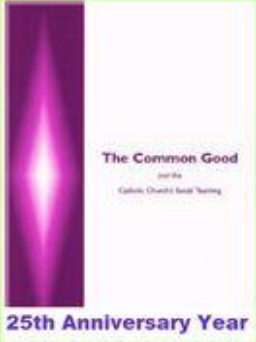


Catholic Social Teaching quotes



25th Anniversary Year

“Christ taught us that our neighbourhood is universal: so loving our neighbour has global dimensions. It demands fair international trading policies, decent treatment of refugees, support for the UN and control of the arms trade. Solidarity with our neighbour is also about the promotion of equality of rights and equality of opportunities; hence we must oppose all forms of discrimination and racism.”

*Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales 1996
The Common Good and the Catholic Church's Social Teaching 14*

Dear Friends,

I hope Easter was kind to you, and that many of you were able to enjoy the rather shortened versions of the Easter Services.

Leading the main news this weekend is, of course, the death of Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth for 73 years, and Prince Consort since 1952. Whether you are a Royalist or not, you cannot fail to recognise the work that Prince Philip has done for this country; in particular the setting up of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, which has helped many disaffected youth over the past 54 years; plus his early warnings on the impact we were having on the environment, long before it became fashionable. I have included a couple of articles summing up his life and legacies. We thank him for his service and pray that he may rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with Queen Elizabeth and their family at this time.

There are lots of other articles covering our justice and peace values, and many events going on, mainly remotely, at this present time. Our own AGM and Networking Day is taking place on Saturday 8th May, details of which is in the Events Section of this e-bulletin.

To finish off, I wanted to share the words that I read on CAFOD's Weekly Reflections this week:-

'For ourselves, we now have the facts about climate change, global inequalities and discrimination brought clearly before us over the last year, so we cannot continue as we did before.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, can we grasp the opportunity to do things differently and live in a new way? Can we take Christ's peace into the world and foster fullness of life, for all our sisters and brothers in need?'

Please feel free to share this e-bulletin with friends and family, and encourage them to subscribe to future issues.

The next bulletin will be out in two weeks time, the 25th April. If you have something you particularly want shared, please send it to:- ebulletin@justice-and-peace.org.uk. This email address is usually only monitored when the e-bulletin is being prepared, so please do not expect an immediate answer when sending anything.

God bless,
Sharon (Editor)

PS Don't forget to book for our Annual Conference. [Details here.](#)

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ACTION OF THE WEEK

Check out Climate Stewards!

We have got a practical idea this week as our Action.

Everyone talks about Carbon Footprints - but do many of us actually know what carbon footprints we are leaving on this earth, and the cost to our world?

If you go onto the Climate Stewards website, you can not only find out how much you are costing the earth through the mode of transport you use, what you eat, what you heat your home with etc., but you can also choose to donate that money towards their environmental projects in the poorer parts of the world.

'Climate Stewards encourages you to calculate your carbon footprint, reduce it if you can, and offset the rest. Offsetting means compensating for every tonne of CO₂ you emit. We do this by supporting community forestry, water filter, solar and cookstove projects in the developing world.'

[Click here to investigate further.](#)

Thank You.

NEWS AND COMMENT

1. Refugees/Migrants (includes an Action)

How to work WITH people to build dignity and power

Church Action on Poverty highlight the work of Migrant Support in Manchester, where they are a lifeline to many people arriving in this country, providing practical support and social encouragement. You can read about the work they are doing, and watch the video [here](#).

"Appalling, degrading conditions at all military barracks need to end"

JRS are again renewing calls to close Napier Barracks in the wake of the the closure of Penally Camp in Wales. This article, dated 17th March (written four days before Penally was due to close) highlights the terrible conditions that the refugees are expected to live in, despite an extremely damning report on conditions at both Napier and Penally barracks by Inspectors from the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration (ICIBI) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons (HMIP). You can read it on the [JRS UK website](#).

