



Justice & Peace

News from National Justice & Peace Network

Summer 2022

A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the
people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering
or afraid,
that you will be close
to them and protect
them.

We pray for world
leaders,
for compassion,
strength and wisdom
to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment
of crisis,
we may reach out in
solidarity
to our brothers and
sisters in need.

May we walk in your
ways
so that peace and
justice
become a reality for
the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.

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A Justice and Peace Response to the Synodal Process

Over 40 representatives of justice and peace from dioceses, agencies, religious orders and justice and peace groups from around the country gathered via zoom to consider what might be a justice and peace contribution to the Synodal Process.

The day began with a reflection from a Celtic Daily Prayer, led by Paul Southgate, NJPN Chair, and the introduction to the day was facilitated by Anne Peacey NJPN Vice-Chair.

The Synod presents us with a huge challenge but, in the Synodal journey we have a fantastic opportunity to re-imagine the mission of the Church. We **can** seek a new way of being in a broken world. By virtue of the gift of Baptism we have a responsibility to speak out and voice our concerns and hopes, identifying those issues that prevent all our brothers and sisters from living with dignity and wholeness, able to make positive choices in their relationships and manner of living.

Key words in the Synod preparatory document are Communion, Participation and Mission

Communion: a relational concept, encompassing empathy, sensitivity, acceptance, identity, accompaniment,

Participation: again relational, it involves being given a space at the table, inclusiveness, status, recognition of gifts and talents, acceptance of weakness, affirmation, equity

Mission: an outward looking movement, a vocation or calling, journey, going out into the world. But what **are** we offering to our world? What **is** our message, what we say and how we behave defines us, as, for better or worse, that is how we are perceived by others?

We read in the preparatory documents:

The purpose of the Synod is:

'To provide an opportunity for the **entire People of God** to discern **together** how to move forward on the path towards being a more synodal Church in the long-term'

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The focus of this current phase is listening, and we are invited to be part of the Synodal journey, beginning by a sharing of lived experience within our parishes/dioceses or wherever we find ourselves.

We are invited to foster a broad consultation process to gather the **wealth of the experiences** of lived Synodality, in its different articulations and facets,



VADEMECUM FOR THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY 1.5 The Experience on the Local Level

The unfolding of the Synodal Process at a local level must involve respectful listening to the other. Is this our experience, thus far?

Have we considered how are going to listen to the voices of those who are not likely to attend an after Mass meeting, access the parish newsletter, read a calling message on the parish website, who don't feel part of the 'in crowd' with the luxury of time to chat at the school gates, feel unable to be part of a parish group, those who have been alienated by their experience of Church, victims of abuse, those excluded and unwelcomed because of issues relating to sexuality, gender, ethnicity or relationship status. Those who are struggling to feed their families, coping with abusive or broken relationships or the ongoing and often overwhelming problems that come with the complexity of the lives of many families. How do we listen to the vulnerable individuals and groups who are just about surviving on the margins of society? Have we heard these voices in our own parishes? Where do **they** fit in to the parish and diocesan structures? I would suggest these are all justice issues.

There is urgent need for change, we each have issues we feel passionately about, we have been advised that the Synod will not result in major change of specific doctrine of regulations **BUT** if **Communion, Participation** and **Mission** are taken seriously then a very different model of Church will emerge, resulting in a less hierarchical structure, a more collaborative model with less clericalism, more open dialogue, respectful relationships between lay and ordained, a greater knowledge and understanding, a partnership through our common baptism where faith journeys are shared not regulated and directed. **A huge shift of heart and mind.** This re-focusing would result in a more open community of faith where all issues would be open to discussion.

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An Ethical Look at Common Church Practices

In this article, the Animators take a critical look at various church practices, to see if Church law can accommodate more ethical alternatives.

CHRISTMAS TREES

The Christmas tree is ambiguous. It started out as pagan, and now represents both Christian and secular aspects of Christmas, but there doesn't seem to be any prohibition by the Catholic Church regarding having Christmas trees in the church, though there is a difference of opinion, particularly about whether it should be in the sanctuary at Mass.

