



***A Statement from The Princess Royal***

***I was fortunate to share the last 24 hours of my dearest Mother's life. It has been an honour and a privilege to accompany her on her final journeys. Witnessing the love and respect shown by so many on these journeys has been both humbling and uplifting.***

***We all share unique memories. I offer my thanks to each and every one who share our sense of loss. We may have been reminded how much of her presence and contribution to our national identity we took for granted.***

***I am also so grateful for the support and understanding offered to my dear brother Charles as he accepts the additional responsibilities of The Monarch.***

***To my mother, The Queen, thank you.***

Dear Friends,

A rather different way to start this week's e-bulletin, and one that will not please all of you, nevertheless it is an historic moment in time that I feel we need to mark. As mentioned around the time of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, whether you are a supporter of the Monarchy or not, the fact that she reigned for over 70 years, and was still working two days before her death, at the age of 96, is still something to marvel at. And all this in the public eye.

Having said that, as our Cleaner at work said - *'it is much easier to keep going if you have no financial worries, and you have someone else to pick*

*up after you and your family.'*

I might add that our Cleaner is a great supporter of the monarchy, and was even trying to persuade me to go and join The Queue, so is not at all bothered by the life of privilege that the Royal Family have.

Talking of The Queue, and everything that has happened over the past week, what a great sense of togetherness it has brought to a very fragmented nation. Even if you are not attending in person, you have probably read about it, followed it on the news, and marvelled at it!

The poignant few words from the Princess Royal, who has been described as the most hard-working of all of the royals, brought it home to me that not only had we lost our Monarch, but that a family had lost their Mum and Grandma etc. The whole Royal Family are having to hold back their grief in the goldfish bowl that is their life. No wonder there are rifts.

I was planning to do a Royal Section, but there are just so many articles. Literally everyone has produced a piece of writing - including every company and shop that I have ever bought from. I have been inundated with words about the Queen, as I am sure all of you have too, so my verbal Royal tribute will end here. May she rest in peace.

Obviously, the Queen's passing rather over-shadowed our new Prime Minister taking Office. I have no good words to say, just incredulity at some of her Cabinet choices (a climate-denier as Energy Secretary - seriously??). More words will be said on the climate side of things below, and we have a climate-related Action of the Week. As someone said recently - 'nothing else matters.'

The next e-bulletin will be out in around a fortnight,

God bless  
Sharon

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



***Walk2COP27 an introduction to walk, talk, act on climate change.***

***This is a mass participation and engagement initiative on Climate Change, based on a virtual journey from COP26 in Glasgow to COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh Egypt, starting on 22/09/2022 and finishing on 8/11/2022.***

***The virtual journey consists of each city/country hosting a virtual or hybrid Town Hall presenting local climate challenges and solutions. These hybrids will be moderated by Walk2COP27 and local organisers.***

***Updates, events, distances travelled will be marketed to participants and more generally. Each location can choose to be independent.***

***For more information: see [www.walk2cop27.com](http://www.walk2cop27.com)***

***Also, if you are interested in joining the London leg, that takes place on 26th September, 12.30pm to 4.30pm. More details [here](#).***

**Some background** - COP 27 is an important global summit on climate change, this summit is known as Conference of the Parties, the 27th annual summit held by the parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), commonly known as "COP27"

This year it will be held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt from 8th November to the 16th November and seeks to turn climate change pledges into concrete and collaborative actions that effectively responds to global challenges through sustainable solutions that includes participation of the people.

Some useful websites: [www.colmenalab.com/cop27](http://www.colmenalab.com/cop27)  
[www.un.org/en/climatechange/cop27](http://www.un.org/en/climatechange/cop27) and <https://emsmastery.com/2022/06/21/>

**Thank you!**

## **NEWS AND COMMENT**

### **1. Climate/Environment (includes an Event and Actions)**

#### **COP15 Conference on Biodiversity in Canada**

This will take place in Canada in December, and it is hoped that it will do the same for nature as the Paris Agreement did for the climate in 2015, in the fact that we need to have a Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), which will start to reverse the loss of biodiversity before 2030, with the overall aim of the world living in harmony with nature by 2050.

