



Dear Friends,

In the last week, due to having very limited fuel in the tank of my car, I have walked everywhere. So, that is over a mile each way, to and from work every day. Not only have I enjoyed it, but I have lost just under 2kg in weight, plus I feel that I have done my bit for the environment. The only casualty in all this has been my daughter, who has moaned every day that she has had to leave home almost thirty minutes earlier and has arrived at school damp where she has refused to wear a jacket. She will learn...

I did eventually queue for fuel at the end of the week - it took me half an hour. The main reason behind this is that I have a disabled other half, and he really needs me to drive him around, plus his son has been in hospital, and we felt that it would be better to have fuel in the car should we need to use it. I am sure there are many people, like me, though, who have found this situation totally ridiculous. We seem to be going from one crisis to the next, 'fuelled' by the media and the selfishness of other people. (and of course the Government - enough said).

Again, we will be focusing on the climate, but also remembering the plight of

refugees as World Day of Migrants and Refugees was celebrated last weekend.

The next e-bulletin will be out around the 17th October. Please forward anything that you would like included before then to [e-bulletin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:e-bulletin@justice-and-peace.org.uk). We would be grateful if you could forward it onto any interested friends or family, and encourage them to subscribe to receive their own copies!

Wishing you a good start to October,  
Stay well,  
Sharon (Editor)

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**School Exclusions**

***'Lord, who shall we go to?  
You have the message of eternal life.'* (John: 6, 68)**

**The seventh workshop in the Series organised by the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) on Diversity, Inequality and Racism in the UK – A Challenge for Catholic Education:**

***Wednesday 13 October (4:00 – 5:30)***

*The Workshop will include a main presentation by Asha Sidhu, examining the Timpson Review (May 2019), ethnic minorities, alternative provision, and the impact of exclusion on pupils, families and communities. A second speaker will reflect briefly on how the Catholic community might support all concerned. These presentations will be followed by ample time for questions, comments and discussion. The Session will be followed by a CARJ working group on exclusions and alternative provision.*

*For further information and to register for the Workshop please contact CARJ, 9 Henry Rd, London N4 2LH. 020 8802 8080. [info@carj.org.uk](mailto:info@carj.org.uk).*

*All those who register will be acknowledged and will be sent a link a few days prior to the event. Participation is free of charge.*

**Thank You.**

**NEWS AND COMMENT**

**1. COP26, Climate and Environment (includes **Actions and Events**)**

**Camino to COP - A walkers reflection**

As you know, we have been following those who have been walking to COP, both

younger and older pilgrims. This is Barbara Wilson's story, who spent two weeks walking from London to Birmingham as part of the Extinction Rebellion (XR) Faith Bridge Camino to COP26. Barbara's story is available to read through ICN [here](#).

Also, Euan McPhee of Green Christian, has just finished a 700 mile cycle pilgrimage from Truro to Glasgow. Details of his ride and links to his experiences are available through the [GC website](#).

### **Event - Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission Autumn Assembly**

**'COP26: What next?'** is a continued response to the huge environment issues of our time. At Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Brixton Hill, London SW2 5BJ. Saturday 20th November from 10am onwards. Entrance is free. Everyone welcome. Email [jpiccontact@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:jpiccontact@rcaos.org.uk) to reserve your place. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

### **Action and Event**





On Saturday 6 November, we are joining people around the world for a global day of action to demand climate justice at COP26. [Join us in Glasgow, in London or your local area.](#)

The COP26 climate talks will take place in Glasgow between 31 October and 13 November - just four weeks away. Click the link above to find actions, local hubs and regional initiatives taking place on November the 6th.

If you haven't yet made up your mind about going to Glasgow, listen to this [video](#) from Catherine, from Green Christian, saying why she is going to Glasgow. If you want to link up and pray with other members of GC in Glasgow, email [catherinefish@greenchristian.org,uk](mailto:catherinefish@greenchristian.org,uk) to let her know.