Some see the Christmas tree as a symbol of the secular and materialistic aspect of Christmas, others are perfectly happy with a tree in church. In fact, some view it as a symbol of the birth and resurrection of Christ. It is even an integral part of the Vatican Christmas celebrations.

The important thing, if a tree is to be used in church, is for it to be eco-friendly. Millions of Christmas trees, both real and artificial, are discarded every year in the UK. **So, ask your parish to use a potted living tree, and reuse year after year. Decorations can be home-made by children in the parish, and lights can be LED lights, as they use up to 95% less energy than traditional bulbs.**

PAPER

As we all know, Earth's forests are vanishing. We need to think before we use paper as to whether it's needed, and whether there is a sustainable alternative available:

pgpaper.com/eco-friendly-paper-products/

So, let's ask that the paper used in our hymn books, service books etc is Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified and certified recycled. Even better if we can find an eco-friendly alternative.

GENERAL PRODUCTS

Products that are used by the parish, like washing up liquid, toilet paper, cleaning agents, disinfectants, bleach, antiseptics, wildlife deterrents etc, all have eco-friendlier choices.

Eco-friendly meaning biodegradable or recyclable, sustainably produced, vegan, organic, recycled.

Baking Soda, vinegar, lemon juice, citric acid, alcohol, corn starch and tea tree oil are items that can be used to clean, bleach, and disinfect in place of the usual brand-named products which probably contain highly polluting and cancer-causing chemicals.

Also, many stores sell recycled paper tissue products, and greener brand names such as Ecover and Method.

So, recommend that your parish chooses the green options for general products.

CUT FLOWERS

For the Church, flowers symbolise many things – graces and virtues, joy, innocence, holiness. The Catholic Church has distinct rules and regulations regarding flowers and makes use of them for specific spiritual symbolism in the Church calendar.

A report on BBC Radio 4 in January 2022 followed the trail of the cut flowers industry, from where they are grown in countries like Ethiopia and Kenya in East Africa, to where they are sent, mainly to Europe but also to Australia, Japan, and other countries.

They are an environmentally unfriendly cash crop, being grown non-stop throughout the year and using massive amounts of pesticides which pollute the land and kill people. At a time when droughts are increasing around the world, the trade uses a great deal of water, which will hasten the process of water depletion, leading to desertification in drought threatened areas. They are often flown thousands of miles in refrigerated airplane holds, causing greenhouse gas emissions.

Cut flowers that are grown in Europe have to be grown in heated greenhouses, which has an undesirable carbon footprint.



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MOVEMENT**
Catholics for Our Common Home

So, fresh flowers are not eco-friendly. What are the alternatives?

The Liturgy Office of England and Wales says nothing about potted flowers, but says that dried flowers, ferns, and sprays can be used, and that artificial flowers and plants should not be used.

The Instruction of the Roman Missal governs all aspects of the celebration of Mass, and there is no prohibition regarding potted or dried flowers.

So, ask your parish to use local grown, organic potted flowers or local grown, organic dried flowers. If this is refused, ask that the parish grows its own flowers organically on parish land. These can be used fresh cut or home dried.

CANDLES

Candles are a symbol of light, grace, and beauty.

The cult of the wax candle started from when it was seen as a reference to the virgin birth, the bee being seen as chaste. In 1904 the Sacred Congregation of Rites stated that it would no longer require candles to be made entirely of wax. Since that decree, various church officials have pronounced on their interpretation of the percentage of wax required for each type of candle (Paschal candle, blessing of baptismal water candle, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament candle, etc). The Holy See leaves the final word to the local Bishop as to exactly what the percentage should be. Nevertheless, there is no prohibition against non-beeswax candles.

Beeswax involves the exploitation of bees, which are now subject to intensive farming. They are not treated naturally but are made to perform according to the farmer's profit-motivated wishes. The treatment they undergo causes them welfare problems. Then, after visiting 30 million flowers to produce just one pound of wax, their whole home system is taken from them by the farmer.