Also, just a couple of days ago, The Guardian published this article, saying that asylum seekers being moved into Napier Barracks are being told that they will be staying there for at least 60 to 90 days. [Read it here](#).

[Sign Now! Close down Napier Barracks.](#) 38 Degrees have a petition running asking the Home Office to shut down Napier Barracks. Click on the link to sign.

A just approach to asylum

The Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees has called for a just approach to asylum that has "people and families at its centre" and recognises the "*diverse and complex factors that shape the journeys of refugees*".

Bishop Paul McAleenan was speaking after the Home Secretary announced what was described as "*the most significant overhaul of our asylum system in decades*". See Bishop Paul's full statement through [CBCEW here](#).

Parents who send their kids across the border are not heroes or villains... They're humans facing impossible choices

Joanna Williams through [America Magazine](#) has written the above article, talking

about the situation at the US-Mexico border and what the US Administration should be doing to help them, as well as why people make the choices that they make there. [Vatican News](#) are also covering this story, and mention that US Border Control have picked up 19,000 unaccompanied children trying to cross the border from Mexico into the US.

Suspend No Recourse to Public Funds Visa Conditions - answer from the Government

A few weeks ago we asked if you would consider signing the above petition, and if you did, you would have received a reply from the Government this week, stating that *'due to the alternative support available to migrants with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) the Government does not intend to suspend the condition, permanently or temporarily.'*

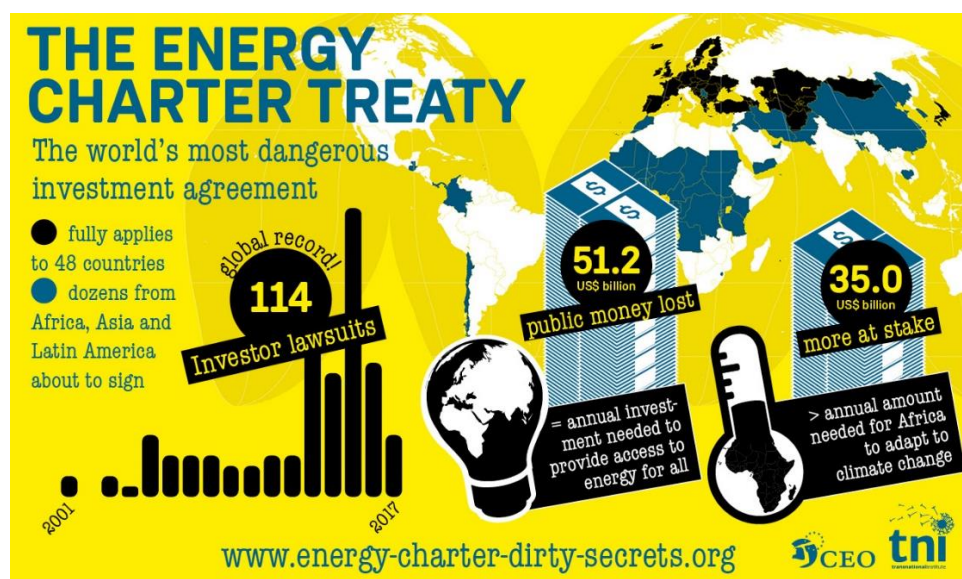
The full response from the Government is available to read [here](#).

Thanks to everyone who participated.

2. Climate/Environment Issues

Our Common Home: Fossil Fuel Industry's Secret Weapon

Fons, through Mill Hill Missionaries, writes: - *'Our new report exposes how the little-known Energy Charter Treaty gives corporations the power to halt the energy transition. And how it is being expanded, threatening to bind yet more countries to corporate-friendly energy policies.'*



I for one had no knowledge of this very frightening Treaty, so I would urge you to watch this very informative video through [Mill Hill here](#), also, there is a report available on the Treaty [here](#).

