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NEWSLETTER

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JOIN US IN SAYING NO TO MORE OIL AND GAS



Over the next six months, in the context of the Labour Government's current consultation process and their manifesto promises, we have an important opportunity to curtail the future of oil and gas in this country. The path forward is something that we can all influence – through prayerful political engagement.

The Government has just opened a public consultation, which will close on 30th April, looking at how they should implement their commitment to end all new oil and gas licensing.

The dates of the consultation were announced last week while Christians were holding a 24-hour Vigil outside the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (see more below). What the Government decides will have huge ramifications for the future of oil and gas, as well as funding a just transition to renewable energy in the UK, and will set a precedent around the world.

What Can you Do Now?

The most important thing is to contact your local MP/MSP, urging them to stop fossil fuel expansion. Click <u>HERE</u> for information and advice on doing this - including an insight into your own MP's position on new gas and oil expansion.

Read more

RECENT ACTIONS



Christians Pray Through the Night for an End to Oil and Gas

On Ash Wednesday, Christian Climate Action (CCA) took the streets outside the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) in a prayer Vigil lasting 24 hours. Participants prayed for an end to new oil and gas exploration.

The Vigil started with an Ash Wednesday service at St John's Church Waterloo.

Members of CCA joined other campaigners from Operation Noah, Christian Aid, Tearfund, Green Christian and the Laudato Si' Movement for a time focusing on fossil fuels: reflection and repentance for what we have done but also hope for what might be

achieved now that the campaign to stop oil and gas is on the political agenda. As the Vigil continued outside DESNZ, the Climate Choir Movement joined in with songs urging our Government to stop fossil fuel expansion. Prayers were also held on the hour for different regions of the world that have recently been catastrophically impacted by the effects of climate change. For those unable to get to London, a virtual prayer room was available.

View the video of prayer at 3pm



Rewild the Church Flash Mob at St Paul's

Earlier this month, CCA partnered with both The Climate Choirs Movement and Wildcard to create a 200 person-strong singing flash mob at St Paul's Cathedral, asking the Church of England to rewild its land.

The flash mob was not disruptive as the singing took place before the Cathedral's Evensong service.

<u>Find out more</u> about why it is important for the Church to rewild its land, including a <u>beautiful video</u>, created by the Climate Choirs Movement, taken at this action.

FORTHCOMING ACTIONS

Keep up the Pressure!



Great news! Cathedrals are dropping fossil fuel banks. You can help keep this trend going!

Four new Cathedrals have committed to dropping fossil fuel banks – Durham, Southwark, Truro and Worcester. They join Chelmsford, Derby and Sheffield Cathedrals, which have already made this commitment.

Read the story in **The Church Times**.

All the big five banks - Barclays, HSBC, Santander, NatWest and Lloyds, provide staggering amounts of money to fossil fuel companies (\$55bn in 2023). You can help us make sure that other Cathedrals also drop these dirty banks, by joining a vigil or action at your local Cathedral. We're also urging dioceses to switch banks!

Find out where your local cathedral or diocese banks.

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

If you're interested in joining the campaign or finding out more <u>email</u> <u>CCA</u> or <u>join the WhatsApp group</u>.

CCA CENTRAL EVENTS

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.



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 March, 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
- DESNZ

For more information email CCA

NEW GROUP CCA Luton

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 March 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 <u>daily prayer</u>.

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!

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