Wild bees are dying out at a frightening rate. Domestic bees do not help, on the contrary.

Honeybees can't pollinate a tomato or an eggplant flower, and are much less efficient than wild, native bees at pollinating pumpkins, watermelons, blueberries, cranberries, and other plants. Honeybees compete with and can disrupt and threaten wild bee populations.

Candles often contain a greater or lesser degree of **paraffin** wax, which is derived from unsustainable and polluting fossil fuels, and which also releases carcinogenic toxins when burnt (benzene, toluene, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, acrolein, soot).

Scented candles can be polluting both in manufacture and in use, so should be avoided.

The wick can also be polluting - organic hemp is recommended.

Candles in general consume resources for a luxury, and cause air pollution, so we are better off if we can do without them. If not, there are more healthy, environmentally friendly and animal friendly alternatives available. For instance, soy wax and rapeseed wax, if grown organically, are a much better choice.

Organic coconut wax is probably the best ethical choice.

Don't forget that candles can be recycled and reused. This Exeter based company will take your used candles: <https://therecycledcandlecompany.co.uk/> There may be a place near you which collects used candles.

So, it looks like organic, coconut wax, unscented candles with organic, recycled hemp wicks are our best choice environmentally. If our bishops commissioned these, they would be available for all churches to order.

V. Bell for LS Animators UK, March 2022

44th ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the NATIONAL JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK

22nd—24th July 2022 at The Hayes , Swanwick

Speakers include:

The opening address - **TOWARDS A CIVILISATION OF HOPE** to be given by **Philip McDonagh**. He will speak of a hope that requires courage – upright action for the sake of the future. Hope is rational – an escapist fantasy does not qualify as hope in action.

"Philip is co-author of the recently published work "On the Significance of



Religion for Global Diplomacy" (Routledge 2021), Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Humanities at Dublin City University, and Director of the Centre for Religion, Human Values, and International Relations.



Previously Tim has worked as Director of Public Affairs for Dr Rowan Williams when he was Archbishop of Canterbury, and was Chief of Staff for Ed Milliband, Leader of the Labour Party. He had 19 years in a variety of roles in the Foreign Office and Downing Street, including four years running the UK's development programme in Nigeria .

As a serving Irish diplomat, as Political Counsellor in London, Philip played a part in the Northern Ireland peace process in the build-up to the Good Friday Agreement. He later served as Head of Mission in India, the Holy See, Finland, Russia, and the OSCE (Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe).

Philip has published poetry and works for the theatre, including *The Song the Oriole Sang* (Dedalus Press, Dublin, 2010) and *Gondla, or the Salvation of the Wolves* (Arlen House 2016), a translation of Nikolai Gumilev's Irish-themed play written during WWI"



Fr. Patrick Devine SMA of **Shalom Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation**.



Shalom was founded in 2009 by Fr. Patrick Devine, SMA, a social entrepreneur and missionary priest with 25 years of experience helping to mitigate conflict and poverty in Africa. Fr. Devine serves as the organization's executive director, leading an international team of conflict resolution experts from various religious backgrounds and disciplines who are based in Kenya and neighboring countries. In 2013, he was honored with the International Caring Award, whose previous recipients include the Dalai Lama, Bill Clinton, and Mother Teresa.

Conference Chair:

Tim Livesey, CEO of Embrace the Middle East, who work with Christian partners in Egypt, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, Syria and Iraq serving marginalised and excluded communities including refugees, people living with disabilities, vulnerable women and girls, very poor rural and urban slum communities.



Ecumenical Service:

We are please to announce that **Revd Ruth Gee**, a Methodist Minister and one of NJPN's Patrons will led an Ecumenical Service on Saturday as part of the Conference Programme.



Workshops include:

- Universal Credit & working with people in their communities led by JPIT
- Guardians of Creation
- Restoring Dignity to Prisoners and their families: Communities can help!
- Interfaith working with Christians Aware
- Church Action for Tax Justice will explore the reality of our tax system and why its just functioning is of crucial concern to people of faith
- Synodal listening with ACTA
- Stella Maris Chaplains will be focusing on their work supporting fishers who have experienced modern slavery and human trafficking
- Fr Patrick Devine will also lead a workshop

On Saturday afternoon a range of optional activities is planned, including developing a creative response to the weekend with Philip MacDonagh.



