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LENT VIGIL HAPPENING NOW



Worshippers start the Vigil at a packed Ash Wednesday service at St John's Waterloo, London.

COME AND JOIN US!
[Book your vigil slot here](#)



The Vigil moves to Carriage Gate outside Parliament, where it will remain until 24th February.

Click [here](#) for full details about the Vigil

UPDATE ON BARCLAYS



Christian Climate Action's (CCA) campaign urging charities and church dioceses to stop banking with Barclays continued last month with two vigils on 26th January.

In the morning CCA members gathered outside Oxfam's headquarters in Oxford, then travelled onto BMS (Baptist Missionary Society) World Mission headquarters in Didcot, where several staff joined the vigil. CCA had written to Oxfam in December last year urging them to change their banking arrangements.

Results!



A few days later, as reported in *The Church Times* and *The Times*, Oxfam announced they were in the process of changing banks 'due to their (Barclays) record on climate change'.

The Church Times also reported that, this year, BMS World Mission now holds less than five per cent of its monies with Barclays, and that this year, the charity

be reviewing their banking arrangements. The charity said of CCA: 'their courage and singleness of purpose has much to teach Christians in our calling to resist dominant powers'

But even more organisations are divesting from Barclays - not just charities, but churches and universities too!

[Find out](#) who just can't work with Barclays anymore.

And Barclays Are Feeling the Pressure

On Friday 9th February, Barclays said that it had been listening to civil society organisations and released a new energy policy, which promised:

- no direct financing of new oil and gas projects
- constraining funding for pureplay companies
- putting fossil fuel companies "on notice".



This might sound like a big shift for the bank, but in reality, it's a crafty concoction of smoke and mirrors.

[Click here to understand what their new policy means in terms of financing fossil fuels.](#)

Bank on Our Future summarise the new policy by saying: "That means more of Barclays being Europe's #1 fossil fuel funder since 2016. More billions for drilling in untouched natural habitats. More billions for abusing human rights. And more billions for accelerating floods, droughts, climate refugees and climate breakdown across the world." Christian Aid welcomed the move but said Barclays remained "laggards on fossil fuel finance" and that other organisations considering dropping the bank should still do so.

There's Still More to Do

Now we've got Barclays attention, we have to keep up the pressure until their funding policies are unequivocally green!



Stop Your Organisation Banking with Barclays

Work for an organisation that banks with Barclays?

[See here for info on what you can do](#)

SUPPORT CCA

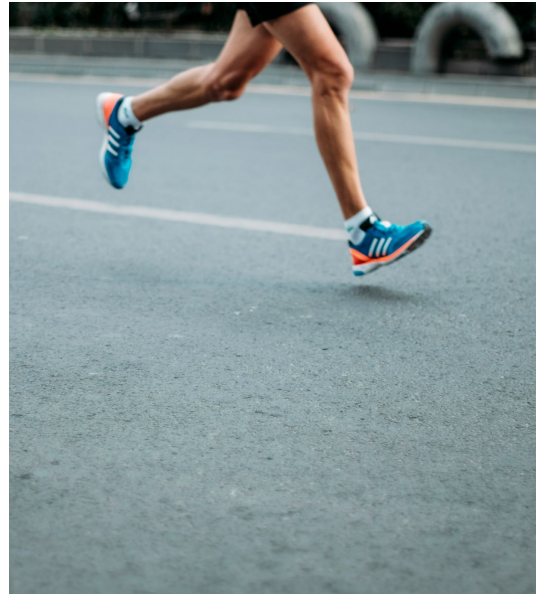


Donate

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](#).



Sponsor

The wonderful Rev Buff is doing what for many of us would be impossible - running a Marathon.

Buff will be running the Brighton Marathon on April 7th and all sponsorship proceeds will go to CCA.

[You can sponsor Buff here](#)

THANK YOU!

FORTHCOMING ACTIONS



26th February – 3rd March
Insurance Week of Action, City of London and across the UK

CCA are joining in the [Insurance Week of Action](#) and we would love you to join us.