The Columbans have produced a series of podcasts, Jubilee for the Earth, which cover the beauty of biodiversity and the threats it faces. You can watch these through You Tube: - [Series 1](#) and [Series 2](#).

It is also worth revisiting this homily given by Fr Sean McDonagh in November 2021, through [Independent Catholic News](#).

#### **Energy/Fracking**

Interesting that the Government has now overturned the fracking ban, as expected, and yet this article from [The Mail](#) going back to March of this year by Kwasi Kwarteng, as Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) states exactly the opposite. There is also similar sentiments expressed in this article by [The Guardian](#) of around the same time (and I feel much more comfortable sharing the latter!).

**[Shared previously, but too important not to add your name to - Friends of the Earth petition against fracking.](#)**

Another petition you may want to add your name to is the [Greenpeace](#) one protesting the 'misplaced measures' that Liz Truss and her Government have put in place. Acting as heroes in keeping the energy cap lower than expected...but actually just keeping the Shareholders of the energy companies happy, whilst the rest of us pay for it over a period of time.

## **Patagonia's billionaire owner gives away company to fight climate crisis**

I was alerted to this piece of news by my nephew in Australia, who shared it on Facebook. His comment of 'now that's a legacy' was absolutely spot on, and I am more than happy to share the news that I found in [The Guardian](#) here.

Yvon Chouinard has announced that all of clothing brand Patagonia's profits will go into saving the planet. The company announced on Wednesday that *"As of now, Earth is our only shareholder. ALL profits, in perpetuity, will go to our mission to 'save our home planet'."* Chouinard himself said *"Instead of 'going public', you could say we're 'going purpose'."*

## **Event - Solidarity in the face of crisis**

Campaign Against Climate Change have been taking part in a Conference this weekend, which is paving the way for a bigger online Conference on Saturday 8th October.

It will explore in more depth some key issues facing climate, trade union and social justice activists:

- Cost of living, energy, public ownership: making the links
- From high carbon sectors to climate jobs: making it real
- Winning urgent climate arguments in trade unions
- Building local alliances and getting local councils to act
- Planning for action

Sign up [here](#).

## **High and Dry**

[The Oddserver](#) talk about the hard time of it that growers have had this summer, with the effects of climate change really biting, but with the added problem of not enough labour to pick the produce.

The National Farmers Union is asking supermarkets to relax their standards in regards to selling misshapen fruit and vegetables. What a ridiculous state of affairs, though, in the fact that there even IS standards! I don't know about you, but I have been really pleased to dig up a very bizarre three-pronged carrot, and many of us of a certain age will remember Miriam Margolyes' delight in Black Adder 2 at the certain shape

of a turnip!

Good, though, that organisations like [The Felix Project](#) are benefitting from this situation.

## **New government should embrace 'God's irrationally' to solve fiscal problems**

Joseph Kelly from [The Catholic Network](#) talks about the Government's non-solution to the energy crisis and the cost to the tax-payer, along with their lack of 'environmental husbandry'.

It is a good article and well worth a read.

## **Secondhand September**

Who would have thought something good would have come from Love Island, but according to [My Green Pod's](#) Katie Hill, *'Nearly half of viewers (47%) admit that they would consider buying pre-loved over new items since watching Love Island this year.'*

Apparently, eBay UK dressed the participants for the first time ever over the eight weeks that the show ran. *'Seven in 10 viewers (71%) felt they have a more positive perception of secondhand clothing after seeing pre-loved fashion on their screens this summer.'*

*'Demonstrating the influence of the show, since it ended, eBay UK has seen over 7,000% increase in searches for pre-loved clothing on its site compared with the same period last year.'* (although my take on that would be that people cannot afford new clothes compared with the same time last year).