On Sunday Journey to 2030 and the NJPN Environment Group will lead the morning, with the aim of looking at what we've done following last year's Environment themed conference, what we can take from this year's conference and how we move forward to next year's.

A fillable pdf booking form is available to download and email back from our website Conference page:

www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/cms/wp-content/

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Our task for the day was to consider what we, as a J&P Network could offer to the Synodal Process so that we might contribute to building (or indeed re-building) this welcoming, affirming, inclusive movement of hope.

We spent time listening and discerning in small breakout groups, considering how we become a Church which

reflects the Gospel values of justice, peace, and love. The groups then further considered what J&P activists wish to contribute to the Synodal Process, and what needs to change so that we proclaim, in an authentic way, a Gospel of hope to a hurting world.

The afternoon session began with short feedback reports from the morning breakout groups, before participants returned to their groups to agree on a

sentence or key issue arising from earlier discussion. Group statements were shared, and contributions will be collated and form the basis of the NJPN report to the Synodal Office.

The afternoon closed with a final prayer and those present felt that the event was worthwhile, a very good, inclusive process with great networking opportunity.

Anne Peacey, NJPN Vice Chair



Sue Richardson tells us about one of the organisations running a workshop at this year's

Justice and Peace Conference: Church Action for Tax Justice (CATJ) is a campaign and advocacy programme bringing Christians together to lobby for reform of a tax system that operates to the disadvantage of the poorer members of society. It focuses on issues of tax injustice that impact lives in the global South and in the UK which include the ways in which multinational businesses can avoid paying taxes in poorer countries, removing crucial resources for national spending on health, education and social welfare.

Our British tax system is full of inconsistencies which mean that the wealthiest among us can pay proportionately less tax on their earnings than the poorest, council tax charges can be higher on a 3-bedroom semi in Darlington than on a millionaire's mansion in the capital. Corporation tax can be avoided by companies structuring their operations to ensure that profits are declared in parts of the world where tax levels are lowest, and the UK amongst other countries allows a system of tax havens to operate within their territories offering a shelter for this operation.

Formed originally as a Methodist network, CATJ is now part of the Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility and is currently running a campaign to lobby our Government to institute a wealth tax as a response to the

inequalities in wealth accumulation witnessed during the Covid crisis. The number of millionaires in the UK grew by 12% in 2020 and British billionaires increased their wealth by £25 billion during the pandemic.

Our stance is informed by our Christian faith and our belief that all people are created as persons of worth and dignity and our Gospel understanding that the poor have a central place in God's kingdom, and that we follow Jesus who taught and healed to show us another way to live together as human beings and members of the one family.

Taxation is a means for generating resources for investment in communal wellbeing. It supports services of education, healthcare, social welfare as well as ensuring the legal protection that allows businesses to function and people to earn a living and acquire assets. It also reinforces civil commitment and democracy. If we contribute we are more likely to take an interest in how public money is spent. Tax is often thought of as a burden, but from biblical times onwards people have been commanded to support social well-being and the poorest and most vulnerable through a proportionate giving from their own resources.

At the annual NJPN assembly this summer CATJ will be offering a workshop to explore the reality of our tax system and why its just functioning is of crucial concern to people of faith. In the meantime you can engage with its advocacy and campaigns here:

<https://www.eccr.org.uk/church-action-for-tax-justice/>



Christians Aware

and none - this workshop will offer many good reasons to work with people of all faiths, both in the UK and around the world. Examples of good practice will be offered.

*Barbara Butler explains Christians Aware's workshop at the Justice and Peace Conference: **Hope in working with people of all faiths***

The workshop will be based on the premise that encounters between members of the world faiths will lead to understanding, trust and respect, not hiding differences and recognising the uniqueness and special contribution of each faith to the world.