Common efforts needed in education to combat climate change

Vatican News reports that Pope Francis sent a message to the participants at the recently-held UNESCO Forum on Biodiversity organised to discuss ideas to shape and fuel a dialogue on environmental challenges and their implications for the world. Pope Francis said that we are becoming more aware that climate change is “*much more a moral than a technical issue*” which can only be tackled by investing in “*educating new generations on lifestyles that are respectful of creation which have so far remained unexplored.*”

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

Churches call MP's to back the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

Press Release from Green Christian:-

On the 26th March, the date of the (now postponed) Second Reading of the Bill in parliament, brightly coloured banners were dropped from church buildings calling on MPs to 'Back the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill'. Tweets sharing banner images made #CEEBill trend at number one on Twitter for UK Politics.

Drafted by scientists, legal experts, ecological economists and environmentalists, the Bill is designed to reverse climate and ecological breakdown. It asks the UK Government to take responsibility for our fair share of greenhouse gas emissions, to actively restore biodiverse habitats in the UK and to reduce damage to the environment caused by the production, transportation and disposal of the goods we consume. Tabled by Caroline Lucas of the Green Party, the Bill has support of over 100 MPs in 8 political parties, representing all parts of the UK.

Revd Tamsin Merchant of St Mary's, Hornsey Rise, London, said, 'It is time for the Government to act and seek to implement change to protect this amazing Earth, which God has made. Our current situation shows us how we must act now and not delay.' Green Christian member Poppy Pickard, who attends St Mary's, said, *'It is so important that the Government takes this on board; there is no time to lose. We must do all that we possibly can to protect God's wonderful creation from abuse.'*

Speaking at Lady Saint Mary's Church, Wareham, Revd Hilary Bond said, 'The bright yellow banner across the front of our church is an attempt to encourage our Government to actually fulfil the promises that they have already made in respect of taking care of the Earth that we as Christians believe that God made and gave to us to look after. The banner is a statement that our church believes taking care of the natural environment not only matters, but is an integral part of the expression of our Christian faith.'

The parishes of St Paul's Clifton and Cotham, the originators of a motion that led to

*the Diocese of Bristol declaring a Climate Emergency and urging the General Synod of the Church of England to commit to being carbon neutral by 2030. Revd David Stephenson said, **'We recognise that we need to continue to take meaningful action ourselves and urge others, and especially government, to meaningful action. We believe that the CEE Bill provides a framework for this kind of action and would enable the UK Government to take a genuine lead as hosts of the COP26 conference. The time has to be now to halt the destruction of ecosystems and irreversible climate change through global warming.'***

You can read more about Green Christian joining the CEE Bill Alliance [here](#). The Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill is available to read [here](#).

Lord Deben on Climate Change

Ellen Teague has written a good article for Independent Catholic News concerning an online gathering that Lord Deben - John Selwyn Gummer - spoke at, where he stated that Catholics should follow the teachings of Laudato Si and take climate change more seriously. I particularly liked his tongue in cheek comment that the Bishops focus was more *'procreation than creation!'* You can read the full article [here](#).

3. NJPN Column in the Universe

2nd April – Bruce Kent, Vice President of Pax Christi and CND 'Stupid and Immoral Choices'

I had several shocks this week. Firstly the Government is not cancelling, but continuing, with its international arms sales marketing exhibition, which takes place every two years in Docklands, London. It is supported by the Ministry of Defence and the UK Defence & Security Export Ministry. They expect 36,000 visitors from 114 countries (which seems rather odd in itself at a time of COVID travel restrictions.) Their website promotes the event as a chance to 'do business, enter the supply chain, meet buyers of your products'.

This event results in British weapons being sold to all parts of the world, with catastrophic consequences. Much of the destruction in the Yemen comes from bombs sold by this country to Saudi Arabia. Yet, instead of following the US lead by ending arms exports worth billions for use in that war, our Government recently announced a cut in its aid to Yemen.

The next shock was ridiculous as well. Not only is this country spending about £205 billion on a new generation of Trident nuclear weapons, each vastly more destructive than the ones that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but this Government is also going to increase the number of warheads rather than reduce them as planned. If we have money to spend it would be far better spent on the NHS here and to help poor countries suffering dreadfully from the current global

health disaster.