Help us to persuade insurance companies not to underwrite new gas and oil projects.

[Find out more](#)



Save the dates....Save the dates...Save the dates....

Monday 22nd April
Earth Day - Prayer Walk, London

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

A large globe will be rolled or carried through the streets and times of prayer held at key organisations along the way.

Save the date and book travel for now. More details coming soon.

Wednesday 1st May
Vigil Focused on Oil and Gas - London

On Wednesday 1st May, CCA has a significant opportunity to vigil and pray in central London. We'll be calling on organisations not to support oil and gas projects in the UK.

More details will be available shortly, so keep an eye on the website. For now, save the date and book travel to London on this date if you would like to be involved.

CCA CENTRAL EVENTS

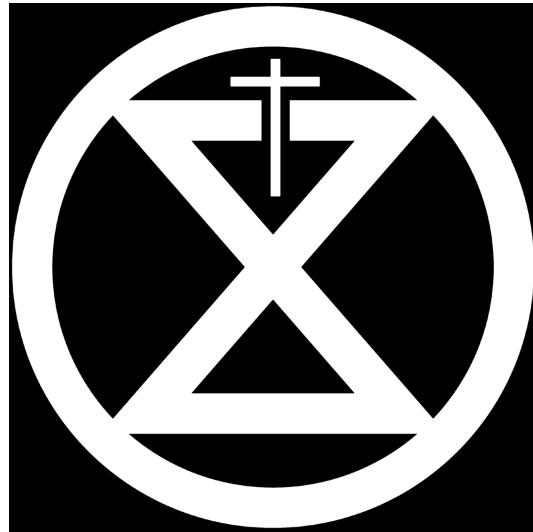
New to CCA

Tuesday 29th February
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](#)



Get a Local CCA Group Near You

Tuesday 5th March
7.00pm, online

Whether you're new to CCA or an old hand – this is a drop in space for those who would like a CCA group local to them. Come and explore how to make this happen with our CCA Network Support Officer.

A full list of all our events can be found on our [EVENTS PAGE](#)



Remember Those in Prison

Climate activist, Marcus Decker, was sentenced to over 2 years in prison after scaling the QE2 Bridge to protest against new fossil fuel projects.

Marcus is a German citizen and now faces automatic deportation on his release from prison, separating him from his family.

Rev Sue Parfitt has written a letter to the Home Secretary on behalf of Christians begging for clemency for Marcus. She now needs as many Christians as possible to show their support by signing the letter.

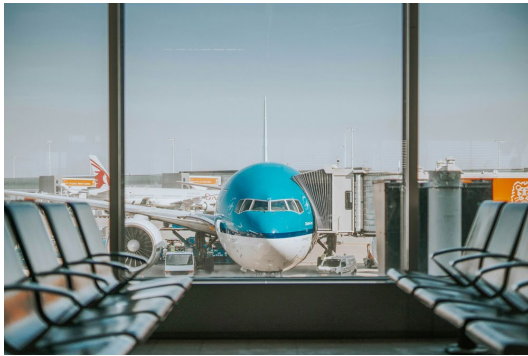
Please help Marcus by [signing the letter now](#).

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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Eyes on Bristol Airport

Thurs 29th Feb, 7.00pm - 8.30 pm
Felton Village Hall, Winford, Bristol

CCA Bristol is very supportive of the work of "Bristol Airport Action Network" who have campaigned against the expansion of the airport (unfortunately, permission for expansion was granted).

This in-person event offers the opportunity to find out what BAAN has been doing to monitor the airport's activities.

[More information](#)

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Vigils at Shell and BP HQs Every Wednesday

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 has been engaging in weekly vigils outside Shell HQ for some time. Now she is joined by three others to also pray outside BP HQ.

Join them if you can.



CCA Loughborough

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Lent Prayer Vigil

Friday 16th February 9.30am
Outside local MP's Office, Pinfold
Gate, Loughborough

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