



# JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN

## FEBRUARY 2022

Welcome to the e-Bulletin from the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. Please send Events for inclusion to [justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk). The deadline for the next e-Bulletin is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

### **\*NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR THE JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION\***

*“The Commission exists to promote action and reflection on peace and social justice in the Diocese of Westminster, in the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching.”*

We have recently reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Commission and are seeking new members in 2022 who will serve for three years. The Commission meets four times a year but members correspond and collaborate on a wide variety of issues and actions between meetings.

The Commission is an advisory group of 12-15 people that supports and promotes justice and peace activity throughout the Diocese. Bishop Nicholas Hudson has pastoral responsibility and oversight of our work. Members are expected to be committed to working in ecumenical and interfaith partnerships and with all people of good will. The tasks of the Commission are:

- ❖ To be a visible sign of justice and peace in the Diocese.
- ❖ To facilitate parishes, schools and individuals to form groups and networks for reflection and action on peace and justice.
- ❖ To identify and raise awareness of injustice and its root causes, including structural injustice.
- ❖ To promote justice and peace spirituality.
- ❖ To dialogue and discern with the Cardinal and Bishops on justice and peace matters.

Four Members of the Commission are appointed *ex-officio*. They are currently:

Chair	- Fr Dominic Robinson SJ
Co-ordinator	- Ms Colette Joyce
Member of Staff for CAFOD	- Mr Tony Sheen
Member of Staff for Caritas	- Mr John Coleby

We are seeking:

- 5 Members who will be resident in one of the five geographical areas of the Diocese and represent grassroots interests in West, Central, North & East London and Hertfordshire.
- 3 Additional Members bringing general expertise and wisdom.
- Up to 3 further Members can be co-opted to ensure that the body represents the diversity of the Diocese in terms of gender, age, ethnicity, disability, clergy, lay, religious, staff, volunteers etc.

Please give your consideration to the role and whether God may be inviting you to serve in this way or if there is someone else you might like to encourage to apply. Further information about the application process will be circulated in the coming weeks.



## DIARY OF EVENTS 2022

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-4pm, Daily: Scripture Festival, St Alban's Cathedral** - You are invited to our diocesan God Who Speaks Festival at St Albans Cathedral, Hertfordshire, AL1 1BY. All pilgrims, whether from schools, parishes, or just visitors to the Cathedral will have an opportunity to encounter Christ through His Word at this three-day event. **Westminster Justice & Peace, Caritas Westminster** and **Pax Christi** will be among many different groups from the Diocese offering a variety of ways to explore the Word of God. <https://rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival/>

**5<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-12noon: CAFOD Lent 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Volunteers Gathering** – An opportunity to hear direct about CAFOD's work in Sierra Leone, the focus of this year's Family Fast Day. Register here <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Lent-gathering-volunteers>

**13<sup>th</sup> February: Racial Justice Sunday - Theme: In the Image and Likeness of God.** Celebrating different presentations of the Holy Family from different countries and cultures. Materials for this year are published by the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/rjs22/>

**Prayer** - All Catholics are encouraged to mark the day by praying the words of Pope Francis taken from his encyclical letter '*Fratelli Tutti*', On fraternity and Social Friendship:

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,  
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,  
so that we may discover anew  
that all are important and all are necessary,  
different faces of the one humanity  
that God so loves.

**Amen.**

**14<sup>th</sup> February, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network with Guest Speaker Bishop John Arnold** - A developing network for all Catholics and our friends in the South of England who care about creation, meeting monthly on Zoom. Register with Eventbrite to attend a single event or write to [colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk) to be added to the mailing list. Participants include staff and volunteer activists from CAFOD, Justice & Peace, Caritas, environment organisations, parishes etc. All welcome <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/247143050517>

**14<sup>th</sup> February: Share the Love, Green Hearts for the Environment Day.** Climate Coalition - Make, wear and share green hearts. [Climate Coalition Ideas Page](#)

**17<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30-9.00pm: 'Biodiversity' talk by Columban Father, Fr Sean McDonagh, organised by St John Vianney Parish Live Simply Group.** On Zoom. All welcome. Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUudOivpj4iG9LJBnbEj7fY8R25oKnq5Bcs>

**21<sup>st</sup> February, 12.30-1.30pm: Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office with Westminster Justice & Peace and London Catholic Worker** to pray for migrants seeking safe passage to the UK, especially those attempting Channel crossings. There will be prayers outside the Home Office on the third Monday of every month in 2022. Contacts Barbara Kentish (J & P) [barbarakentish@talktalk.net](mailto:barbarakentish@talktalk.net) and Br Johannes Maertens (LCW) [johanmaertens@hotmail.com](mailto:johanmaertens@hotmail.com)



**21<sup>st</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> March: Fairtrade Fortnight** <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

**24<sup>th</sup> February, 6pm – 8.30pm: PACT - Harold Hood Memorial Lecture.** Key note speaker is **Professor Anna Rowlands, 'Reimagining Human Dignity in Dark Times'**. Westminster Cathedral Hall. Booking: [Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture 2022 | Prison Advice and Care Trust](#)

**28<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30-8.45pm, Leaving Something on the Table - How Money Doesn't Make the World Go Round:** A conversation with Dr David Ko and Richard Busellato, authors of 'An Unsustainable Truth' (2020). Hosted by Westminster Justice & Peace on behalf of the Southern Dioceses Environment Network. Register in advance with Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/241047458437>

**4<sup>th</sup> March: World Day of Prayer Prepared by Women of England Wales and N Ireland** - 'I know what plans I have for you.' <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/2022-wdp-free-resources-to-download/>

**11<sup>th</sup> March: CAFOD Lent Fast Day** <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

**5<sup>th</sup> March, 12-2pm: Volunteering Fair, Westminster Cathedral Hall** - Lent is a time when we are especially encouraged to share what we have with those in need. Giving your time is a most precious gift. Come and find out what volunteering opportunities there are at the moment. Westminster J & P will be represented at the Fair. [More details](#)

**14<sup>th</sup> March, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network** - A developing network for all Catholics and our friends in the South of England who care about creation, meeting monthly on Zoom. Register with Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/255432404197>

**5<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30 - 7.45pm: Westminster Abbey Institute Lecture Series on Trust in Public Life**  
**The Roots of Trust: theological and political reflections on trust in troubled times** - The Nave, Westminster Abbey. Speaker: Dr Anna Rowlands, St Hilda Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice. Chair: Revd Dr James Hawkey. [Free but booking is essential](#)

**2<sup>nd</sup> May, 11.00am: Annual Mass for Migrants, Westminster Cathedral** - for the three Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster.

**9<sup>th</sup> May, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network** - Register with Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/255436105267>

**22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> July: National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Annual Conference** – Theme 'Hope! A verb with its sleeves rolled up.' The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Booking- <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/>

**26<sup>th</sup> August – 29<sup>th</sup> August: Greenbelt Festival** – Boughton House, Kettering. A festival where arts, faith and justice meet. Theme 'Somewhere to Make a Stand'. Bands, workshops and talks. Family friendly. Camping and other accommodation options. <https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

**7<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November: COP27, United Nations Conference of Parties Climate** - Conference in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.