For the third year running, Oxfam are running [Secondhand September](#), which for 30 days encourages people to only buy secondhand items, which is much kinder to the planet, and also helps the charities out that sell the clothes. eBay will also be supporting this initiative.

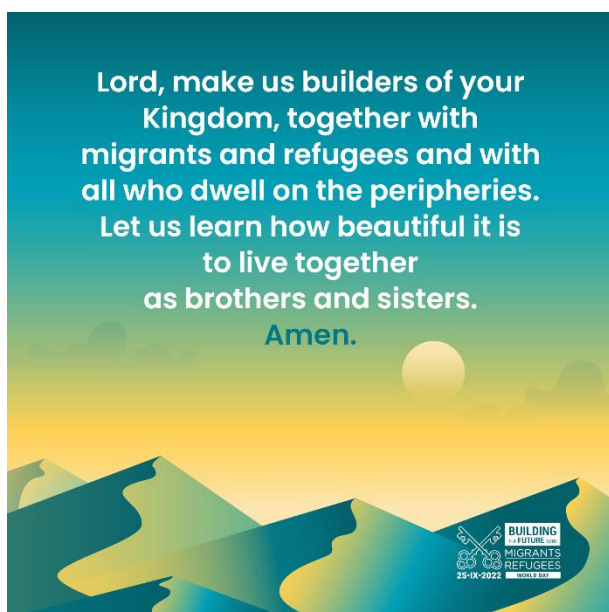


## Reminder - Great Big Green Week 2022



The Climate Coalition invite us to join in with The Great Big Green Week, to celebrate community action around the UK. You can sign up for more information, or register an event, through [this link](#).

## 2. Refugees and Migrants



*The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales write: - Bishop Paul McAleenan, our Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, says that this year's special day of prayer for migrants and refugees is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the world to remember and pray for those who are displaced through war, poverty and persecution. It is also, he points out, a day to raise awareness of the fact that migration offers opportunities for many people.*

You can watch him speak about this special day, which has been celebrated since 1914, through the [CBCEW website](#).

## **Supporting refugees fleeing Ukraine**

Cate, who is a senior lawyer at Safe Passage and Legal Coordinator of the Ukraine Project, has written the following: - *Many refugees are still struggling to access safe routes six months after the invasion.*

*We are now in our second week of operating in Warsaw. and it's already clear that too many refugees have been let down and ignored.*

*Non-Ukrainian nationals, members of the Roma and traveller communities, and unaccompanied children are all struggling to access a safe route to the UK. Even Ukrainian nationals are finding it difficult to obtain the correct paperwork or lack the support they need to send an application.*

*Take a couple of examples of what we've seen so far:*

*An unaccompanied teenager whose parents are still in Ukraine came to see us. She's been trying to reach a family friend in the UK but so far has been unsuccessful as she has struggled with the documents required.*

*While we value the effort to safeguard children who are travelling alone, safe routes need to be made more accessible for refugees that need them. We are contacting the Home Office and looking to make sure we help with any changes they need to make sure it is successful.*

*Then there's the Ukrainian humanitarian worker who had no idea that the schemes even existed. She only came in because she was walking past and saw our sign. Now she and her two daughters are looking to submit an application with our help to make certain it succeeds.*

To read more about the work that Safe Passage are doing in Ukraine and

elsewhere, click [here](#).

### **Action - Do something worthwhile with your weekend**

Calais Light run regular weekend convoys out from near Brentwood in Essex to Calais, France, to help the refugees over there.

They support three charities through manpower and money, not physical donations: - Care4Calais, Calais Appeal and Refugee Community Kitchen.

The next trips out there are 21-23 October, 18-20 November and 9-11 December. Go to the [Calais Light website](#) for more information.

### **Safe Passage Young Leaders**

Safe Passage Young Leaders are a group of young people from refugee and asylum-seeking backgrounds, working together to make a difference and campaigning for change.

Do you know anyone who would want to join them? More information about what they do is available through the [Safe Passage](#) website.