In a series of tweets the Anglican Bishop of Rochester, Roger Morris, gave his reaction to those recent shocking announcements: “UK Government: Authorised £1.39bn arms sales to Saudi Arabia from July-Sept 2020. Cut foreign aid from 0.7% GDP to 0.5%. Cut aid to Yemen while it is being bombarded by UK weapons. Now plans to increase number of nuclear warheads by 50%. This is moral bankruptcy.” I couldn’t agree more.

These decisions, choosing military power over human need, fly in the face of both reason and morality. Surely the COVID pandemic has taught us, if nothing else, that our future lies in global solidarity? ‘Peace is the fruit of anxious daily care’ said Pope Paul VI, ‘to see that everyone lives in the justice that God intends’.

As Catholics it is time to reject nuclear weapons without any ifs and buts. Pope Francis stands firmly against even the possession of nuclear weapons We should follow him.

9th April – Fr. Rob Esdaile is Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton, Surrey

'Wounded Beyond Doubt'

Every year without fail ‘Doubting Thomas’ is put in the spotlight on the Sunday after Easter; inevitability so, because this is one of the few resurrection appearance stories with a date stamp (“eight days later the disciples were in the house again ...”). Thomas is usually held up as a glaring example of the failure to believe – although his doubt leads him to the most profound statement of faith in Jesus anywhere in the Gospels: “My Lord and my God!” But let’s take another look.

We all know Thomas’ problem: he was ‘out of the room’ when the Risen Jesus came and showed them his hands and his side and yet, strangely, combined this with the greeting: “Peace be with you!” Thomas was traumatised by the betrayals of Good Friday (like all his fellow disciples – still fearful, still hiding behind locked doors, even though they’d seen Jesus once again alive). And we can sympathise: why would he not be incredulous in the face of their report? So, let’s relate his resistance to our own un-resurrected views.

“Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands ... and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.” Despite the 24-hour news cycle (or maybe because of it), most of the time we live in comfortable disconnect from the realities of human suffering in Myanmar or Yemen or even in the problem places much closer to our homes. Editors ensure we rarely glimpse the real effects of cluster bombs, famine, drugs and damp on actual lives.

But unless we see that it is Christ who suffers in these places – that “whatsoever we do to the least of these we do unto him” – we cannot yet speak of fully Christian

faith. Unless we touch Christ's wounds (or, rather, let them touch us, drawing us towards the holes our own nails, spears and scourges make) we are not yet people of the Eighth Day. The proper response to those few muffled screams that do make it onto the evening news is this: "My Lord and my God!" It is Thomas, with his protest at his friends' too-easy faith, who guides our gaze towards the gaping wounds that broke our Lord and bids us bind them up. Jesus' Resurrection does not take the wounds away. It makes them motives for compassion, strange founts of healing love.

Our thanks go to our friends at The Universe for supporting us. If you would like to take out a subscription to their newspaper, please follow this [link](#).

4. Tributes to Prince Philip

'Prince Philip: An extraordinary man who led an extraordinary life'

Jonny Diamond, Royal Correspondent for BBC News, writes the following:-

'Prince Philip was an extraordinary man who lived an extraordinary life; a life intimately connected with the sweeping changes of our turbulent 20th Century, a life of fascinating contrast and contradiction, of service and some degree of solitude. A complex, clever, eternally restless man.'

To read his article in full, telling Prince Philip's story, go to [BBC News](#).

Also on the [BBC News website](#) there is a good piece about what a difference the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has made to young people since it was set up in 1956. Having had one of my sons gain his Silver Award some years ago, I know from personal experience what an achievement it is, and how much young people get out of it.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has given a nice tribute via the [CBCEW website](#), referring to Prince Philip as an 'example of steadfast loyalty and duty cheerfully given.'



