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More Missed Opportunities



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There were more missed opportunities in the fight against climate change as the United Nation's COP27 summit in Egypt came close to collapse at points. Not enough countries were ready to make progress, for example on the commitment to limit temperatures to 1.5 C. There are signs of a dawning recognition that this target will not be achieved.

The talks were held in the context of tight security and surveillance and restrictions on protest by activists, while fossil fuel delegates were present in force, up 25% on last year. Unsurprisingly, the text of the final agreement clearly protects the oil and gas petrostates and fossil fuels industries. While there is still reference to phasing down the use of coal as agreed at COP26, this was not extended to phasing down all fossil fuels as some countries had hoped and a resolution to cause emissions to peak by 2025 was taken out. Ambiguous new language in the text about "low emissions and renewable energy" could also encourage the development of further gas resources as gas produces less emissions than coal and many countries at COP27 were hoping to strike lucrative gas deals.

More positively, COP27 did achieve an historic deal for rich countries to pay poorer countries for damage and economic losses caused by climate change. This hugely symbolic and political statement can be seen as the most important climate advance since the Paris Agreement in 2015, as it acknowledges climate inequality. However, the details and solid financial commitments still need to be worked out.

COP28 will be held in November 2023. But with so little political will for change on offer this year (despite soaring summer temperatures and floods across a third of Pakistan) and another petrostate – the United Arab Emirates - playing host, the question is: what it will take to make this summit the truly game-changing event it needs to be?

Banners at Barclays



Thank you to everyone who took part in protests outside branches of Barclays bank this month.

This was part of a national day of action against Barclays alongside groups such as Extinction Rebellion and Just Stop Oil, with thousands of protestors gathering at over 100 Barclays banks across the UK. As the largest funder of fossil fuel companies in Europe, Barclays needs to hear the message that its customers

and the public at large do not support their investment choices. Below are pictures of just of some of the actions that took place.



Left: Plymouth

Above: Croydon

Below: Leeds and Bristol



Brighton

Bradford

[Read more from activists who took part](#)

Other Actions this Month



Catholic Conference Vigil

Catholics for Christian Climate Action were joined by a number of bishops as they kept vigil outside on the first day of the Bishops of England and Wales Autumn Plenary Meeting at Hinsley Hall, Leeds.

The group sat down in front of the conference venue in prayer for vital global financial assistance for the poorest and most vulnerable countries affected by climate change.

[Read more](#)



Calling Time on Morgan Chase

Morgan Chase is the largest bank funder for fossil fuels in the world.

That's why CCA member Val King and her husband Pete chained themselves outside the bank's branch in Glasgow.

[Read more](#) about their reasons for taking this drastic step.



Global Day of Climate Action

Members of CCA joined a Global Day of Action, taking a stand against climate breakdown as leaders and delegates gathered in Egypt for the UN climate Conference COP27.

There were around 40 different protests happening across the world that day, demanding action on warmer homes,

better public transport and a speedy transition away from oil and gas. Another key message of the day was a call for Loss and Damage finance – for polluters to pay up for the destruction that climate change is already doing to countries around the world.

[Read more](#)



Christians Join Call to Cut Ties With Fossil Fuels

Members of CCA, including five CofE priests, protested outside BAE Systems headquarters and Church House, both in London, over both organisations' links to the fossil fuel industry. They called on the organisations to “cut the ties” with fossil fuels.

The protests were part of a larger action that took place across 13 locations associated with organisations which have links to the fossil fuel industry. The actions followed the conclusion of COP27 in Egypt, which has been widely criticised for the heavy presence of representatives of oil and gas companies.

[Read more](#)

Forthcoming Actions

APRIL REBELLION
WILL YOU HELP BUILD A MOVEMENT
THAT'S TOO BIG TO IGNORE?

Once again, COP has failed us (see above) with governments unable to overcome their individual interests for the sake of the wellbeing of all. lack of under.

It is crucial that we build momentum in opposing the wilful destruction of creation. Join CCA as we work with other groups to bring 100,000 people onto the streets in April 2023 in a mass action of solidarity against corporate greed and Government inaction.

Will you be one of them? [Find out more](#)

**Could You Be a Prayer
Buddy?**



Rebels in Prison Support (RIPS) are seeking volunteers to be prayer buddies to activists in prison.

RIPS assist people in prison whether on remand or serving time in prison from any non-violent campaign group, including Extinction Rebellion, Just Stop Oil,

Insulate Britain, Animal Rebellion, Stop HS2, as well as peace activists. Rebels usually have a prison buddy who helps support them including, for example, sending on emails, being in touch with family, sorting out any problems Prisoners clearly value their buddies and most buddies find it very rewarding. It's a very positive way of contributing, especially for those unable to take on a front line active role.

