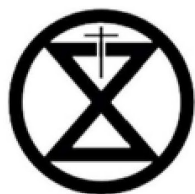


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January 2024

EXHIBITING THE REALITY OF CLIMATE CRISIS



Last month, five Christian Climate Action women held a prayerful climate change protest inside the National Gallery in London

They knelt and stood in front of the 15th century painting by Filippino Lippi, Virgin and Child, which depicts Mary seated in a landscape feeding Jesus. The activists held up a version of the painting altered to show a climate-ravaged landscape.

The women, who are mothers and grandmothers, began their protest by singing an adaptation of 'Silent Night', then spoke for the world's children as victims of war and climate injustice before holding a silent, prayerful presence.

Although the original painting was not touched, the public were told to leave the area immediately. A member of staff snatched the poster away, but later apologised and offered it back. The public were clearly interested, but were prevented from taking leaflets which providing more information.

[Read more](#)

FORTHCOMING ACTIONS



The No Faith in Fossil Fuels Lent Vigil

Join us from Ash Wednesday, as we begin a ten day vigil outside Parliament, to lament the failure of Government to take adequate action to address the climate and environmental crisis.

Times and dates: From 2.30pm on Wednesday 14th February to 3.00pm on Friday 24th February.

Exact Location: Carriage Gate, outside the Houses of Parliament, London.

The No Faith In Fossil Fuels Vigil will be a relay, where people take it in turns to hold vigil for a period of time across the ten days, day and night. Bring your congregation, your church group, your family and friends.

[Sign up for a vigil slot](#)

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



The Vigil Launch Service

Wednesday 14th February at St Johns Church, Waterloo.

The vigil will start with an Ash Wednesday Inter-denominational service. Doors open



Outdoor Closing Service

Saturday 24th February from 2.00pm - 3.00pm.

We will close the vigil with an outdoor service, right outside the gates of power -

at 11:30pm, with the service starting at 12:00 noon.

Downing Street

Register for a place at the launch service

Campaigns Targeting Barclays

A growing CCA campaign is urging both charities and church dioceses to stop banking with Barclays - Europe's largest funder of fossil fuels since 2016.

As long as dioceses and charities continue to bank with Barclays, this gives the bank social license and political influence, as it is presenting itself as a bank associated with positive causes, instead of one which is bankrolling climate collapse.

If these are organisations which are committed to social wellbeing and making a positive impact, help us urge them to put their money where their mouths are and move away from this destructive bank.



Invite Your Diocese to the Bank Switching Workshop

CCA have organised an online workshop specifically for dioceses representatives to attend, and we'd love you to encourage them to come.

CCA are teaming up with Make My Money Matter and Green Christian to run a workshop, which will be held on 8th February 10.30am to 12 noon. The workshop will share information on ethical banking and helpful guidance on moving banks.



Holding a Vigil Outside Oxfam and BMS World Mission

**Friday 26th January 2024
Oxford and Didcot**

The recent decision by [Christian Aid and Greenbelt Festival](#) to stop banking with Barclays has set a precedent that we are keen to urge other charities to follow.

We are therefore setting aside a day to vigil outside two charities who continue to bank with Barclays: Oxfam and BMS

[Click here to see how to email your diocese, to urge them to attend the workshop](#)

Click here for more info, including full list of dioceses banking with Barclays

In the months following the workshop, vigils and prayerful protests will be carried out by Christians in dioceses that have not pledged to move to a more ethical bank.

If you are interested in joining in with this campaign, please [email us](#)

World Mission.

The day will start at 9.30am Oxfam HQ in Oxford, where we will pray for an hour. Then we will then travel by train to nearby Didcot where, from 12.30pm, we will pray outside the headquarters of BMS World Mission.

[Find out more](#)

March to Farnborough Airport



Saturday 27th Jan 2024
11:00am - 4.00pm

Farnborough Airport is already Europe's busiest private jet hub. It is now looking to expand to allow 40% more capacity, flying in the face of the Paris agreement.

A flight in a private jet is roughly 30 to 40 times more harmful to the environment per passenger mile than one in a normal passenger plane.

This march, which is being run by Extinction Rebellion UK and some partner groups including Farnborough Noise, Blackwater Valley Friends of the the Earth and Alton Climate Action Network, is demanding an end to private flights and expansion.