The workshop will be illustrated by a power point presentation with time for questions and discussion.



Alessandro and Marie Norbury. If you used Pact's Stations of the Cross liturgy during Lent, you will have 'encountered' the voices of prisoners and their families in the text: '...not being able to go into the prison, not being able to visit my dad, knowing how ill he was and that he wasn't going to get better, for me it was like I was

Pact, the Prison Advice and Care Trust is the national Catholic prison charity. We have a new Faith in Action team, Theresa

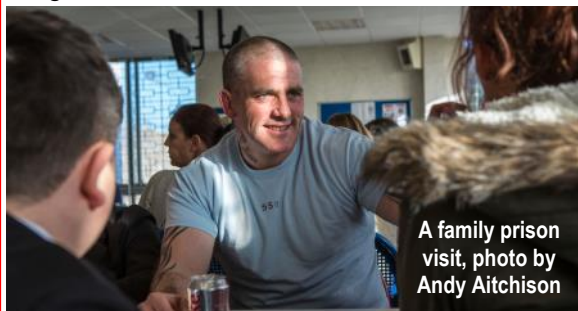
serving a prison sentence with him.' There are 79,790 people in prison across England & Wales as I write. It is sobering to know that more children will experience having mum or dad in prison this year than will experience divorce. Pact works to build stronger families and safer communities. We inform policy-makers and promote evidence-based practice. For example, Pact's Together a Chance project employs social workers who support women in prison to continue being involved in their children's lives, putting into practice one of the key recommendations of Lord Farmers 2019 report.

dignity in more detail using the insights of recent Catholic social thought. We'll share some practical ways parishes, groups and individuals can help support prisoners and their families.

In the meantime, check out our refreshed Pact for Parishes and Groups pages to find out about workshops, diocesan roadshows, resources and more.

www.prisonadvice.org.uk/

Contact Theresa and Marie here parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk



A family prison visit, photo by Andy Aitchison

You can meet Theresa and Marie in person at the NJPN Conference. We will be looking after a stall and delivering a workshop called **Restoring Dignity to Prisoners and their Families: Communities Can Help!**

We'll explore the idea of human



Theresa and Marie with Liaison Bishop for Prisons Richard Moth photo by Andy Aitchison

SOUTHERN DIOCESES ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

The Southern Dioceses Environment Network (SDEN) grew out of weekly Care of Creation meetings in 2021, which brought together Catholics in London and the South-East to prepare for COP26. We now meet monthly at lunchtime online on the second Monday of the month and organise other occasional events, both online and in-person. Some events take place jointly with the Northern Dioceses Environment Group and we were delighted to welcome Bishop John Arnold, spokesman on the Environment for the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, to our Valentine's Day #ShowTheLove meeting on 14th February. (The recording can be viewed on our webpage - link below.)

Our aim is to work together to animate the Catholic community in the long-term task of stabilising our climate and protecting our common home. We are inspired by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, especially as set out by Pope Francis in the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, and the teachings on caring for the earth and one another found in Scripture. Each meeting includes a time of prayer, sharing and discussion, along with sections highlighting the best resources and upcoming events and actions. We cover eight Dioceses – Arundel & Brighton, Brentwood, Clifton, East Anglia, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Southwark and Westminster – but you are welcome to attend from anywhere in the world! Participants include CAFOD and Diocesan staff and volunteers, *Laudato Si'* Animators, clergy, parishioners, religious and activists.

Planned Meetings:

Monday 9th May 12.45-2.00pm - All Creatures

Great and Small: Reflecting on Biodiversity

Monday 13th June, 12.45-2.00pm -

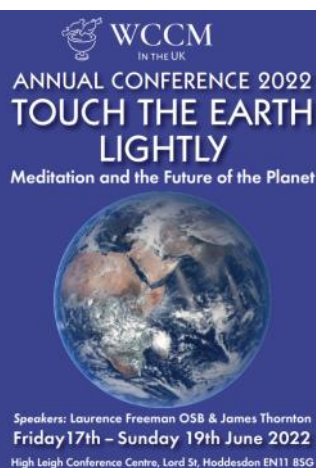
Sustainable Summers

Monday 11th July, 12.45-2.00pm - Season of Creation and COP27

All on Zoom. Book with Eventbrite via westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/southern-dioceses-environment-network/ or contact Colette Joyce, Westminster Justice & Peace Co-ordinator, colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk

Saturday 3rd September, 4.00pm - Mass for the Season of Creation. Farm Street Church. Followed by refreshments.