### **Brentwood launches campaign 'to inspire care for our common home'**

I have to put my hand up to having a vested interest in this article - Brentwood is my Diocese, and it is great to see that they are following in the footsteps of the many other Dioceses who are now taking a strong interest in our world, and how the choices we make on a day to day basis impact upon the planet. This weekend we are having the launch weekend of the Diocesan initiative, and Bishop Alan Williams' letter will be read out at all Masses. Bishop Alans stresses *"This is not just another environmental campaign; it is an integral part of our faith. In making your personal pledges - in working to heal the planet and in striving for justice for the poorest people in the world - you are a living witness to Jesus Christ."*

Fr Dominic Howarth, who has been part of the working party involved in the launch says: *"Although we are coming to this late in terms of a specific Diocesan policy, this is part of a continuum of ethical involvement going back decades. The Diocese is part of a national scheme supplying green electricity and gas to parishes; espoused the Real Living Wage in 2018 and set up Caritas Brentwood in the same year. This weekend's launch deepens and strengthens an ethical investment policy that was itself pioneering when it was first developed, over thirty years ago."*

You can read the full article through [Independent Catholic News.](#)

## **Pope to Youth4Climate - Education should foster care for environment**

Technical and political solutions to humanity's crises, such as climate change and the environment, are not enough unless there is a culture of care and responsible sharing, which is nurtured through an education that promotes development and sustainability based on fraternity.

Pope Francis made the point in a [video message](#) to young people participating in a 3-day Youth4Climate event in Milan, Northern Italy, in preparation for the COP26 in Glasgow in November. The full article is available through [Vatican News](#).

## **Action - End Destructive Fishing in Marine Protected Areas**

Greenpeace are asking us to share their video '[No fish, No future](#)' showing them and fisherman sailing up the Thames to deliver a message to our Government, asking them to protect our oceans now. Watch it and share it where you can. Thank you.

## **Journey to 2030 website launch**

On Monday, John Paul de Quay was joined by a host of people for the soft launch of their new [website](#). Please check it out. It is great for resources and he would be very happy to hear from anyone with any comments, suggestions and wishes for the new site.

Journey to 2030 is a movement of individuals, organisations, communities and dioceses, all listening to, and acting upon, the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. If you don't know where to start, here is a good place!

## **World Health Organisation:- Air pollution threat to health and climate**

Air pollution is a serious threat to climate and health: That's the verdict of the

WHO, who on the 22nd September, issued its first air quality guidelines since 2005, ahead of the COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow. To read the full article, including guidelines aiming to reduce deaths, go to [Vatican News](#).

### **Action - Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition**

Two UN conferences. One opportunity for Catholics worldwide to listen to Pope Francis and act out our faith.

At the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in October, world leaders can set meaningful targets to protect creation.

In November, at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), countries will announce their plans to meet the goals of the Paris agreement.

Ahead of those meetings, it is our responsibility as Catholics to lift up the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf. We must act now.

[Sign the petition](#) **to political leaders participating in COP15 and COP26 now!**

### **Season of Creation: COP26 Praying with Art**

I wanted to finish this Climate section with this [video](#) from Mill Hill Missionaries. In their words: -

***It is set to the music of John Denver's 'Windsong'. Through paintings by Van Gogh, Michelangelo, etc. we look at the Beauty of our world... a world that has been entrusted into our care. We ask that we may all grow deeper in our respect for God's Creation and better care for it.***

The song and art beautifully complement each other.

## **2. Refugees (includes an Event)**





## **Bishop prays for migrants and refugees at Dover**

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales write: - *On Saturday, 25 September, the day before the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Bishop Paul McAleenan led a service of reflection and prayer on the seafront in Dover. Organised by Seeking Sanctuary, an organisation that raises awareness of the plight of migrants and refugees near our sea borders, the group gathered at noon to pray at the Migrants Memorial on the front. At the site there is a plaque commemorating the many victims who have lost their lives seeking sanctuary in the UK. It also carries the words of Pope Francis: "Every migrant has a name, a face, and a story."*

To listen to Bishop Paul talk about the event, click [here](#).

Also, to mark the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Sarah Teather, Director of Jesuit Refugee Service UK has written a reflection, 'Dreaming Together as One Human Family.' Click [here](#) to read it.