### **Reality bites: migration, kindness & truth**

Jonathan Thomas, through [Grace + Truth](#) gives his take on the situation with refugees in this country, and whether the charity sector's 'unremitting kindness' towards wanting to admit everyone is actually just adding more fuel and space to the harsh policies that they profess to stand against.

## **3. Palestine/Israel (includes an Event)**

### **Week of Prayer for Peace in Palestine and Israel - 15th - 22nd September**

The [World Council of Churches](#) have resources and prayers, with the theme being 'Faith, Hope and Love in Action: Towards Justice in Israel and Palestine'

Pax Christi also have prayer cards and olive wood crafts through their [online shop](#), proceeds of which goes to support their work

### **Change of date - screening of Boycott**

Advertised in the last e-bulletin as being on the 4th October, this date has now been changed to the 18th October at 6pm. Details [here](#).

### **Event - Day of Action against Barclays**

As previously mentioned, the Palestine Solidarity Campaign are calling for a boycott of Barclays, after research revealed that they have over £1BILLION invested in companies supplying weapons and military technology to Israel.

On Saturday 1st October, they are inviting you to protest outside of your local Barclays branch. More details [here](#).

## **4. Challenge Poverty Week**



**17-23 October 2022**

**#ChallengePoverty**

This year the threat of poverty is probably affecting more people than ever before, so the need for the wider church and other organisations to get involved is paramount.

Resources are available from the [Challenge Poverty](#) website. It gives you tips and suggestions as to how to join in the conversation and make your voice count.

## **5. Liz Truss' appalling record on UK arms exports cause for alarm**

[Independent Catholic News](#) writes: - *On 6 September, Liz Truss took office as the UK's new Prime Minister, following Boris Johnson's resignation. Campaign Against Arms Trade, along with numerous activists, handed in an open letter to Downing Street, signed by 7385 people, calling on the new Prime Minister to stop arming the Saudi-led coalition.*

It then goes onto talk about the War in Yemen and her record as Secretary of State for International Trade. You can read the rest of the article through clicking the link above.

## **6. Faith groups appeal for justice after shooting of Chris Kaba**

*The Racial Justice Advocacy Forum, which draws its membership from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, Baptists Together, Methodists, the United Reformed Church, Quakers, Sam Sharpe Project, Churches Together in England, the Ascension Trust, The Evangelical Alliance, The National Church Leaders Forum, Movement for Justice and Reconciliation, Christian Aid and the Salvation Army, has issued a statement following the shooting of Chris Kaba in south London on 5 September 2022.*

The Statement can be read through [Independent Catholic News](#).

There is also mention of a webinar which will take place on the 29th September at 7.30pm which aims to better equip churches and communities to respond to critical incidents, and to engage with the police. More details to follow.

## **Newsletters/Reports**

### **7. NW NJPN E-Bulletin mid-September 2022**

A very interesting lot of articles from Anne O'Connor, particularly on the climate, including one from Jonah Fisher of the BBC about how switching to renewables could save trillions. As mentioned in my introduction, there are also some tributes to our late Queen. You can read this through the [Shrewsbury Justice and Peace](#) site.

## **8. Green Christian News**

Cat Jenkins, who is standing in for Ruth Jarman, has written about the forthcoming events, including the Green Christian Conference, and Loss and Damage Action Day, which is coming up on the 22nd September. Read the newsletter [here](#).

## **9. London Mining Network**

Action, events and lots of news items in their latest e-bulletin. Click [here](#) to read.