5. Death of Catholic Theologian, Hans Küng

The National Catholic Reporter writes: - *Hans Küng died on April 6th at his home in Tübingen, Germany, aged 93. Few men throughout Christendom have had as much to say or had their work seen by as many Christians as the Swiss theologian and Catholic priest.*

The World Council of Churches pays tribute to him here: -

“Hans Küng had the courage and fortitude to consistently, throughout his entire life, ask difficult questions in his quest for ecumenism,” said WCC acting general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca. *“He challenged the status quo not only within his own faith community but in larger ecumenical circles as well, and he had an unflinching commitment to interreligious and intercultural dialogue, as well as to the common good.”*

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

6. Pope backs multi-faith efforts to eradicate child sexual abuse

[Vatican News](#) reports that in a message to religious leaders, scholars and experts from various fields participating in the international Symposium “Faith and Flourishing: Strategies for Preventing and Healing Child Sexual Abuse”, Pope Francis expressed his support and hope for the eradication of what he described as “a profound evil.”

The Vatican has teamed up with Harvard University to host a virtual Symposium on preventing and healing child sexual abuse, an event which grew out of a bird’s nest presented to Pope Francis, according to Jennifer Wortham, Chair of the three-day event.

Dr. Wortham—whose own family was deeply wounded by the pain of clerical sexual abuse—spoke to [Vatican News](#) about the Symposium’s goals, and about how God turned her own family’s suffering into a path of healing for others.

7. Aid cuts: Balancing the books on the backs of the world’s poorest is not acceptable, say Archbishops

The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and the Archbishop of Canterbury have joined forces to condemn cuts to the UK’s Aid budget that will do “real damage” to Yemen, Syria and South Sudan and other countries in crisis.

The government has said it would not meet the 0.7% target in the coming financial year and spending will be cut to 0.5% of national income – a move that would save about £4bn a year.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Justin Welby told the Evening Standard that “balancing the books during a pandemic on the backs of the world’s poorest is not acceptable.” They stress that “we must not walk by on the other side.” The full text is available to read from the [CBCEW website here](#).

8. Pope Video for April: For Fundamental Human Rights

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network have produced this video, shown through Mill Hill Missionaries, in which the Pope describes defending human rights demands courage and determination.

You can listen to his words [here](#).

9. Myanmar

The Myanmar military has had a crackdown, cranking up its offensive against the insurgent groups, displacing thousands of innocent civilians. More than 20,000 from Myanmar's Karen State have been forced to flee their homes. They are living off emergency rations, but more importantly, are unable to get home to tend crops and livestock, which could then lead to greater problems in the near future. The full story is available from [Vatican News](#).

10. Acute Hunger in the Democratic Republic of Congo

The Food and Agriculture Organisation and World Food Programme have warned that the scale of acute hunger in the DRC is “staggering”. Conflict and insecurity have been a leading factor, followed by Covid-19 and economic decline. They are saying that one in three people in the DRC is suffering from acute hunger.

To read the factors that have contributed to this problem, including hosting the second largest number of internally displaced people in the world, plus what various organisations are doing to help, go to Vatican News [here](#).

11. Food Insecurity in the UK

Church Action on Poverty writes '*The Government's own research conclusively shows that, even prior to the pandemic, one in twelve of all households in the UK were experiencing low or very low levels of food security. The data was in the Family Resources Survey 2019/20, published by the Department for Work and Pensions on Thursday 25th March. Most shockingly, it shows that more than four out of ten (43%) households in receipt of Universal Credit experience high or very high levels of household food insecurity. This confirms what people who have to rely on Universal Credit to survive have known for a long time: the level of Universal Credit is simply too low.*'

You can read the the Data and the Church Action on Poverty briefing [here](#).