## **Stories of Resilience**

Taken from Jesuit Refugee Service UK: - *This week, we were delighted to be part of the launch of the Stories of Resilience project, debuting a new video "What my Equals bank card means to me". Produced in collaboration with Migration Exchange (who funded the project), we facilitated a number of workshops encouraging refugee friends to share - in their own words - the difference a small piece of plastic made (and continues to make).*

You can watch the video [here](#).

## **Event - find out more about hosting a refugee through 'At Home'**

Talking of JRS, you can find out more about their hosting scheme this **Thursday, the 7th October**, at 6:30 – 7:30 pm (arrivals from 6 pm) at the Parish Hall of St Mary of the Angels Church, Moorhouse Rd, London W2 5DJ. Refreshments will be provided.

To RSVP, please email Nick: [nick.hanrahan@jrs.net](mailto:nick.hanrahan@jrs.net)

## **Praying with detainees**

Sr. Patricia, one of the volunteer visitors with the JRS UK Detention Outreach Team, wrote the following:-

*As I contemplate on what to write, the tragedy of what is happening in Afghanistan is on my mind. For weeks we have witnessed the fear of the Afghan people and their desperation to leave the country rather than live under a regime that is oppressive and dangerous for many.*

*The poem by Lori McBride 'A Broken Family Tree' speaks to the painful experiences of many people but when I read it now, it conjures up images of Kabul airport and the thousands of families and individuals seeking to board a plane for another country. While they get away, they leave behind the rest of their family and the cultural ties that bind them. The very title of the poem, 'A Broken Family Tree' is enough to grab me and hold me in that experience of familial and cultural fragmentation.*

*"....And I see the broken branches I knew  
Scattered about me in pain.  
There are those who have taken an axe  
To the root of our very foundation  
And who have passed this destruction  
Down to every new generation.  
If I could take that axe,*

*I would toss it deep into the sea,  
Never to return again  
To harm the generations that follow me.*

*I am one of many,  
But alone I will go  
And plant the new seeds  
Where a beautiful tree will grow.”*

*The days, months and years ahead will be difficult for our Afghan friends as they settle into a different culture but also as they worry about loved ones left behind. Our prayer is that a new beautiful tree will be allowed to grow, that there will be a warm welcome for those who come to these shores seeking refuge.*

*Amidst the swirl of these emotions, we marked the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on the 27th September. Pope Francis has written a message entitled ‘Towards an ever wider “we”’ which gives us much to reflect upon to help shape our response to the situation in Afghanistan, as well as the hostility that many refugees experience within the UK.*

*It’s natural to our species to gravitate towards those with whom we have a shared understanding and experience. We feel safe and comfortable and encouraged in our point of view and lifestyle. However, groupings can be and often are, divisive. Sometimes the differences between people seem too great, or history has been kind to some at the expense of others, or prejudices are passed down generations, or someone has a negative experience from a person in another group/community. There is no doubt that much fragmentation exists in our world.*

*In his message Pope Francis invites us to reflect on being inclusive to everyone and on working to broaden and deepen our understanding of inclusivity until we become a “we’, meant to embrace the entire human family without exception”. Pope Francis is not saying that we abandon who we are, our race, creed, but rather that we ‘build community in diversity”, without “depersonalised uniformity” and that we do so from the midst of our own community.*

*One of God's greatest gifts to us is our difference. If we can engage with each other Pope Frances says that "Our societies will have a "colourful" future, enriched by diversity and by cultural exchanges." .... "If we so desire we can transform borders into places of encounter where the miracle of an ever wider "we" can come about." What a vision! Borders as places of encounter, borders as thresholds. This radical response, however, is not new as it is rooted in many of Jesus' teaching, such as the Good Samaritan, that show our common humanity.*

*Let us then take Pope Francis' words to heart and bring about transformation to create places of encounter and community. Where people are detained due to their immigration status away from society, let us seek them out and visit. Where refugees are forced to live in destitution because of an inhumane asylum system, let us accompany them and restore dignity. Where refugees arrive in a new place with little more than what they can carry, let us be hospitable. Let each of us play our part.*

