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Wimbledon - Break up with Barclays



Members of Christian Climate Action (CCA) were outside the world famous tennis tournament at Wimbledon earlier this month to join in protests about Barclays, the biggest funder of fossil fuels in Europe, being a major sponsor of Wimbledon.

CCA were working alongside other groups such as Make My Money Matter and Fossil Free London, handing out flyers and talking to people queuing to get in.

CCA also wheeled around a huge pink dodo, sitting on a tennis ball, that had been crafted by Money Rebellion to illustrate the extinction that the human race is heading for if we continue with business as usual. This generated some interest from the press.

As a result of all the varied actions, and [a petition](#) that has already been signed by thousands and backed by a number of noted celebrities, Wimbledon has agreed to meet with Make My Money Matter.



[Read more](#)

OTHER RECENT ACTIONS

Urging the Church of England to Speak Out



Members of CCA were present at the Church of England (CofE) Synod in York this month, celebrating the recent announcement that the CofE is divesting from fossil fuel companies.

CCA was also calling upon Synod members to pass the Oxford Motion. This urges investment in renewable energy, calls for further theological training in creation care for lay and ordained people, and asks the UK Government to review its planning regulations "to facilitate the installation of renewable technologies" for listed buildings and in conservation areas. Despite debate on the Motion being delayed from Sunday to Tuesday, it was passed with a sizeable majority.

As well as speaking to individual Synod members and leafleting, CCA also held a service to which the Synod was invited and spoke directly with Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.

Many Synod members thanked CCA for their witness, affirming that our persistent presence over the years at major CofE gatherings and through correspondence with key church officers is having a positive impact.

Since the Synod meeting, the Diocese of York and of Southwark (where CCA was in action earlier this year) have committed to follow the example of the CofE's overarching administration by committing to divest their diocesan specific investments from fossil fuels.

[Read more](#)

Pressure Mounts in Catholic Church

As progress with divestment is being made in the CofE, Catholics are also calling on the wider church to respond more urgently to the climate crisis.

On 2nd July, CCA members were



amongst Catholics holding a peaceful vigil outside

St Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Wrexham after mid-morning Mass to highlight the need for churches and institutions to move away from fossil fuels in the face of climate change.

CCA member Jackie Kightly, a learning assistant from Wrexham who attends St Mary's, said: "I would love Wrexham Diocese to divest from fossil fuels. Knowing that human-induced climate change is causing such suffering in the Global South, to the people who've least contributed to this crisis, is hard to live with and we have a moral duty to do all we can to help."

More vigils are planned.

CCA CENTRAL EVENTS



Hosted on Zoom at 11.00am each Saturday these sessions are a time when CCA members 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 summer break so there will be **no session on 29th July and no sessions throughout August. Sessions will resume on 2nd September.** Look out for the publication of our exciting new Autumn programme, and access videos of past Saturday Sessions via [the CCA website](#).

Want a CCA Group Near You?

Thursday August 3rd, 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 September 19th, 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.

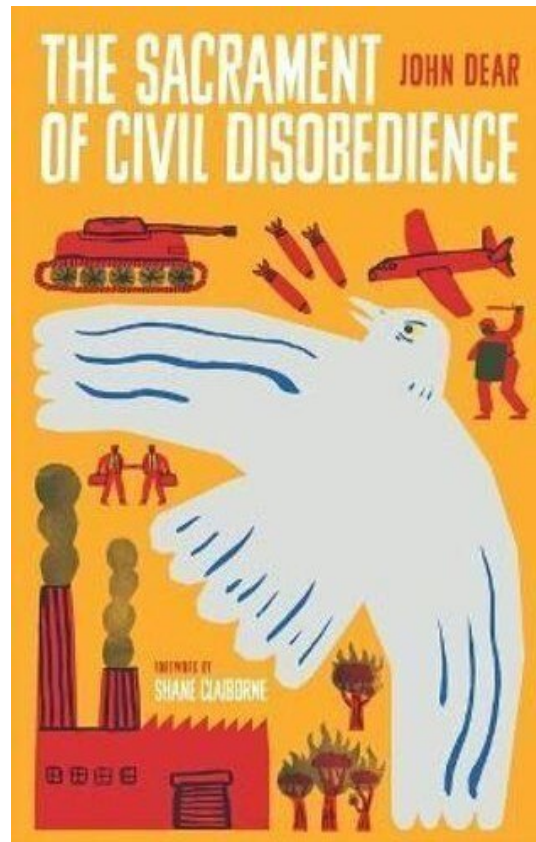
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John Dear Book Club

Starting Tuesday 12th Septmeber,
for 6 weeks, 7pm - 8.30pm

Are you considering arrestable actions? Would you appreciate the opportunity to discern the call to do this with others? This autumn CCA is running a **Sacrament of Civil Disobedience** book club for those who are considering taking arrestable and/or imprisonable action.

John Dear's book is a civil resister's field guide to nonviolent civil disobedience that is rooted in faith. It covers both the biblical roots of nonviolent civil disobedience and the practicalities of how to prepare for, do and deal with the consequences of, nonviolent civil disobedience. Originally published in 1994, it was updated in 2022 by Christopher David and CCA's very own Rev Sue Parfit. Join us over six evenings as we work through the book and discuss what it might mean for us. Several members of CCA, including Sue, will facilitate different sessions.



[Express your interest here](#)

For a full list of all CCA's events, please see 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

Faith at the Gate Vigil
Sunday August 6th, 5.00pm
Horse Hill, Ironbottom Lane,
Hoodwood, Surrey

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

For more information, email:
ccasurrey@gmail.com



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 -9.45pm 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.

CCA also participates in a number of **Earth Vigils**, including outside Parliament and other locations across the UK. [Find these listed amongst our events.](#)

DONATE

If you are not able to get involved in actions (or even if you are!) a really effective way to support CCA is through a donation.

Whether you wish to make a one off gift, or set up a regular payment, donations to CCA can be made very easily [online](#).

Your gift will go towards any of the following: supporting

a small number of paid freelancers who provide essential support and infrastructure to our many volunteers, providing the necessary kit and materials to carry out actions, reducing travel and accommodation costs to enable more people to take part in action and publishing this newsletter.

Thank you!

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