12. Christian groups urge NatWest to divest from nuclear weapons

Ellen Teague, for Independent Catholic News, writes '*Christian CND, the National Justice and Peace Network, Columban Missionaries Britain and The Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace are among the 40+ organisations that have signed a letter to NatWest Group CEO Alison Rose to update the group's defence sector policy to reflect that nuclear weapons are now prohibited under international law. The call comes following widespread condemnation of the UK government's decision to increase the cap on the nuclear weapons in its stockpile by up to 40%.*' You can read the full letter through [ICN here](#).

NEWSLETTERS

13. North West NJPN E-Bulletin - April 2021

Another good edition from Anne, with the lead article looking at responses to the UK Government's recent report by the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities, which has been widely criticised by various groups. There are also plenty of other interesting articles, resources and a short film. Read it through the NJPN website [here](#).

14. Journey to 2030

I have just received the Easter edition of the Journey to 2030 newsletter. It has lots of interesting items in it, but unfortunately doesn't get posted on their website. I strongly recommend you subscribing to their newsletter, and to take a look around their [website](#), as it has lots of good articles and resources available.

15. London Mining Network March 2021 (includes an Action)

The newsletter begins with the enquiry into the proposed Cumbrian Coal Mine, and goes on to talk about the Brazilian President wanting to '*open up the Amazon rainforest for mining.*' Please make sure, if nothing else, that you sign their petition against this. There are also lots of other interesting articles. [Click here to read](#).

16. Peacelinks Spring 2021

Giving an overview of the what the Fellowship of Reconciliation has been up to in the past few months, and what is happening in the future, along with other articles. [Click here to read it](#).

EVENTS (in chronological order where applicable)

17. Tuesday 13th April 3pm - 4.30pm

Climate Change, Modern Slavery and a Just Transition

Event hosted by Anti-Slavery International. [Click here to register.](#)

18. Tuesday 13th April 5pm - 6pm, and Thursday 15th April 12noon - 1pm

Changing the world through AGM Activism. How you can get involved

Event hosted by Share Action. [Information and register here.](#)

19. Thursday 15th April 6.30pm - 8pm

'Imprisoning a Generation'

Film screening, followed by Q & A, through the Palestine Solidarity Campaign
[Register here.](#)

20. Thursday 15th April 7pm - 8.30pm

Standing up to Drax Webinar: protecting forests from tree burning

Hosted by Biofuelwatch and Cut Carbon not Forests. [Register here.](#)

21. Friday 16th April to Monday 19th April

A Zoom Retreat on Living Laudato Si: your Parish your Planet, through Boarbank Hall

For more information and to register, [click here.](#)

22. Monday 19th April 6.30pm

Falling through the Net: How Net Zero covers up Climate Inaction

Hosted by Campaign Against Climate Change. [Register here.](#)

23. 19th April 2021 7pm - 8.30pm

Online conversation on UK Politics of Division

Church and Peace in Britain and Ireland is hosting an online conversation on „The Politics of Division – is the UK government pursuing a “white nationalist” agenda to split our communities? [Click here to register.](#)

24. Tuesday 20th April 8pm - 9.30pm

Stand up for Palestine - another array of acclaimed comedians doing a stand-up show.

For more information and to get your ticket, [click here.](#)

25. Thursday 22nd April 4pm - 5pm

An Online event to celebrate Earth Day: Restore our Earth

Hosted by Footsteps. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

26. Thursday 22nd April - Saturday 25th April

From the Ground Up II

Details and booking through [Eventbrite here](#).



27. Thursday 22nd April, between either 1pm and 2pm or 8pm and 9pm

Climate Emergency Toolkit: National Training Webinar

Details and to register, [click here](#).

28. Saturday 24th April 9.15am - 4.15pm

'The Climate Change Crisis: what on earth can we do'

A free conference via Zoom. [Click here for more information and to register](#).

RYEDALE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

THE CLIMATE CHANGE CRISIS

What on earth can we do?