### **Action - Get involved with help from the Boaz Trust**

A recent newsletter from the [Boaz Trust](#) included the following useful information about opposing the Nationality and Borders Bill: - *As the Nationality and Borders Bill returns to Parliament this autumn, we want to continue to urge our supporters to speak out against the Bill. The scenes from Kabul last month demonstrated to the world the reality of seeking sanctuary: it is desperate, dangerous and often sudden. If the Bill is passed, people fleeing countries like Afghanistan, by any means possible (likely having to cross multiple land borders), will be criminalised. Furthermore, those individuals and organisations who seek to save lives, such as the RNLI, also risk criminalisation.*

*The Bill undermines the very principle of asylum and, as such, it must be opposed. If you haven't already done so, please consider writing to your MP today to raise your concerns about the situation for people from Afghanistan, as well as the Bill. In particular, we would ask those of you who live in a Conservative constituency to please be in touch with your MP. You can find all the information and guidance you need on*

our [website](#). Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit have also written an [excellent briefing for MPs](#). You might find it helpful to read before contacting your MP.

## Event - Refugees Welcome Rally

**Wednesday 20th October from 4.30pm to 6.30pm, Parliament Square, London.**

Details from [Solidarity with Refugees](#). Hear from refugees and add your voice to the movement to welcome them. The event is for everyone who cares about the rights of people to seek asylum, and they ask you to bring your own banners with your own message! Every one of us has a part to play now. Every one of us can make this country a more welcoming place.

## 3. Columbans launch Schools Competition - Press Release

### '21st Century Changemakers'

**“No one is too small to make a difference, everyone can do something. If everyone does something, then huge differences can happen.”**  
Climate activist Greta Thunberg to Channel 4 News.

# SCHOOLS MEDIA COMPETITION

We are looking for students (Year 9 to Year 13) to submit an original piece of writing or an original image on the theme:

## ANYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### 21ST CENTURY CHANGEMAKERS

Who in the world today is doing something about inequality, injustice, exclusion and environmental degradation? What can they teach us? How can we draw on our own faith and personal experience to be changemakers?

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

For more information on entry guidelines see:  
[www.columbancompetition.com](http://www.columbancompetition.com)  
or email [hello@columbancompetition.com](mailto:hello@columbancompetition.com)

**PRINT PRIZES**  
1<sup>ST</sup> £300  
2<sup>ND</sup> £150 · 3<sup>RD</sup> £100

**IMAGE PRIZES**  
1<sup>ST</sup> £300  
2<sup>ND</sup> £150 · 3<sup>RD</sup> £100

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES

‘Anyone can make a difference: 21st Century Changemakers’ is the theme for the 2022 schools’ competition launched by the Columban Missionary Society this week.

Young people 13-18 years are asked to consider: Who in the world today is doing something about inequality, injustice, exclusion and environmental degradation? What

can they teach us? How can we draw on our own faith and personal experience to be changemakers?

The theme is based on a quote from young climate campaigner Greta Thunberg who has said, "*no one is too small to make a difference*". She and many others internationally stand out for their mission to create a more just, peaceful and sustainable world.

The competition is open for writing and image entries until **11 February 2022** and winners will be announced on 11 March 2022. Two separate competitions will be judged, one for students in Ireland and one in Britain. High-profile judges from the world of journalism have been secured. Cash prizes are offered. Winning entries will be published in the Far East magazine, Vocation for Justice newsletter, online on Columban websites in Ireland and Britain, shared on Columban social media, and published in other Catholic media.

A core aspect of Columban mission is justice, peace and ecology. Columban changemakers include Fr Seán McDonagh, who worked in the Philippines for two decades and is renowned for his leadership on climate change and care for the environment. Also, Fr Pat Cunningham, who works in South Korea and is active with the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative and a campaign to protest the militarisation of the beautiful island of Jeju. During the pandemic, Fr Ed O'Connell in Peru has been supporting over 400 students in a special needs school and their families, helping them with food, money and reading materials. Through him, the Columbans have helped communal kitchens in poor areas purchase vegetables, chicken or fish, gas for cooking and bio-security equipment. In Britain, lay missionaries Sophia Chee Tzu Ting and Teresa Ling Chuah Hui support Fatima House, a project in Birmingham providing sanctuary for female asylum seekers, and outreach initiatives to those living on the streets.

