustainable in the future of farming? (Barbara Butler – Christians Aware)

Migrants (Mauricio Silva of the Columbans)

If you are planning on coming but haven't yet booked, the deadline is the 23rd June - but be aware we only have a limited number of places, so please get your bookings in as soon as possible.

The over-writable PDF booking form is available through the [NJPN website](#).

Please send back to e-bulletin@justice-and-peace.org.

If you have any queries, please telephone the Eccleston Square number - 020 7901 4864 and it will transfer through to my mobile. If I don't answer, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. (don't use the mobile number on the booking form as it is not in service at present).

3. Britain Today

Wicked Leeks - Supermarkets attend No. 10 Food Summit amid warnings of market failure

Wicked Leeks - Farm incomes fall to less than 18k.

Joseph Kelly from The Catholic Network - Sooner rather than later the UK is going to have to face up to a food poverty crisis.

4. Palestine/Israel (includes an Event)

Embrace the Middle East - Lebanon's Education Emergency

ICN - WCC concerned over attack on Christians in Jerusalem

Event: An Eye Witness account of my time as an Ecumenical Accompanier in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

The Balfour Project are hosting this webinar on Tuesday 6th May at 3pm. This will not be recorded, so if you want to listen to it, please book your place now. [Details here.](#)

5. Pact News

Theresa Alessandro through ICN reports on the Harold Hood Lecture - 'Bringing Hope and dignity to Imprisonment'

6. CAPS News

Robyn Luckhurst through ICN reports on CAPS 20th anniversary celebration with the Archbishop of Southwark

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)

7. Pax Christi E-Bulletin June 2023

See what they have been involved in, and there are details of their AGM on the 17th June. [Read it here.](#)

8. Operation Noah May 2023

News, events and how you can get involved. [Available here.](#)

9. Mouthpeace Summer 2023

Some very interesting articles from Marian, including a write up on our Networking Day of a couple of weeks ago, 'Women in Prison.' You can find it on the [NJPN website.](#)

10. Tiny Eco Home Life

Everyone knows I am a fan of Ben's newsletter, as he always highlights something useful, as well as environmentally friendly. This time around, he reviews a couple of eco-friendly deodorants - very topical now the warmer weather is upon us. [Read it here.](#)

11. Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

Details on their work and some interesting events. [Read it here.](#)

12. Together for Water March/May 2023

Some good articles about water issues around the world. If you are a gardener, you might be interested in the lead article about designing 'water-wise church grounds.' It particularly appealed to me as we are looking to set up some sort of wildlife friendly area in the concrete jungle at the back of our church. [Available here.](#)

13. A Rocha UK e-News June 2023

Andy Lester's article leads this edition. talking about the impact the extremes of weather had on the UK's wildlife last year, plus there are lots of other articles and events coming up. [Find it here.](#)

14. The Peace Museum May 2023

Lots of interesting articles, but not available on their [website](#) to link into. This is a particularly relevant and interesting one, though, which you may want to read - it is about a major study into the role of WW2 conscientious objectors. It can be read [here.](#)

15. Green Christian News No. 227

As usual, lots of interesting information and events. [Click here to read.](#)

EVENTS (in chronological order where applicable)

16. 6th June - 7pm - Middlesborough Diocese Justice and Peace Commission

Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture: 'Signs of Hope in a Troubled World'

We are delighted to welcome Christine Allen as this year's speaker for the Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture.

Christine has been the Director of CAFOD since the spring of 2019. She had previously held leadership positions at two faith-based international development organisations for the previous seventeen years – namely

Christian Aid and Progressio.

She brings a wealth of energy and experience to her work and plans to use the lecture to explore what it means to be a sign of hope at many different levels; and where we get our inspiration from to be signs of hope; whilst referencing the work of CAFOD- its supporters and partners and the wider influence of the church as a witness to hope.

We have again decided to arrange the lecture on Zoom and we are repeating last year's timing of a weekday evening which seemed to work well. To register for the lecture please email bhungin@yahoo.co.uk

17. 8th June - 7pm - 8.30pm - Scottish Laity Network

[The Synodal Journey: Insights from the General Secretariat](#)

18. 10th June - JPIT/Church Action on Poverty/APLE collective

[Dignity for All Conference](#)

19. 10th June - Diocese of Brentwood

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

20. 10th - 18th June - Great Big Green Week

[Details here.](#)

21. 11th June - Tax Justice Sunday

[Details here](#)

22. 15th June - 3pm - PositiveFaith

[The Power of Peer Support](#)

23. 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)

24. 15th June - 7pm - 8.30pm - Scottish Laity Network

[The Synodal Journey: Insights from the German Synodal Pathway](#)

25. 17th June - 10.30am for 11am - 4.30pm - Pax Christi

Annual General Meeting - [online](#) or in-person at Bloomsbury Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8EP. Register to attend in-person by emailing admin@paxchristi.org.uk

26. 19th June - 6pm - Christian Life Community

[The Circular Economy webinar: What is it? How can I engage with it?](#)

27. 20th June - PACT Westminster Supporters Mass and Roadshow

By Invitation only

28. 21st June - 1pm - 2.30pm - Church Action on Poverty

[Online session for churches in how to set up self-reliant Groups in the community](#)

29. 22nd June - Scottish Laity Network

[The Synodal Journey: Insights from Latin America](#)

30. 23rd June - 7pm - 8.15pm - Seeking Sanctuary

[Webinar - A Radical Spirituality of Welcome](#)

31. 29th June - 7pm - 8.30pm - Catholic Association for Racial Justice

[Combatting Racism - different approaches over the past 75 years](#)

32. 2nd - 6th July - A series of events celebrating Edith Stein and the value of the human person

Taking place at Aylesford Priory, Kent. Details through the [CBCEW](#).

33. 6th July - 7pm - 8.30pm - Catholic Association for Racial Justice

[The Churches role in combatting racism over the past 75 years](#)

34. 11th July - 2pm - 3.30pm - Webinar hosted by Bishop Paul McAleenan
Racial Justice in the Church

35. 15th July - 10am - 1.15pm - PACT
Birmingham JustPeople Roadshow

36. 21st - 23rd July - NJPN Annual Conference
Sustainability? Survival or Shutdown

37. 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.](#)

38. 29th July - 10am - 11.30am - Catholic Association for Racial Justice
Combatting racism - An Agenda for the Future for Britain

39. 3rd August- 7pm - 8.30pm - Catholic Association for Racial Justice
The Church's role in the struggle for Racial Justice in the future

40. 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.](#)

41. ACTIONS

In a couple of weeks time it will be Father's Day and we thought it might be nice to highlight some of these goods, in aid of a good cause, for the significant men in your life.

Embrace the Middle East are suggesting their ['alternative gifts'](#) where you donate money which will go towards something specific for a child/family in the Middle East.

If you want a physical present, why not check out their [shop](#), which has lots of different gifts for all manner of people, including their Olive Tree Gifts range.

Transform Trade have come up with this heading: -

"What do you want for Father's Day?" "I don't want anything, I have everything I need."

We all know people like that - particularly those over a certain age, who, if they want something, they buy it!

Again, they are suggesting donating money for ['Gifts that change lives'](#).

You can either order a physical card, or an e-card, to go out to the recipient, and that card will say what the money is being donated for.

42. The Last Word

These are Labrador Retrievers. They come in a variety of colors. They are loved & treated equally no matter their color. They don't fight each other over their color differences. When it comes down to it, they are all Labs, they are all dogs.

**Dear humans, do better, be better.
Be more like Labs.**



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