The current SDEN Planning Group are: Colette Joyce (Westminster), David Ko (Westminster), John Paul de Quay (Arundel & Brighton), Rebekah O'Keeffe (Southwark), Richard Busellato (Westminster) and Siân Thomas (Brentwood)



Roger Layet writes about the WCCM Conference:

Laurence Freeman OSB has written recently of humanity's struggle to rise to a higher level of consciousness before we do fatal harm to ourselves, our descendants and our planet. It is the collective responsibility of all the wisdom traditions to advance this evolution. It is no less our personal responsibility, each of us, to do the inner work necessary and to deposit into a common fund whatever small progress each of us can make. Fr. Laurence, with James Thornton, eco-lawyer and Buddhist priest, will lead the 2022 conference of the UK Christian meditation community, June 17-19, entitled '**Touch the Earth Lightly**'

wccm.uk

The booking form is at [Layout 1 \(christianmeditation.org.uk\)](https://christianmeditation.org.uk)

Setting Up A Green Team In Your Parish



Diocese of Leeds: Justice & Peace Commission
For the Common Good in our Common Home

Leeds Diocesan J&P Climate Action Group write: Pope Francis' messages in *Laudato Si'*

have been clear in the need for us to protect our beautiful but fragile world. They ask us all, collectively, and individually, to:

consider the way we look at creation

pray about this

identify and stop practices that cause damage

start new initiatives to improve our environment, and then reset our lifestyles

It can all seem a bit daunting but there are many ways for us to engage with Pope Francis' call. So how do we start? One of the best ways is to form a Green Team in your parish.

The Green Team could look at aspects of our lives in the parish and at home and work. Such as:

Energy - how much gas & electricity do we use? Some dioceses already arrange 'green' electricity and gas for the parish buildings.

Agriculture - what food do we eat & where does it come from?

Transport - how do we get to work & school?

Rewilding - what flora & fauna live here?

Commodities - what can we do without, which things are we reusing and recycling?

Eco-friendly products - what environmentally harmful products should we stop using?

The next stage is to decide which one(s) to begin doing something about. Use the 5R principle – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Renewable energy, and especially Refuse to buy. This helps to focus and identify benefits and savings. Savings are not only ££, but they also include carbon dioxide (CO2), a greenhouse gas that is making a huge contribution to the Climate Change crisis. AND remember sustainability means having the environmental, social, and economic aspects in place, it's not one of these versus the others! Also, several dioceses have adopted Environmental Policies. You can use these to help you compose your own parish environment policy.

Your Green Team can share your suggestions with the parish – always keep them up to date with what is happening, some may join in as well. Make some posters to display at your church giving details of what you are going to do. Include in your parish liturgy. You don't have to know all the answers at this stage, they can be different for each of us, but there are many that have common themes and lots of advice is available. You can do this for your parish buildings & grounds and/or for your own homes as well.

There are plenty of resources available, from [Laudato Si Movement](#), [Journey to 2030](#), [Laudato Si Animators](#), the [Laudato Si Centre](#), the [Ecological Conversion Group](#) and others.