## **EVENTS (in chronological order where applicable)**

**10. 20th September -7pm - 8.30pm - Operation Noah**  
Church Land and the Climate Crisis

**11. 21st September - Debt Justice**  
Blackrock Day of Action

**12. 21st September -Midday - Quakers in Lancaster**  
Loss and Damage Vigil in the Market Square  
More details from Clíodhna Mulhern - 07929328513

**13. 21st September - 6.30pm - 8.30pm - Justice and Peace Scotland**  
Carnall Peace Award Lecture: Global peace and security after Ukraine

**14. 22nd September - 8am - Green Christian**  
Loss and Damage Prayer Session

**15. 22nd September - 4pm - 6.30pm - Anti-Slavery**  
Annual Supporter Conference

**16. 22nd September - 6th October - London Mining Network**  
Powerlands UK Screening Tour

**17. 24th September - 10.30am - 4pm - NJPN**

[Open Networking Day hosted by Darlington with Middlesborough, on the topic of refugees/migrants](#)

**18. 24th September - 10am - 4pm - Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation**

'Building Hope for People and Planet'

Details from Margaret Healy: [margarethealysl@gmail.com](mailto:margarethealysl@gmail.com)

**19. 24th September - 24th - 27th September - The World Transformed**

[Various events - click here for details.](#)

**20. \*\*\* Please note the first session will NOT take place on the 19th September, but has been moved to the 10th October.\*\*\***

**26th September, 3rd October, 10th October - 7pm -**

[Birmingham Justice and Peace Assembly 2022](#)

1st Session - Tax Justice: What? Why? For Whom? NOW 10th October

2nd Session - Refugees, Current Laws and Church Teachings - 26th September

3rd Session - Poverty/ Cost of Living/ Energy Crisis - 3rd October

**21. 27th September - 7.30pm - 9pm - Stella Maris**

[Abandonment Webinar](#)

**22. 30th September to 2nd October - Faith Justice**

[Just Peace - a weekend for 18 - 40 year olds](#)

**23. 1st October - Christian CND**

[AGM](#)

**24. 1st October - 10.30am - 4pm - World Community for Christian Meditation**

[The Gospel of Love according to Julian of Norwich \(a Retreat Day with Mark S. Burrows\) - either online or at the The Medatio Centre](#)

(also, further events on [15th October](#); [12th November](#); [17th November](#) )

The above are either online AND at the Centre, or online only.

Several of us participated in a workshop that Kate ran at the NJPN

Conference, and it gave us a good idea of the work that they are doing.

**25. 5th October - 6.30pm - Global Justice Now**

[Webinar - Is there a new 'red-green' tide in Latin America?](#)



**26. 7th-8th October – Green Christian Conference**

**27. 9th October - Prisoner's Sunday: A Fresh Start**

**28. 15th October - 9.45am for 10am - Pax Christi**

Exploring Gospel non-violence - Pax Christi welcomes all to a day of prayer, reflection and sharing. To explore how we might 'live in the Light of Christ's peace' in these troubled times.

There will be information about developments in the Catholic understanding of nonviolence and a just peace .

Please bring your own lunch ; tea/coffee are provided

Suggested offering £10 or £5 unwaged

Venue : Irenaeus Centre , 32 Great Georges Rd, Waterloo,  
Liverpool L22 1RD

For information and booking contact Jan Harper 07591 082195 or email :  
janharper1@yahoo.co.uk

**29. 17th - 23rd October - Challenge Poverty Week England and Wales  
Download Toolkit**

**30. 29th October - (moved from the 1st October) - 10am - Debt Justice  
National Activist Gathering**

**31. 8th November - 11am - 4pm - Churches Together in Britain and  
Ireland  
Life Beyond Borders**

**32. 12th November - NJPN**

Open Networking Day - London/South East tbc

**33. 19th November - 11am - 3pm - Ecumenical Council for Corporate  
Responsibility  
Just Money Conference**



## Vacancies

### 34. Chief Executive Officer

Pax Christi are looking for a Chief Executive Officer. The job description is available through their [website](#).

Closing date is the 30th September 2022.

### 35. Senior Administrator/Office Coordinator

World Community for Christian Meditation need a well-skilled and very well organised senior administrator for their London office.

Details are through [ICN](#)

Closing date is the 1st October 2022.

## THE LAST WORD

### 36. A touching tribute



(Above drawing by [Eleanor Tomlinson](#))

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