In Britain, Columban Justice and Peace Education Worker, James Trewby, runs training for teachers and workshops with young people, encouraging engagement with key issues of our time, inspired by Catholic Social Teaching. He says: "*Pope Francis has recognised that young people demand change, and this competition is a great*



*chance to celebrate those who are actually doing it, putting their faith into action for the common good. I can't wait to see whose stories young people choose to highlight.”*

This is the fifth annual Columban competition for young people, with past themes looking at Migrants, Climate Change, Throwaway culture, and Racism. Last year, the competition attracted almost 300 entries from nearly 100 schools across Britain and Ireland. The Columbans are delighted that the competition provides an opportunity to give young people a voice while encouraging their creativity and faith engagement with issues in the world today.

For more information about the Columban schools journalism competition 2022 see: [www.columbancompetition.com](http://www.columbancompetition.com)

## **4. Water**

### **Access to safe water is a basic human right**

Vatican News writes: - Speaking at an Interactive Dialogue on Water and Sanitation, organized in Geneva during the 48th Session of the Human Rights Council, Msgr John Putzer, chargé d'affaires of the Vatican Permanent Mission to the UN, reiterated that universal access to drinking water is *“central to promoting the dignity of the human person”* and has always been a priority for the Holy See.

He noted that even in our age of progress and technological advances, *“access to safe, drinkable water is not within everyone's reach”* and this *“water gap is further aggravated by the harmful effects of climate change and the current health crisis”*.

Indeed, the Covid-19 pandemic has widened existing social and economic inequalities, highlighting the damage caused by the absence or inefficiency of water services among those most in need.

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

**Billions of people will lack access to safe water by 2030**

Unless progress quadruples, billions of people will lack access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene by 2030, warn both the World Health Organisation and UNICEF. It will not only be a matter of life and death, but it also directly relates to fighting poverty and injustice. The full details are available through the [WHO](#).

### **Thirsty poor attacked for drinking water in Pakistan**

Union of Catholic Asian News has written an article about the various problems in Pakistan caused by Muslims not wanting to share their water supply with Hindus and Christians. You can read the full article [here](#).

### **5. Global Mercy Hospital Ship to be deployed in Africa**

ICN writes: - *The world's largest civilian hospital ship, the Global Mercy, last week attracted large crowds as it arrived in Antwerp after completing its maiden voyage from China. The ship, part of a growing fleet from international development charity Mercy Ships, was built in China, and is now in the equipping phase in Antwerp wherein it will be further prepared and crewed to save lives through surgery in Africa.*

*The programmes of Mercy Ships offer holistic support to developing countries, striving to make healthcare accessible for all. Mercy Ships has an average of 1,185 volunteer crew from more than 60 nations serving onboard its hospital ships each year. Since 1978, Mercy Ships has delivered services to more than 2.84 million beneficiaries, and delivered services and materials in developing countries valued at over \$1.7 billion.*

You can read the full story direct from [ICN](#).

### **6. Homelessness - includes an Event**

#### **Homeless Sunday 10th October 2021**

Homeless Sunday is a week away. A day that gives communities the chance to reflect on the plight of the homeless, and the issues surrounding their homelessness.

On the [Housing Justice](#) website you will find lots of resources to help with your planning of the day, along with facts and figures and ways in which you can help.

They also have a Webinar taking place on the 21st October at 11am, entitled 'What Can Your Church Do?' In particular they will focus on how Covid-19 has changed the way that churches and individuals are able to respond to homelessness, and what the church response to homelessness looks like post-pandemic in 2022 and beyond.

To register, click on the Housing Justice link above.

### **Billy Chip:**

#### **delivering kindness, compassion and a free hot drink to homeless people**

The BillyChip Foundation (registered charity 1188779) was set up in 2018 to continue the legacy of Billy Abernethy-Hope a twenty year old ambulance driver from Bristol who was the inspiration and idea behind the BillyChip.

After helping support the homeless at Christmas, Billy, felt disheartened at how little support the general public gave to local homeless people. Many people donate to charity on a regular basis but Billy was surprised at how small the percentage of these donations were given directly to homeless people, living rough on our streets.