[Find out more](#)

See more forthcoming actions under Local Groups below.

CCA CENTRAL EVENTS

Below is a selection of the CCA events scheduled over the next few weeks. A full list of all our events can be found on our [EVENTS PAGE](#)

Effective Campaigning

Talk: Thursday 25th January

Discussion: Thursday 1st February

Both sessions at 7.00pm

If you missed the live Saturday Session, this is your chance to see a recording of Christian Aid's Jonathan Cox sharing his wisdom on effective campaigning. His campaign successes include bringing an end to the detention of children for migration purposes and wins on the resettlement of 20,000 Syrian refugees.

[See more information and register](#)



Want a CCA Group Near You?

Wednesday 24th January

7.30pm, online

This is a friendly 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 explore how to get a local group going.

[Register in advance](#)

New to CCA

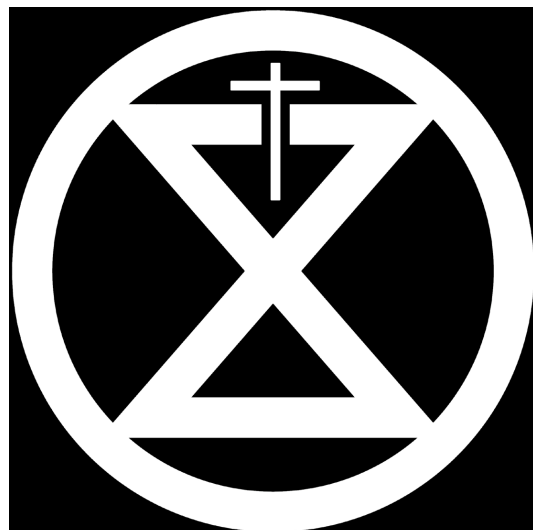
Tuesday XX February

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](#)



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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Ben's Charges Dropped After Year with a Tag

CCA Bristol member, Ben, has had a charge for criminal damage dropped - but only after wearing a tag for a year.

Ben was charged with damaging pigeon netting during an action with Animal Rebellion, to which he pleaded not guilty. The tracking tag was combined with a curfew restricting Ben to his home at night. In addition to this severe limitation on his freedom, the tag often malfunctioned, resulting in Ben being disturbed in the middle of the night by the authorities who believed that he had broken the curfew.

Left: Ben reading Gandhi during a protest.

CCA Liverpool

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Barclays Vigil

Saturday 20 January, 12 noon
Barclays bank, 48 - 50 Lord Street,
Liverpool, L2 1TD

Join CCA Liverpool n the 3rd Saturday of every month, for a vigil outside Barclays Bank.

[Email CCA North West](#) for more information.

CCA Kent

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Prayer Vigil

Saturday 20th January 11.00am
Buttermarket, Canterbury

CCA Kent meets the third Saturday of



every month for a Vigil for the Earth outside the main gate to Canterbury Cathedral. All welcome.

CCA Surrey

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Faith at the Gate Vigil

Sunday 4th February, 5.00pm
Horse Hill, Ironbottom Lane,
Hookwood

Join Faith at the Gate, for a time of silence and reflection outside of a shale oil extraction plant.

[Email CCA Surrey](#) for more information.



REFLECTION



The world watches in horror as the conflict between Israel and Palestine unfolds.

But as well as the obvious appalling impacts in terms of destroyed lives and infrastructure, war brings another silent and insidious impact: its contribution to climate crisis. CCA's Rev Sue Parfitt reflects on hidden cost of the war in Gaza.

[Read article](#)

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, and to replenish our spiritual wellspring at the end of the day.

[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](#).

DONATE

Donations from our supporters help:

- pay a handful of freelancers for a small amount of their time to keep CCA running: answering emails and supporting local groups.
- cover the transport and accommodation of activists where needed whenever we can and buying kit for actions.
- fund this newsletter and many of our meetings which are hosted on a paid-for Zoom service.

If you're not able to get involved in actions (or even if you are!) donating to CCA is a really effective way to help us.

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

THANK YOU



KEEP UPDATED!

Do check out our [website](#). We update it regularly with blogs. Also view the [CCA YouTube](#) channel and find us at [CCA Facebook](#), [CCA Twitter](#) and [CCA Instagram](#)

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