This is a selection of dates. Find more on the Rolling Calendar and Year Planner on our website www.justice-and-peace.org.uk

DIARY



7th May: NJPN AGM & Open Networking Day: by Zoom
www.justice-and-peace.org.uk



11th May 6-8pm Leeds 'Supporting Families affected by the Criminal Justice System' Seminar. Pact working with Caritas Leeds and The Welcome Directory.
prisonadvice.org.uk

15th May: Conscientious Objectors Day: www.ppu.org.uk

peace pledge union

21st May Nottingham Diocesan Event. 'I was in prison'. Pact working with Caritas Nottingham. prisonadvice.org.uk



21st May: Day of action against corporate courts
Global Justice Now globaljusticenow.org.uk

4th June: Lancaster Faith & Justice Commission: 'Finding Jesus in the Eucharist, the Poor and Creation': St Wilfrid's Preston



5th June: World Environment Day: unep.org/events



United Nations

8th June: World Oceans Day: unep.org/events

11th June: Pact Justpeople Roadshow: Southwark diocese: 'I was in prison': prisonadvice.org.uk



18th June: Pax Christi AGM: paxchristi.org.uk



20th-26th June: 'Healing' Refugee Week 2022: efugeeweek.org.uk



26th June: International Day of Support for Victims of Torture: un.org/en/observances/torture-victims-day

9th July: Global Justice Now AGM: Sheffield Hallam University globaljusticenow.org.uk



10th July: Sea Sunday: stellamaris.org.uk; 020 79011931

22nd-24th July: National J&P Conference: Swanwick, Derbyshire justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference



6th & 9th August: Hiroshima and Nagasaki Commemorations:

26th-29th August: Greenbelt Festival: Boughton Hall, Northants: greenbelt.org.uk; 0207 329 0038



SEASON OF CREATION

SEPTEMBER 1- OCTOBER 4

1st September-4th October: Season of Creation: www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/

1st September: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation:



17th September, 10am – 1pm, Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum: 'Continuing the Synodal Pathway'. St Aloysius Church Hall, 20 Phoenix Road, London, NW1 1TA.

Hosted by Bishop Paul McAleenan and Bishop Nicholas Hudson, with Caritas Westminster and Westminster Justice & Peace.



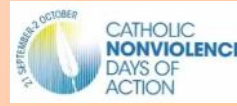
World Council of Churches

18th-24th September: World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel: oikoumene.org



21st September: International Day of Peace internationaldayofpeace.org

21st September - 2nd October: Catholic Nonviolence Days of Action: nonviolencejustpeace.net/



24th September: NJPN Open Networking Day:

hosted by Hexham & Newcastle Justice & Peace Co-ordinating Council: North East Venue tbc



4th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: cafod.org.uk

10th October: World Mental Health Day: 'Make mental health & well-being for all a global priority' wfmh.global



9th October: Prisoners' Sunday: prisonadvice.org.uk; 020 7735 9535 Make sure it is in your parish diary.



PRISONS WEEK
A WEEK OF PRAYER

9th-15th October: Prisons Week: prisonsweek.org

9th October: Homeless Sunday: housingjustice.org.uk; 020 3544 8094



Summer School at Christians Aware Parcell Hall in the Yorkshire Dales from July 18 -22, 2022. The focus will be on 'The Legacy of Yorkshire Monasticism.' There will be daily worship, talks and discussions, visits out and time for reflection. Our speakers include the educationalist and writer Gervase Phinn, Stephen Ramsden, a local farmer, Stephen Skinner, a writer and priest, Mary Lewis, a retreat leader, John Bennet, a Franciscan minister and Stephen and John Dawson, priest and farmer. Details and application forms are available from Christians Aware: eliam.christiansaware@outlook.com
0116 254 0770 www.christiansaware.co.uk

National Justice and Peace Network

Open Networking Days
7th May 2022 including AGM

"Forging a New Culture of Peace"

On Zoom, book via link on www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/njpn-meetings/

24th September 2022
Hosted by Hexham & Newcastle Diocese—North East Venue tbc
12th November 2022
Zoom or London/South East area tbc

Future Conferences

44th Annual Justice & Peace Conference

22nd-24th July 2022

The Hayes Derbyshire

'Hope! A verb with its sleeves rolled up'

Date for 2023 July 21st-23rd
our hope is to develop a Conference around the theme of the 'Our Common Agenda', the UN Secretary-General's landmark report to mark the 75th anniversary of the United Nations..

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