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CCA JOINS QUAKERS IN DEFENDING JURORS' RIGHTS



This week, members of Christian Climate Action (CCA) joined the Quakers in recreating an act of worship that was held outside in Gracechurch Street in 1670. The outdoor meeting all those years ago was held in defiance of the authorities who had banned Quakers from gathering in their local meeting house, and it led to the arrest of Quaker leaders William Penn and William Mead. What happened at the following trial was one of the greatest challenges to the freedom a jury seen in UK judicial history - until today.

At trial the jury found Penn and Mead innocent of any wrongdoing. Jury members were then themselves imprisoned by the judge for contempt of court, until they came to different verdict. Holding to their consciences, they refused to do this until they were released and their own verdict was upheld. Thus the right of juries to be free from inappropriate judicial interference was reaffirmed and has remained one of the tenets of the UK judicial system ever since.

The aim of this month's recreation was to highlight that this right is again coming under increasing pressure, as judges in human rights cases - including climate cases - have recently been insisting that juries disregard their consciences and ignore defendants' reasons for their actions.

[Read more](#)

Want to be involved in defending our juries' rights? See below for details of more forthcoming actions.

FORTHCOMING ACTIONS

Africa Energies Summit Protest
Tuesday 15th May Central London
Venue and time tbc



The [Africa Energies Summit](#) will take place between 14th - 16th May and the major oil and gas companies, ministers of oil and gas rich countries and financiers will be there.

CCA, alongside other groups, is planning a protest on the morning of 15th May, to call for these companies and governments to transition from destructive oil and gas projects to renewables. Africa desperately needs energy, but most of the people living in Africa are not seeing any real benefit from the extraction of its fossil fuels. Oil and gas extraction are not only harming the planet but often destroying local habitats and communities.

Come and help us highlight the urgent need for large scale investments in renewable energy projects.

[Read more](#) about why this protest is so important.

If you would like to join this action and want to be kept in the loop, see our [events page](#) or [email us](#).

Defend our Juries
13th - 21st April

UK-wide

A week of action across England and Wales and at the Royal Courts of Justice upholding that 'Jurors have an absolute right to acquit a defendant according to their conscience'.

As detailed above (*CCA Joins Quakers in Defending Jurors' Rights*), some judges have recently been denying both defendants and jurors their rights by

restricting what defendants can say in climate action trials to explain their actions, and by limiting what jurors are allowed to hear.

In response, Defend our Juries National Week of Action aims to cover each of the 90+ courts in the UK with creative actions including court sittings, sign-holder vigils, outreach and street theatre.

Court actions where CCA members will be present, where the date has been confirmed include:

Monday 15th April

- **Bristol** Crown Court (9 Small St, Bristol BS1 1DB). If you want to join Bristol CCA at the court early on Monday 15th, [email Dave](#)
- **CCA Kent** is hoping to hold actions at Maidstone and Canterbury Crown Courts, but this is dependent on numbers. [Email them](#) if you want to take part.
- **Shrewsbury** County Court (Preston St, Shrewsbury SY2 5NX). Members of CCA and others will be present outside the court during the day. [Email us \(FAO Clare\)](#) if you would like to be involved.



Thursday 18th April

London, Royal Courts of Justice,

There will be a special show of solidarity on the 18th April at the Royal Courts of Justice for Trudi Warner who will be on trial.

Trudi was arrested for holding up a sign outside a court declaring the right of a jury to make decisions of conscience and is now at risk of prison. More people have followed her actions, ready to face the consequences for defending jurors' rights. This is your chance to join them and to show support for Trudie.

[See here for ongoing information and to get involved](#)

Actions will also be taking place at the following locations - exact date in the week tbc.

Isleworth or Woolwich. [Email](#) to find out more.

Newcastle. [Email](#) to find out more.

Brighton or Lewes. [Email](#) to find out more.

To take part in the Defend our Juries National Week of Action
[please sign up here.](#)



Monday 22nd April
Earth Day - Prayer Walk
London

CCA will be holding a prayerful walk to various earth-wrecking companies in the St James area of London, including BP and BAE Systems.

A little under a mile in length, the walk will be accompanied by a large globe carried on a palanquin. There will be pauses at eight sites for reflection and prayer.

[See the prayers for the day and check out the route here.](#)

If you would like to be a steward, carry a banner or placard, or carry the papier-mâché globe as we walk, please [email us.](#)



Wednesday 1st May
Stop Rosebank Prayer Vigil
Gather by 11.00am at St John's Waterloo Gardens, London ([SE1 8TY](#))

On May Day, CCA will be gathering in central London for an outside prayer vigil focused on Rosebank, a new oil and gas field in the UK.

