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## NEWSLETTER December 2021



### Canary Wharf Railway Protesters Acquitted

**Five Christians - 85 year old grandfather Phil Kingston, Ruth Jarman, Ian Bray, Richard Barnard and Nick Cooper - along with Dr Diana Warner - have been acquitted of obstructing a Docklands Light Railway train at Canary Wharf after convincing a jury that this was a lawful response to imminent climate and ecological breakdown.**

The six stopped the train at Canary Wharf in April 2019, in protest against financial district funding of the Climate Emergency. The five Christians climbed on top of the DLR train while Diana Warner glued herself to a window.

Following the acquittal, Ian Bray said: "We are grateful for the love, compassion and moral clarity of the jury which enabled them to reach a unanimous verdict within an hour."

[Read more](#)



### CCA Leeds Vigil in Barclays

**CCA activists took part in a vigil inside Barclays Bank in Leeds this month.**

One of the participants, Rev'd Jon Swales said: "Barclays is the worst climate offending bank in Europe. Since January this year, they've invested over \$5.6bn into fossil fuels...Essentially, they are bankrolling mass death. We are just waiting here to speak to the manager... we'll ask them if they will pause business for a couple of minutes, as an act of remembrance and solidarity to the world's most vulnerable who are already suffering through climate breakdown."

Staff at Barclays declined to engage with the protesters.

### Eight More Insulate Britain Protesters Face Jail





In November, nine climate protesters from [Insulate Britain](#) (IB) were sentenced to prison. Eight more are currently on trial, including CCA members Ruth Jarman and the Rev Sue Parfitt (pictured above).

Both those who have already been sentenced and those who now face the dock are all charged with breaking a high court injunction prohibiting them from continuing their protests on motorways or A roads across the UK, which called on Government to insulate homes across Britain in order to protect its citizens, reduce fuel poverty and help combat carbon emissions.

CCA member, Dr Ben Buse was [amongst those from IB sentenced to prison](#) last month and is currently serving out his four month sentence at HMP Thameside. Ben will be appearing in court again alongside the eight newly accused to face further charges of breaking the injunction. Messages of support can be sent to Ben via [benbuseonremand@gmail.com](mailto:benbuseonremand@gmail.com).

Read Sue's [court statement](#).

[Listen to Sue and Ruth speak](#) at CCA's Saturday Session of 11 December on the imperative of taking action.

Join a solidarity event for protesters on [Saturday 18th December](#).

## Christian Climate Action Central Events

# Saturday Sessions

**Saturday Sessions** is a weekly series of live, online (Zoom) teaching sessions, examining different aspects of the climate and ecological emergency and exploring biblical perspectives and/or ways we might respond.

**All sessions run from 11.00am - 12 noon**

### **Saturday 18th December 2021 CCA Showcase and Prayer**

Please join us for [an event](#) in London. On Zoom we will be supporting those on the ground in prayer and taking the opportunity to look back at some of the CCA actions over the last year.

### **Saturday 8th January 2022 Communicating the Climate Emergency**

Ever found it hard to talk about the Climate Emergency with those who aren't really engaged with it? This session will be an opportunity to think about how we talk and otherwise communicate about the Climate Emergency with a wide range of people.

**There will be no Saturday Sessions on either 25th December 2021 or 1st January 2022.**

Register in advance for any of our Saturday Sessions [here](#).

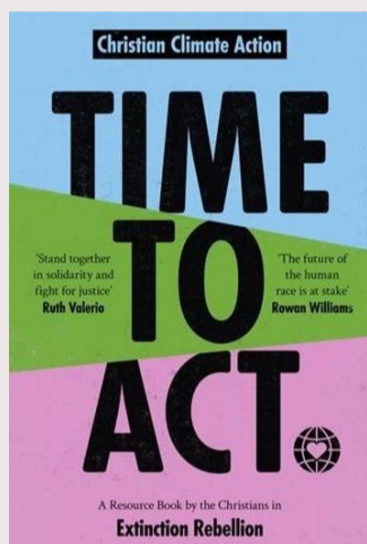


**New to Christian Climate Action  
Wednesday 19th January 2022  
7.00 - 8.00pm**

Only just heard of us? Interested in CCA does but want to know more about us before you get involved? Grab a drink, get yourself comfy and meet some of our members. Find out what we do, how we do it and why. Ask us all your questions.

[Register to attend](#)

All of CCA's central events are listed on our [Facebook](#) page. Not on Facebook? Don't worry! We also have an [Events page](#) on our website.



### Time to Act - the Perfect Christmas Present

If you are looking for a good read to give as a gift to someone for Christmas, you couldn't do better than *Time to Act*.

Written by friends and members of CCA, the book explores the moral and religious obligation to enter into the struggle against Climate Emergency and also offers a range of spiritual resources.

*Time to Act* can be obtained online from [SPCK](#).

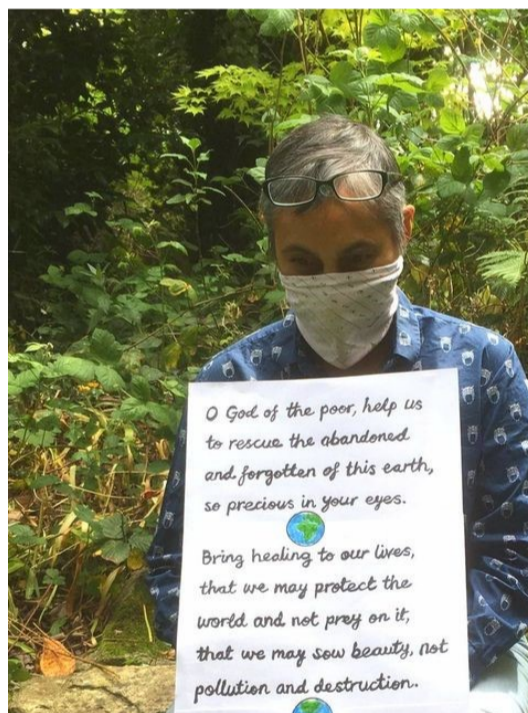
### Daily Prayer

**CCA's endeavours to combat the Climate Emergency are constantly underpinned by prayer.**

We meet at 9.00am every morning except Wednesday and currently have a particular (although not exclusive) focus on the Psalms. [Register here](#).

If you feel that you could lead one of our prayer sessions, please [email CCA](#), marked for the attention of David.

**Please note that we are currently taking a temporary break from our evening prayer sessions and our Wednesday multi-faith prayer gatherings with Faith Bridge.**



### Now You Can Donate ONLINE

**There are many ways to be involved in CCA, including supporting our work financially. We've now made it easier for donors who want to support us, with the launch of a new, online payment platform.**

Whether you want to help us support the two people who work one day a week doing a variety of things to ensure that the rest of us don't have to fit this in on top of our day-to-day work, support rebels who face court fines, or fund the paid-for account that allows us to send this newsletter, you can now do so via [this link](#).

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