What is BillyChip? Give them to rough sleepers and homeless people as an alternative to cash! They can redeem them in coffee shops and takeaways for food and drink – share a little kindness and compassion whilst also donating towards homeless charities!

The BillyChip is a unique safe and secure platform which allows the public to directly donate to rough sleepers without the fear of their donation being miss used for drugs or alcohol.

The recipient can redeem a BillyChip in coffee shops and takeaways for food and drink. Where they want when they want for what they want!

Sadly, Billy passed away at the age of 20, but his memory lives on in the Foundation, created by a group of his friends. Their mission is to financially support charities who share Billy's passion to improve the lives of the homeless. Through a variety of routes, they will receive money from those who want to help the homeless but don't

necessarily know how. For more information take a look at the [BillyChip](#) website, and watch their video.

## **7. Palestine**

### **New report highlights desperate inequalities in the Holy Land**

ICN writes: - *A new report from Christian Aid has highlighted the deep inequalities which divide Palestinians and Israelis across Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory and threaten a further escalation of violence and loss of life if left unaddressed.*

The author of the report, William Bell (Christian Aid's Head of Middle East Policy and Advocacy) said: - *'Palestinians face an even more grim future than many currently experience if governments and those with influence do not act now and embrace justice and accountability as an essential precursor to a lasting peace. Without justice and equality there will be no Palestine and without Palestine neither Palestinian nor Israeli can enjoy the security, dignity and prosperity that all need to thrive and survive.'* You can read the full details through [ICN](#).

### **Bethlehem eyewitness: Sad to feel happy**

Also through ICN, Toine Van Teeffelen Education Advisor at the Arab Education Institute, a Pax Christi Partner in Bethlehem, offers a graphic picture of life under occupation and the creeping land grab of the Israeli Government. You can read it [here](#).

### **UK Labour Party votes Yes to motion calling Israel an apartheid State**

The Labour Party Conference has agreed with human rights organisations that have labelled Israel an apartheid state, and condemned “the ongoing Nakba in Palestine,” as well as Israel’s attacks on the Al Aqsa mosque, forced displacements from Sheikh Jarrah, and the deadly assault on Gaza.

It called for clear sanctions in response, including an end to the arms trade with Israel. It reaffirmed the right of Palestinian refugees to return to the homes from which they and their families were expelled in 1948 and beyond.

The text of this historic motion can be viewed through the [Palestine Solidarity Campaign](#) website.

## **8. Vatican at UN calls for end to nuclear weapons**

Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Vatican Secretary for Relation with States, addressed the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Plenary Meeting on Wednesday in a video message. The full details of his speech, and the video, are available through [ICN](#).

## **9. NJPN Blog on Independent Catholic News**

There are some very good articles to be read from our 'Guest Bloggers' on the ICN website.

### **26th September - Bruce Kent on Elephants**

In this article, Bruce focusses on the 'elephant in the room,' which, in this case is the money spent on military use and production.

You can read his blog [here](#).

Thanks go to our friends at Independent Catholic News for providing us with a platform for our articles. You can check out ICN in full [here](#).

## **Newsletters**

### **10. NW NJPN Bulletin October 2021**

Anne O'Connor leads on the Climate/COP26, and also has articles about the upcoming reduction in Universal Credit. A very interesting read as usual. You can find it through the [NJPN website](#).

### **11. Vocation for Justice September 2021**

The magazine of the Columban Mission - a great read, including lots of articles about the climate and COP26, as well as lots of resources. Again, it is available through the [NJPN website](#).

### **12. Living Fair September 2021**

The Traidcraft magazine including lots of snippets about their products, some special offers and a tasty-looking recipe. Read it [here](#).

### **13. Spark Autumn 2021**

The Church Action on Poverty newsletter which looks forward to their 40th anniversary next year, and has lots of interesting articles about what they are doing to improve society. Read it and be encouraged by it [here](#).

### **14. Trade Matters September 2021**

Traidcraft Exchanges' supporters magazine giving updates about their work around the world, as well as the latest from their campaigns and fundraising teams. It is available [here](#).

