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NEWSLETTER

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Christian Climate Action Sends Clear Christmas Message



Sheffield Christian Climate Action have submitted an entry for the annual Sheffield Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival. But this is a Christmas tree with a difference: it calls out the Church of England for their investments in fossil fuel companies.

The Festival invites local businesses and charities to decorate a tree, and there are cash prizes for the entries that receive the most public votes. The Christian Climate Action (CCA) tree is decorated with hand-crafted Shell logos and fake bank notes representing the record billions in profit that Shell has made this year. A [notice accompanying the tree](#) claims to be from Shell, gushing with praise for all the help the Church of England has given the fossil fuels corporation through its continued investments.

Before the Festival opened to the public, the tree was removed by the Cathedral. However, after discussion with CCA, and having received a number of messages expressing concern that they were silencing climate protest, the Cathedral agreed to replace it and [added their own message](#) of clarification and support. The tree has attracted the notice of the Church Times, who published [an article](#) about it.

Sheffield Cathedral's Chief Operating Officer, Jason Carr, said that the Cathedral was committed to achieving the Church of England's target of being carbon net zero by 2030. Encouragingly, the Cathedral also acknowledged that activism such as this is often necessary to move the argument along, which is why the tree remains in the Festival.

You can support Sheffield CCA by [voting online](#) for their tree

Other Recent Actions



Telling Truth to Power in Derby

There was more CCA cathedral action this month, when Mary Smal took to the lecturn at the conclusion of the Sunday Service at Derby Cathedral. Dressed in sackcloth, Mary called on the Church to repent of its investments in fossil fuels. Derby Diocese are one of a number of Church of England dioceses that continues to actively invest in fossil fuel companies.

When officials attempted to stop Mary from speaking, she called out "You can turn off the microphones, but God can hear the cries of the poor". Following the protest, the Dean of the Cathedral agreed to a meeting with Mary to discuss the matter.

[Read more](#) about Mary's action.

Looking Back

Celebrating Climate Victories

It's been a challenging and fast moving year and, in all the action and bustle, it is easy to overlook where progress is being made.



So, we invite you to step back, take a breath, and reflect on [our recent blog](#), detailing just some positive achievements.

Thank you to everyone whose dedication and sacrifice has made these steps forward possible.

Looking Forward



Battling Barclays

With positive announcements on climate coming from some of the high street banks (see *Climate Victories* above), 2023 will see CCA continuing to pressure Barclays to stop funding fossil fuels.

As the largest funder of fossil fuel projects in Europe, an undertaking from Barclays to stop investment in this area would be major win for the climate.

If you, or an organisation you represent, banks with Barclays and would like some support to transfer your funds to a more ethical service, please [email us](#) at Christian Climate Action.

APRIL REBELLION

WILL YOU HELP BUILD A MOVEMENT THAT'S TOO BIG TO IGNORE?

It is crucial that we continue building momentum in opposing the wilful destruction of creation. Join CCA as we work with other groups to bring 100,000 people onto the streets in April 2023 in a mass action of solidarity against corporate greed and Government inaction.

Will you be one of them? [Find out more](#)

Remember Climate Activists Jailed This Christmas



Last month, we reported that the Rev Tim Hewes was being held on remand at Wormwood Scrubs pending a court appearance in early December.

Following his court visit, Tim has been **moved to Wandsworth** where he awaits another hearing on 20th December.

Please remember Tim and 22 other climate activists who continue to be held - either on remand or on custodial sentences in UK prisons - for their part in action against the climate crisis. It is never easy to be separated from family, but Christmas is a particularly difficult time. A further 15 are currently on bail, pending sentencing or trial.

You can send messages of support to Tim via: timonremand@gmail.com.
Alternatively, messages of support can be sent to all prisoners via:
emailallprisoners@gmail.com

Events

Saturday Sessions

Hosted on Zoom at 11.00am each Saturday morning, these sessions offer the opportunity for CCA members to come together socially, plan, keep up-to-date with developments in climate activism and to consider how biblical teaching can help us shape our response to the climate crisis.

We will be taking a break over the Christmas season and our next Saturday Session will be on Saturday 7th January 2023.

2023: SATURDAY SESSIONS SAVE THE DATE SPECIAL

On Saturday January 14th, CCA is delighted to be able to welcome Peter Kallang, a Sarawak indigenous leader, about a new UK campaign called *Stop the Chop*.

Tropical deforestation is a key component driver of climate change, mass extinction and enforced migration. The aim of *Stop the Chop* is to stop the certification and export (including to the UK) of conflict timber from Sarawak, where only 10% of primary rainforest remains and the land is scarred with logging roads that laid, end to end, would encircle the Earth twice.

[Find out more](#) about the campaign and our session on 14th January.

Check [here](#) for more information about other forthcoming Saturday Sessions.

New to CCA

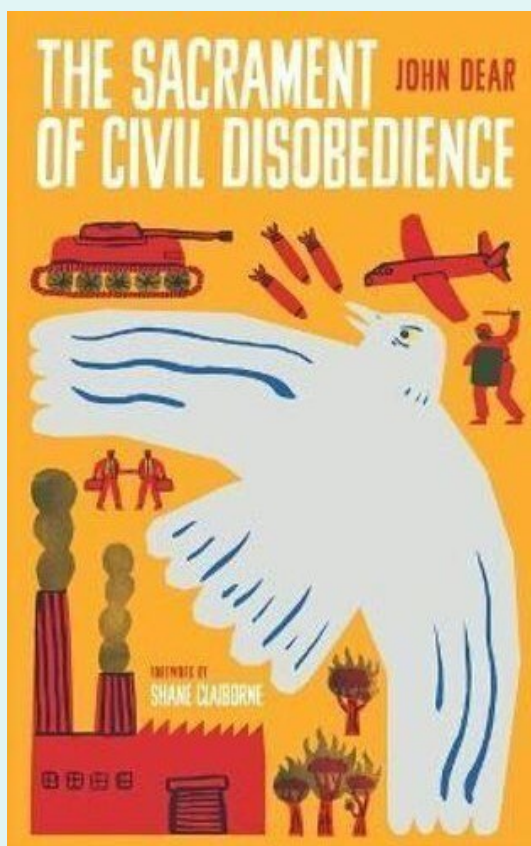
Monday 16th January 2023
7pm to 8pm, on Zoom

Only just heard of us? Interested in what 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 now](#)



Resources



The Sacrament of Civil Disobedience

Author: John Dear

Foreword by Shane Claiborne

£7.99

CCA's very own Rev Sue Parfitt has helped revise and edit a reprint of this classic by Jesuit priest and peace activist John Dear. *The Sacrament of Civil Disobedience* explores the tradition of civil disobedience within the Church and discusses how to approach participation in acts of non-violent protest spiritually.

Published by Labora Press, the book can be obtained from [Foyles](#) and [Waterstones](#).

Daily Prayer

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

Morning Prayer: 9am every morning on Zoom.

Evening Prayer: Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, 9.15pm-10pm 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.



Thank You for Your Donations

You can really help CCA by supporting our work financially, so we just just want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated to us.

We know that these are difficult times for many financially and so



deciding what our money should be used for is a big decision.

CCA has a vision of the Church being a prayerful force for good – for Christians across the UK to take a stand against the oppressive powers behind the climate crisis.

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