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CCA activists gather before marching on the Global Day of Action 6 November

COP26 - Not Nearly Enough Achieved

It ran over schedule by a day and, at the end of it, 197 countries signed up to the "Glasgow Climate Pact". But did COP26 achieve what was needed?

Outcomes from the Conference included:

- countries committing themselves to accelerating their decarbonisation plans and strengthening their emissions-reduction targets for 2030 by next year, rather than in 2025.
- recognition of the need to reduce global greenhouse-gas emissions by 45% by 2030.
- accelerating efforts on the phase-out of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies.
- phasing down the use of coal (diluted from the original commitment to phase out coal altogether).
- agreement that more support was needed for developing countries to adapt to the effects of climate change.
- a commitment to reduce methane emissions (a green house gas 25 times more potent than CO₂, although it doesn't stay in the atmosphere for as long).

Is this enough? Clearly not. Agreeing to accelerate planning is not the same as implementing action. Recognising the percentage by which global greenhouse gas emissions need to be reduced by 2030 is not the same as actually working towards that reduction. UN scientists calculate that, put together, all the agreements made at Glasgow will still enable a catastrophic 2.5 degrees of global warming; anything above 1.5 degrees increases the likelihood of escalating and unstoppable global heating. It remains to be seen when countries gather again next year to present their revised emissions-reduction targets whether firm and radical commitments to immediate action will be forthcoming. In the meantime, another year in our already perilously short timescale will have been lost.

CCA at COP26



The Coat of Hopes

CCA activists participated in Camino to COP, a 500-mile pilgrimage from London to Glasgow, arriving in time for COP26. On the way, they carried with them the [Coat of Hopes](#).

Patches were added to coat during the walk, expressing the hopes, fears and prayers of people of all ages in the face of Climate Emergency. The completed coat was taken to different locations in Glasgow each day of COP26 as means of engaging the interest of the general public in the Conference.

Die in at Central Station

CCA activists pictured left taking part in a die-in at Glasgow's Central Station.

A sign next to each "body" explained the cause of death, bringing home the awful reality of what Climate Emergency actually means. This was one of a number of die-ins staged by CCA during COP26.



Glasgow Earth Vigil

Throughout COP26, people gathered in prayer and meditation outside the SECC where talks were being held.

The daily Vigil was organised by Faith Bridge and was also broadcast online to allow those who were not actually able to be in Glasgow to join in.

Poignant Messages

Prayers written on ribbons and carried by the Camino to COP pilgrims en route were tied to the gates of the SECC where COP26 talks were being held, leaving a poignant message when the Earth Vigil (see above) was not physically present.



Nine Insulate Britain Protesters Jailed



On Wednesday 17th November, nine climate protesters from [Insulate Britain](#) were sentenced to prison. One of them was CCA activist, Ben Buse.

The nine were sentenced for 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.

The protesters had no opportunity to be heard by a jury of their peers; their case was considered only by a judge. Tim Speers, Roman Paluch, Emma Smart, Ben Taylor, James Thomas, Louis McKechnie, Ana Heyatawin, Oliver Roc and Ben Buse all received sentences ranging from 2 to 6 months. Trials of other Insulate Britain protesters are expected soon, including more CCA activists.

[Read Ben's statement](#), written before he first appeared in court on Tuesday 16th November.



Following the jailing of the Insulate Britain protesters, activists from across a range of groups, including CCA, took part in a solidary action in London on Saturday 20th November.

As well as the case of the Insulate Britain protesters, the march aimed to highlight the jailing of James Brown, sentenced for one year for glueing himself to a plane in protest against the

Climate Emergency, and the inadequacy of the response from world leaders at COP26. Some activists were arrested after occupying Lambeth Bridge, while others, including the Rev Bill White, were arrested for blocking an A-road junction at Vauxhall Cross.

Read [Bill's comments](#) explaining why he took part.

Christians Arrested for Blocking the Lord Mayor's Procession



During the annual Lord Mayor's Show, one of London's biggest cultural events, four Christian Climate Action activists poured oil over themselves and sang a song about the child victims of the Climate Emergency to the well-known tune of 'Be still for the presence of the Lord'.

They were protesting against the Church of England and the City of London prioritising profit from fossil fuels over the future of children as we face climate breakdown. Children attempted to approach the Lord Mayor to deliver a copy of the [The Children's Charter](#), which asks the City to secure the future of the next seven generations, but they were unable to reach the Lord Mayor.

[Read more.](#)



Divestment Continues

Good news has reached us in the last month of further dioceses in both the Church of England (CofE) and the Catholic Church divesting from fossil fuels.

In our September newsletter, we were able to report the divestment of Salisbury and Truro CofE dioceses. They are now joined by Norwich and Durham. A significant number of Catholic dioceses have also divested, as reported on the [Bright Now](#) website.

Find out which Church of England dioceses have already divested and [which still need to](#). If your diocese hasn't divested, you can also gain practical help in encouraging them to consider this by contacting [Operation Noah](#).

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 27th November COP26 Debrief Part 2

Continuation of a reflective space in which to debrief after COP26 and think about the implications of the outcome of the Summit.

Saturday 11th December Everyday Activism Part 2

The second in a three part mini-series exploring the practical aspects of activism. This week we consider: *The power of vigil*.

Saturday 4th December Everyday Activism Part 1

The first in a three part mini-series exploring the practical aspects of activism. This week we consider: *Climate conversations: owning your story*.

Saturday 18th December Everyday Activism Part 3

The last in a three part mini-series exploring the practical aspects of activism. This week we consider: *Why hold a die-in?*

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

New to Christian Climate Action Thursday 25th November 7.00 - 8.00pm

If you're new to CCA we'd love to welcome you at this online (Zoom) meeting and tell you more about us.

Hear existing members talking about who we are, what we do, why we do it and how to get involved. Get your questions answered! [Register in advance](#).



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.

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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