RIPS have asked CCA if we might be able to provide a different kind of support by becoming Prayer Buddies, either for those in prison or also for members of their family. Both may find the experience to be traumatic and might find it really helpful to be supported in this way. Contact might be by phone or email as agreed.

In addition, RIPS are working with the Climate Action Support Pathway (CASP) who are exploring whether it would be possible to offer emotional and psychological support from trained professionals either to those in prison or to their loved ones struggling outside.

If anyone in CCA is interested in offering this kind of support, whether as a prayer buddy or on a more formal professional basis, then please [email CCA](#).



CCA Vicar Jailed

In connection with the item above, you may also wish to send messages of support to the Rev Tim Hewes who was arrested earlier this month on a charge of conspiracy to cause a public nuisance.

Tim is being held remand at Wormwood Scrubs pending his trial in early December..

You can send messages of support to Tim via timonremand@gmail.com

Events

Saturday Sessions

Hosted on Zoom at 11.00am each Saturday morning, these sessions offer the opportunity for CCA members to 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.

Programme

Until mid-December, we are continuing our "We are Working on...." series.

26th November

Church divestment.

17th December

(rescheduled from 12th November)
Praying together, vigil and public witness.

Register in advance for our Saturday sessions [here](#)

(You only need to register once and you can attend any of the sessions. Once registered, you will receive a confirmatory email containing the information you need to join the meeting.)

New to CCA

**Wednesday 7th December 2022
7pm to 8pm, on Zoom**

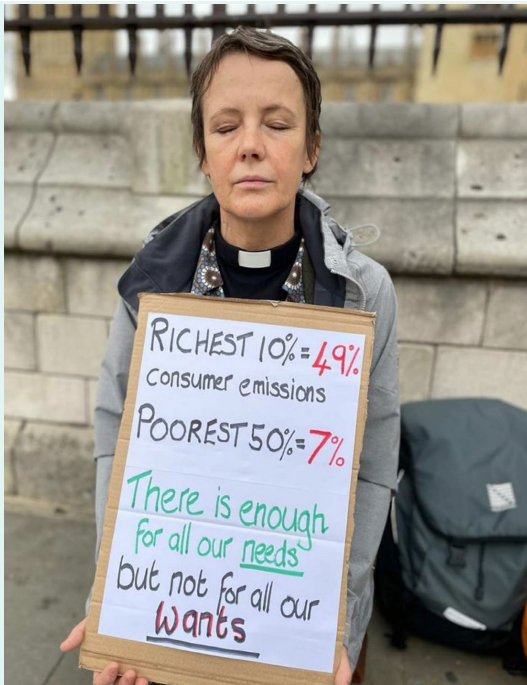
Only just heard of us? Interested in what CCA does but want to know more about us before you get involved? Grab a drink, get yourself comfy and meet some of our members. Find out what we do, how we do it and why. Ask us all your questions.

[Register now](#)



Join the Earth Vigil

Each Wednesday at 11.00am, when Parliament is sitting, members of CCA join in prayer vigil outside the gates. We'd love

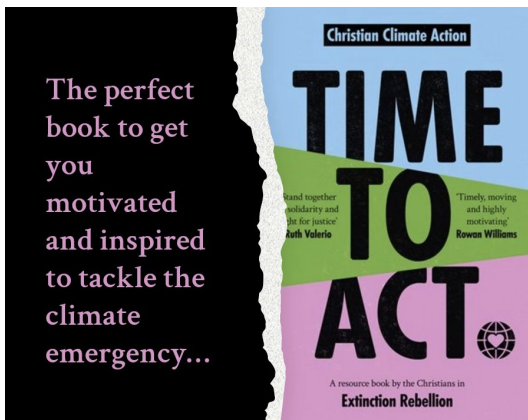


you to join us there.

[Hear Rev Vanessa Elston](#) talking about why she believes this is important and why she is praying for a spiritual reawakening of the Church at this time of climate emergency.

Find out how you can [join Vanessa and others](#) in this Earth Vigil.

Resources



Time to Act

If you are new to CCA and haven't yet come across *Time to Act*, we thoroughly recommend this goes on your Christmas present list - whether for yourself or for an interested friend.

The book includes essays, sermons, poetry, and stories from dozens of CCA members and guest contributors to help motivate activists and those who wish to encourage a greater responsibility for the environment through their churches.

Retailing at £11.99, *Time to Act* is [available now from SPCK](#)

Daily 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-10pm 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.



Thank You for Your Donations



You can really help CCA by supporting our work financially, so we just just want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated to us.

We know that these are difficult times for many financially and so deciding what our money should be used for is a big decision.

CCA has a vision of the Church being a prayerful force for good – for Christians across the UK to take a stand against the oppressive powers behind the climate crisis.

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