SATURDAY 24th APRIL 2021

9.15am - 4.15pm

A Free Zoom Event

Bishop James Jones

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29. Wednesday 28th April 6.30pm - 7.30pm

'A Year on the Road' - looking back with the JRS Emergency Response Team

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

30. Wednesday 28th April 7.30pm - 9pm

**'A New Moral Ecology for a World where Climate Catastrophe is Real:
Hook Lecture Spring 2021**

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

31. Saturday 8th May 11am - 3pm

NJPN AGM and Open Networking Day

To register, please [click here](#).



Our NJPN AGM & Networking Day

is May 8th 2021

11.00 am - 3.00 pm on Zoom



Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUrF-ugrD4sEtP4HY0-nzoO4-tcKXru5j38>

Closing the gap?

Post-lockdown ramifications for pupils in schools.

During the afternoon seminar, Professor Anthony Towe and Matthew Dell (both of St Mary's University) will consider the early indicators of the post-lockdown pupil experience as well as considering the implications for educational attainment.

The morning session will be the NJPN AGM and Noticeboard, followed by the opportunity to wander into breakout rooms to network in smaller groups over lunch, then at 1.15pm the above seminar.



Future meetings: Saturday 11th September: Open NJPN Networking Day via Zoom

Saturday 13th November is aiming to be an in person Networking Day (venue to be confirmed)

43rd Annual Justice & Peace Conference 2021: action for life on earth: moment of truth

23rd -25th July 2021 at The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/

32. Tuesday 11th May 7.30pm

David Goodbourn Lecture 2021

Untangling the legacies of slavery: Deconstructing Mission Christianity for our contemporary Kerygma

[Sign up here for your free place.](#)

33. Wednesday 12th May to Friday 14th May 10am - 12.30pm

Sitting among the Ashes: an online conference on spiritual accompaniment.

For more details and to register email andii.bowsher@northumbria.ac.uk

34. Monday 17th May at 12noon, and Thursday 20th May at 8pm
Christian CND Prayer Meetings via Zoom. [Click here for more information.](#)

ACTIONS/APPEALS/SURVEYS

35. Remove meaningless grammar terminology from Primary School Curriculum

When I was at school, we were taught the 'Three R's' - Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic (and please don't guess my age!). Our education was sound, and we learnt what we needed to get by in the world. Now, however, there is completely unnecessary grammar terminology being taught in primary schools. Unless you are in the teaching profession, have you heard of fronted adverbials, relative pronouns, and compounds?

38 degrees are asking us to sign a petition to Gavin Williamson, requesting for this to be removed from the Curriculum, and easing the stress on young minds. [Click here to participate.](#)

36. Cancel the Debt

Right now, African countries are spending three times more on debt repayments to banks and speculators than it would cost to vaccinate the entire continent against Covid-19.

Global Justice Now want us to email the big banks asking them to cancel the debt. [Click here.](#)

37. The Climate Threat from the UK-Canada Trade Deal

Global Justice Now writes: - *The UK has signed a trade agreement with Canada which could give fossil fuel companies the power to sue governments for taking action on the climate emergency.*

These corporate courts are an obstacle to a clean energy transition and to achieving climate justice.

The corporate courts clauses in the UK-Canada deal are currently suspended until they've been reviewed. At the moment, the government hopes that review can happen behind closed doors and be a bit of a formality. We have three months from the start of April to change that.

You can email the Trade Minister, Liz Truss, to ask for public consultation, [here.](#)

38. No new nuclear warheads

Christian CND have five ways in which you can get involved in the campaign to eliminate nuclear weapons around the world. Go to their [website](#) to find out what you can do and how you can help.

39. THE LAST WORD

Hope in These Troubled Times - a book by Jürgen Moltmann

In a time when hope itself seems challenged, even naïve, esteemed theologian Jürgen Moltmann offers a frank assessment of the dangers that confront humanity, and he traces our steepest problems to assumptions behind the modern worldview. But he also explores the root and character of Christian hope, and he envisions the form and shape of a life-affirming spirituality, one that can inform and enliven Christian faith in imperiled times.

You can read more about this book, either purchase a copy, or download it for free, from the [World Council of Churches website](#).

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