### **15. Operation Noah September 2021**

Operation Noah have produced a really good newsletter, but unfortunately it is not available to read through their website. You can sign up [here](#), though, to receive it directly into your inbox and there are lots of interesting articles available on their website to read.



## 16. ECCR September 2021

The Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility also does not have their most recent newsletter available on their website, but you can subscribe [here](#).

### EVENTS (in chronological order where applicable)

#### 17. 8th - 10th October - Green Christian Retreat

[Cloud and Fire: Travelling by day and by night](#)

#### 18. 11th - 17th October Challenge Poverty Week

Check out the [website](#) for various events happening this week.

#### 19. 13th October 3.30pm - 5pm - London Mining Network

[BHP: A Clearer, Better, Future?](#)

#### 20. 13th October 6.30pm - 8pm - Biofuelwatch

[Carbon Capture and Storage: green solution or climate disaster?](#)

#### 21. 15th - 18th October - Laudato Si' Online Retreat with a special invitation to those in the Diocese of Brentwood

For more information or to apply, email Sr. Margaret Atkins:-

[margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk)

#### 22. 7th November

[COP26 Church Service](#)

### ACTIONS/APPEALS/SURVEYS/E-PETITIONS

#### 23. Climate: Tell the UK to pay its fair share

From Global Justice Now: - *In 2010, rich countries agreed to pay developing nations \$100 billion a year by 2020 to support the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change, yet they have fallen well short of this mark.*

*The UK's "fair share" of climate finance, designed to account for high levels of historic emissions, has been calculated at \$46 billion. Yet the government has only pledged \$3.2 billion a year until 2025.*

*Meanwhile, rich governments have failed to take sufficient action on global south debt, preventing countries from investing in climate action.*

*At COP26 and beyond, rich countries must seek to rapidly increase grant-based*

climate finance and support comprehensive debt cancellation for the global south.  
**You can sign their petition [here](#).**

## **24. Stop the Liverpool Arms Fair**



**STOP THE  
LIVERPOOL  
ARMS FAIR**

On Tuesday 12th October, the Liverpool Arms Fair is due to begin. Palestine Solidarity Campaign writes: - *Liverpool City Council disgracefully failed to discuss the AOC Europe 2021 arms fair at their last full council meeting, after attempts by Councillors opposed to the arms fair to move emergency motions on it.*

*As the emergency motions requested, we demand that the Council's Cabinet take urgent and extraordinary steps to remove the Directors of the ACC Liverpool Ltd for their refusal to revoke permission for arms fair scheduled to take place in the ACC Exhibition Centre on 12th-13th October.*

*With the fair little more than 10 days away, urgent action must be taken NOW to prevent it going ahead.*

To read more, and add your name to their emails to the Councillors, click [here](#).

## 25. Prisoners Sunday - Become a Pact Ambassador

This Prisoners' Sunday, 10th October, Pact are looking for people who will be ambassadors for them by:

- Giving a short talk after Mass about Pact's work and its impact. They will provide a script.
- Being a Pact presence, ensuring that posters are displayed and leaflets distributed.

Unfortunately we received the details above too late for their deadline of 30th September, but if anyone is interested in helping, please contact them by email on [parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk](mailto:parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk), or telephone them on 020 3031 6867.

For more information on the work of [Pact](#), check out their website.

## 26. THE LAST WORD

### An African Dance of Faith

Religious Sister of Charity, Sr. Philomena Nnaji, currently working in Zambia, writes about how much dance is a part of her... *Singing, dancing, and other body movements are ways I express myself and worship God. Sometimes, I am so grateful to God that I just want my whole being to express this. My whole being becomes consumed in the rhythm as drums roll out majestic sounds and the praise leader announces ancient titles by which our ancestors addressed God.*

*The movement in dance releases our unspoken words. It is those unspoken words, the deep-seated feelings and emotions, that find their outlet in dance. It is for this reason that I appreciate women dancing in church, and enjoy a good, well-prepared, uplifting liturgy — for it creates an ambience to dance and express joy, faith, love and happiness in the presence of God and his people.*

To read her full article and watch her video, go to the [Global Sisters Report](#) webpage.

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