We will be gathering at St John's Waterloo Garden, a short walk from Waterloo Station, and will then be walking together to the location of the vigil. Please be at the gardens in time to set off promptly at 11.00am and come dressed for the weather.

[More information](#)

SUPPORT CCA

Donate



Donations from our supporters helps:

- pay a handful of part-time freelancers to keep CCA running: answering emails and supporting local groups
- cover the transport and accommodation of activists where needed
- buy kit for actions
- fund this newsletter and our many meetings, hosted on a paid-for Zoom service.

You can make a one off gift, or set up a regular payment to CCA, very easily [online](#).

THANK YOU!

CCA CENTRAL EVENTS

New to CCA

Tuesday 16th April
7.00pm, online

If you are new to CCA and want to understand more about how we work and how you can get involved, this meeting is for you.

Grab a cuppa and get comfy as you meet both existing and other new members of CCA.

[Register in advance](#)





Film Night

Insulate Britain - a Love Story

Thursday 18th April

7.00pm, online

Created by Peter Armstrong and Anuradha Vittachi, this 50 minute film tells the story of one group which supported Insulate Britain.

Tracking their story from the development of the initial ideas, through to the actions on the road, arrest and court appearances, the film features many well known CCA activists plus Trudi Warner who protested outside the court.

[Register to attend](#)

ZERO HOUR

Join the Campaign for the Nature and Climate Bill

Thursday 23rd May, 7.00pm - 8.15pm ONLINE

As we look towards a general election later this year, find out more about supporting the vitally important Zero Hour campaign for the Climate and Nature Bill and getting your Parliamentary candidates to back the Bill.

[Register for the Zoom session here](#)

A full list of all our events can be found on our

[EVENTS PAGE](#)

LOCAL GROUPS

We now have CCA local groups across the UK and beyond. Click [here](#) to see if there's a local group near you

CCA Bristol

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Funeral for Nature

Bath, Somerset



20th April, 2.00pm

Biggest Red Rebel action ever. You are invited to join a mock funeral for nature processing through the streets of Bath to help raise awareness and make change happen.

Watch the procession, or take part as a mourner dressed all in black, with no flags, banners or logos. Also, some drummers, stewards and outreach people needed.

Register your interest to take part, or donate money [here](#)

If you'd like to meet up with local CCA people watching the event or taking part, [email us](#).

Saturday 13th April, 11.00am
Outside Barclays Bank, Working Street (opposite St John's Gardens), Cardiff City Centre, CF101GN

Join us, on the second Saturday of every month, 11.00am-12noon, in silent vigil for climate justice, outside Barclays Bank, Cardiff .

We will gather for an hour of silence as an act of grief for those dying because of climate chaos and to pray that Barclays stops funding climate breakdown.

Everyone of all faiths and none are welcome to join us in silence, meditation, or prayer. Bring a chair if you can.

More information: [email us](#), or visit our [Facebook events page](#).

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Monthly Prayer Vigil

Saturday 20th April, 11.00am
The Buttermarket, outside the main



gate to Canterbury Cathedral

CCA Kent meet for this regular time of prayer, reflection and sharing, in love and grief for our planet.

They would love you to join them.

Weekly Prayer Vigils

Tuesdays

**Lloyds of London, 1 Lime Street
EC3M at 12.30pm - 1.30pm**

**New prayer meeting linked to Insure
our Future and Money Rebellion.**

[Email](#) for more information.

Wednesdays

**Shell HQ 16 Milner Place, Waterloo
SE1 7NA at 8.00am - 9.00am
BP HQ St James Square, SW1Y
4PD at 1.30pm - 2.30pm**

**CCA member Judith holds weekly
vigils outside Shell HQ and also meets
with three others to pray outside BP
HQ.**

Security staff at both HQs are friendly and accept this prayer presence as appropriate.

Join them when you can.

CCA London

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A Prayerful Protest

**Saturday 20th April 12 - 1pm
Outside Barclays Bank, Kingston**

To express concern for the well being of our planet in the face of the accelerating climate crisis. This protest will target companies, such as Barclays Bank, that are funding the fossil fuel industry. Our demand to them is: DON'T!



[Email Judith](#) for more information.

PRAYER



CCA's endeavours to combat the climate emergency are underpinned by [daily prayer](#).

Morning Prayer: 9am every morning on Zoom.

Evening Prayer: We meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, 9.15pm -9.45pm to pray for the Earth and the work we are called to do at CCA.

[Register here](#) for both morning and evening prayer.

Earth Vigils: CCA also participates in a number of Earth Vigils. [Find these listed amongst our events](#).

KEEP UPDATED!

Do check out our [website](#). We update it regularly with blogs. You can also find us on social media.



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