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NEWSLETTER April 2023

The Big One has gone with a bang! Now what?



We have just witnessed one of the UK's biggest climate protests with tens of thousands of people, supported by 200 organisations, taking to the streets to demand Government action on the climate crisis.

What an inspiring and empowering weekend it was. For those of you who were able to be on the ground with us at The Big One, we hope that you feel you have been part of something special. We are aware that, for a lot of you, this was your first time engaging in prayerful climate protest and we hope that you feel part of the Christian Climate Action family.

One of the key asks of The Big One was for the Government to end all new fossil fuel licences. As yet, there has been no responding official announcement from the Government and therefore, Extinction Rebellion (XR) sent out a <u>press release</u> on Monday

saying: 'You had your chance - now we're stepping it up'.

We are dedicating this month's newsletter to The Big One and to welcoming the many new members who joined Christian Climate Action (CCA) during those days of action.

More about the event highlights.

Read on, or <u>visit our events page</u> to find out about forthcoming The Big One debrief events. And, if you are new to CCA, we are holding a whole host of <u>online events</u> just for you.

The Big One in Pictures



Above: Record turn out at the No Faith in Fossil Fuels service at St John's Waterloo. Not everyone could fit in the building and so people spilled into the church garden.



Above: Sarah at the No Faith in Fossil Fuels Service at St John's Waterloo.

Right: More than 1400 Christians march

to Parliament.

Below: Children protest outside the Shell



Building.





Above: CCA members led in worship by members of the Laudato Si movement.



Left: The doors are locked and the police are called when Lord John Sentamu, former Archbishop of York, tries to deliver a letter to Shell.



Above: Geoff and Sandie star on The Big One TV.

Right: Worship led by our friends in Black Majority Churches.





Above: Preparing for Anglican worship at the Faith Hub.

The Big One Debriefs

If you came to The Big One, we are running some online debrief sessions over the next month. Whether you're new or an old hand, these are opportunities to chat to others about how you're feeling and hear from everyone else

Then there will be a practical debrief - what went well, what could have gone better and what might we do differently if we were to do something similar again.

Each meeting will last for around an hour.

DATES

Wednesday 3rd May, 7.30pm Friday 5th May, 7.30pm Tuesday 9th May 2.00pm Wednesday 10th May, 7.30pm Thursday 11th May, 11.30am

Register here to attend any of these meetings

Next Steps if You're New to Christian Climate Action

Visit the CCA Website

Our website is packed with information to help you find out more about CCA.



You'll find a statement of our principles and values, our Introduction to CCA document, details of events and current projects, members stories, teaching materials and lots of resources.

View now

New to CCA Meeting

Tuesday 9th May at 7.30pm - 8.30pm. OR Saturdays on 13th and 20th May at 11.00am - noon.

New to CCA and not sure how to get involved? These Zoom meetings are for you. Usually held once a month, during May we are holding New to CCA more regularly to meet increased demand following The Big One. So, grab a drink,



and get comfy. Hear about what we do, how we do it and why. Ask us all your questions and find out about different ways you might get involved.

Register in advance for Tuesday 9th May here

Register in advance for either of the Saturday meetings here



Want a CCA Group Near You?

We have a number of local CCA groups across the UK. See our <u>full list</u>. But if there isn't a group near you, then join us online so we can explore how to make that possible:

Tuesday 2nd May, 7.30pm-8.30pm OR

Thursday 11th May, 7.30pm-8.30pm

This is a friendly online meeting for anyone who wants a CCA group near them. It doesn't matter if you are completely new to CCA. Everyone is very welcome to find out more about how to get a local group going.

Let's say hello, get to know each other and help each other.

Register in advance

Prayer and Vigil

Prayer is absolutely central to all CCA's endeavours to combat the climate emergency. We host daily online morning prayer and regular online evening prayer. We also often hold vigils. See below for details.



Daily Prayer

Morning Prayer: 9am every morning on Zoom.

Evening Prayer: Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, 9.15pm-9.45pm to pray for the Earth and the work we are called to do in CCA, and to replenish our spiritual wellspring at the end of the day.

Register here for both morning and evening prayer.

Earth Vigils

CCA members take part in Earth Vigils at locations around the UK.

This includes outside Parliament in Westminster. We meet Wednesdays when members of the House are in session 11.00am-3.00pm.

Find your nearest Earth vigil





As the climate crisis heats up, we are determined to take the action needed. To help us make that possible, we're <u>inviting you to become one of 60 people</u>, each donating £15 a month

CCA is primarily a volunteer-led movement, but we do have some self-employed freelancers who carry out a number of tasks that are essential to keeping the movement going. To keep doing this, we need to secure 60 new monthly standing orders of £15 each to continue with these new roles.

If you would like to set up a standing order with us please visit our website **donations page**.

Thank you!

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