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NEWSLETTER

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VICTORY! ROSEBANK APPROVAL RULED UNLAWFUL



Christian Climate Action (CCA) and other campaigners from the Stop Rosebank coalition are celebrating a victory after the Rosebank oil field was ruled unlawful and its approval was overturned.

The Scottish Court of Session has agreed that the significant emissions caused by burning Rosebank's oil should have been taken into account during its previous approval. If Equinor and Ithaca (the companies behind Rosebank) still want to develop the oil field off the coast of Shetland they will need to resubmit a new application that now accounts for emissions.

Thank you to all those who have prayed, written emails, held banners, given out leaflets, travelled to Edinburgh last November for a rally and die-in, and worked hard on this campaign with creativity.

The UK government has paused approving new fields while it examines how to regulate new drilling through the UK Oil & Gas consultation. The court's ruling might have overturned the previous approval but Rosebank's owners could submit a new application after the consultation has concluded. We need to keep the pressure on to stop new oil and gas, for a safe climate and affordable energy.

RECENT ACTIONS



16 for the 16

Members of CCA joined XR Walkers and marched through a cold January night, from Staines to the Royal Courts of Justice, in support of 16 prisoners in jail for participating in climate protests.

The 16 were having appeals against their disproportionately long sentences heard in the Court. Protests took place outside the Court for the entirety of the two-day hearing. The highlight was a 90-minute seated occupation of road by more than 700 climate activists.

The outcome of the appeal is awaited.



FORTHCOMING ACTIONS Urge the Church to Act



The Church of England is holding its General Synod in Westminster, London, from 10th to 14th February 2025. This is a perfect opportunity for us to send a loud and clear message to the Church: you need to act!

There will be 2 opportunities for us to gather together at the entrance to Synod:

Wednesday 12 February - Ethical Banking Campaign

8.00am - 9:30am at entrance to Church House on Great Smith Street. With leaflets and banners, we will take this time to urge the Church to switch to a fossil free bank.

(For more information on how we are supercharging our call to the Church for ethical banking, please see below.)

Friday 14th February - Wild Card Campaign

8.00am - 9:30am at entrance to Church House on Great Smith Street We will be calling on the Church to rewild its land.

We'd love to have you involved with either of these. **Email CCA** for more information.

Supercharging CCA's Ethical Banking Campaign

To date, CCAs ethical banking campaign has mainly targeted Barclays. But now we're targeting all the big five banks - Barclays,



HSBC, Santander, NatWest and Lloyds!

These banks provide staggering amounts of money to fossil fuel companies (\$55bn in 2023), so we're urging the cathedrals and dioceses that use them to switch to a bank that does not fund fossil fuels. This is an opportunity for people across the country to join in with a meaningful campaign locally. We'd love you to get involved and hold a vigil or action at your local cathedral.

Find out where your local cathedral or diocese banks **HERE**.

Find out more about this campaign and check out the new CCA Ethical Banking Action Pack HERE.

The action pack outlines why the campaign is important and is full of ideas, guidance and resources.

If you're interested in joining the campaign or finding out more **email CCA** or **join the WhatsApp group**.

CCA CENTRAL EVENTS



Over the next six months, in the context of the Labour government's current consultation process and their manifesto promises, we have an opportunity to bring about the urgent end of new oil and gas developments in the UK.

CCA, along with other Christian organisations and with support from the Stop Rosebank campaign, is organising three events to help people respond to this moment.

Ash Wednesday Service

11am on 5th March, St John's Church Waterloo, London SE1 8TY.

Ash Wednesday 24 hour Prayer Vigil

Noon on 5th March to noon on 6th March, Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), Whitehall London.

For those who can't get to London we will be making the prayers and resources for the service available on the website together with a guide to organising your own vigil. We are organising a virtual prayer room through 24/7 prayer.

Find more information about all of the above HERE



Healing the Earth, Healing Ourselves

Sunday 23rd February 2025 12 noon to 6pm, Friends House, London

A multi-faith gathering where we will be talking and thinking about injustice and how we can put into practice our faith values to take action on climate.

Further to previous announcements about this event:

We now have some funds to help with travel costs for people if that is a barrier to attending. **Email us to find out more**.

This event is particularly suitable for people who do not think of themselves as climate and environmental activists so please share this invitation in your networks

So, come along and join us for panel discussions and workshops, prayer, music and dance, creative work, and a faiths fair.

More information and booking

New to CCA

Tuesday 18th March 2025, 7.00pm to 8.00pm ONLINE Register here

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.



A full list of all CCA 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 group in your area.

Nowhere near you? We offer support to help set up a new CCA local group - email us.

Campaigning in Derby

CCA member Sarah, is part of a group of Christians living near Derby who are resisting the expansion of the A38.

They take a very creative approach to their resistance. As well as a regular prayer group and two multifaith vigils, they have joined a local church in the park for a forest church service and held two very popular events where they joined local artists to paint pictures of a veteran oak.

Sarah says that their fight to limit road expansion has been "a rollercoaster".

Read more here to find out about these ups and downs.



NEW GROUP CCA Cambridge/ Peterborough

We're starting a WhatsApp group for any CCAers who live in the Cambridge/ Peterborough area. This is a group to



allow local CCAers to stay in contact with local news and possibilities.

Join the Whatsapp Group here

CCA Liverpool

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Barclay's Vigil

Saturday 15th February, 12 noon Barclays Bank in Lord Street, L2 1TD

On the third Saturday of every month, CCA Liverpool hold a vigil outside of Barclays

Email us for more information.





CCA in London

Wednesday Vigils - Central London

There are a range of options – feel free to join whichever suits you.

Weekly:

- Shell HQ 8-9.00am,
- BP HQ 10-10.30am,
- Parliament 11-1.00pm.

Alternating Wednesdays (1.30-2pm):

- Wild Card action outside Church House
- DESNEZ

For more information email CCA



We're starting a WhatsApp group for any CCAers who live in the Luton/Watford area (including Hemel Hempstead and Stevenage). This is a group to allow local CCAers to stay in contact with local news & possibilities.

Join the Whatsapp Group here





CCA Scotland

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Vigil outside Scottish Parliament Tuesday 25th February 12 noon – 2.00pm Edinburgh

Join us in prayer and reflection outside the parliament building.

We'd love to hear from you if you plan to come along. **Email:** CCA Scotland

DAILY PRAYER

CCA's endeavours to combat the climate emergency are underpinned by daily prayer.

Morning Prayer: 9.00am every morning on Zoom.

Register here

Earth Vigils: CCA also participates in a number of Earth Vigils. Find these listed amongst our events.



SUPPORT CCA

Supporting CCA couldn't be easier. You can make a one off gift, or set up a regular payment at any time online.



Thank You!

Donations to CCA help:

- 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.

KEEP UPDATED!

Do check out our <u>website</u>. We update it regularly with blogs. You can also find us on social media.









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