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Dear Friends,

For our final newsletter of 2024 – a year in which we celebrated two decades of inspiring the Church to take action on the climate crisis – we thought it would be appropriate to compile 20 highlights from our 20 years of climate campaigning: 10 from our two decades of history, 10 from 2024.

Of course, there is no campaigning without you: your financial support, your grassroots activism and your commitment to caring for God's creation is what keeps us going and what allowed us to win the prestigious 'Campaign of the Year' award at the National Campaigner Awards in May.

If you're inspired by all that we have achieved together and want to make a financial gift to Operation Noah, we are still trying to raise £20,000 by the end of the year as part of our Anniversary Appeal – and we are nearly three quarters of the way there. [You can donate here.](#)

Finally, from all of us at Operation Noah, we want to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to campaigning with you in 2025.

The Operation Noah Team



1) Ash Wednesday Declaration / 'Climate Change & the Purposes of God'

Early in our history, Operation Noah published the Ash Wednesday Declaration – also known as 'Climate Change and the Purposes of God: A Call to the Church' – which was signed by senior Church leaders. [Read more.](#)

2) '40 Days, 40 Dioceses' Campaign

During Lent 2023, climate campaigners prayed for the 40 Church of England and Roman Catholic dioceses in England and Wales that had yet to make a fossil fuel divestment commitment to do so, amplifying the call with online videos made by Christian climate campaigners calling on their dioceses to divest. [Read more.](#)



3) Over £20 Billion Off Limits to Fossil Fuels

Nearly all UK denominations have now divested from fossil fuels, with the 10 largest denominations – which are responsible for over £20bn in assets under management – having divested. [Read more.](#)

4) 'Financing a Liveable Future' Conference

In 2023, Operation Noah hosted the 'Financing a Liveable Future' conference in Central London with our partners FaithInvest. That conference is now available to watch online and has been edited down into a series of themed videos which

explore how Churches can invest in clean energy and a liveable future. [Read more.](#)



5) *Baked Alaska* Tours UK

In 2015, Operation Noah commissioned the Riding Lights Theatre Company to produce a satirical play called *Baked Alaska* that used humour and storytelling to address the urgent issue of climate change. [Read more.](#)



6) 'Pilgrimage to Paris'

In the lead up to COP21, Operation Noah was part of a faith coalition that organised the 'Pilgrimage to Paris' – a group that walked from St Martin-in-the-Fields to the UN Conference on Climate Change in Paris. [Read more.](#)

7) Launch Service at Coventry Cathedral

Operation Noah was officially launched in Coventry on 9 October 2004 with a conference, a parade through the city centre, and a service at Coventry Cathedral. [Read more.](#)



8) *Tenants of the King* Bible Study

In 2018, Operation Noah published *Tenants of the King*, an interactive Bible study designed to inspire Christians to take action on the climate crisis; the course has since been run in hundreds of UK churches. [Read more.](#)



9) Climate Sunday

Climate Sunday – first proposed by Operation Noah as a way of getting churches to incorporate the climate crisis into their Sunday worship and theological teaching – grew into an initiative backed by most UK denominations and many Christian charities, with over 2,200 churches participating in the run up to COP26. [Read more.](#)



10) Campaign and Supporter Events

We've held many successful campaign and supporter events over the years, including online and hybrid events which were crucial during the pandemic. At COP26, we sponsored an in-person event which was also live-streamed called, 'Fossil Fuel Divestment, Climate Justice and a Just Transition for All'; another powerful event was our 2022 'Alternatives to Fossil Fuelled Violence: Listening to our Global Neighbours'. [Read more.](#)



Highlights from 2024

1) Operation Noah Wins 'Campaign of the Year'

We were thrilled to receive the prestigious 'Campaign of the Year' award from the Sheila McKechnie Foundation in May 2024 for our Bright Now campaign as part of the National Campaigner Awards. [Read more.](#)



2) 20 Year Anniversary Service at St John's Waterloo

In November 2024, we celebrated our 20 Year Anniversary with a service at St John's Waterloo in Central London – an inspiring event attended by over 150 supporters, with a talk from Dr Rowan Williams. [Read more.](#)



3) Tree Planting Event at All Saints Ascot

Operation Noah was delighted to join a wonderful service at All Saints Ascot in October which included a tree-planting ceremony. We are hoping others will also plant a tree to celebrate our anniversary. [Read more.](#)



4) Launch of the Green Investment Declaration

In June 2024, we launched our Green Investment Declaration to encourage Church investment in climate solutions. [Read more.](#)



5) Movement on Church Land Use Campaign

It was good to see the Church of England adopt the Land and Nature motion at the February 2024 General Synod – a motion we supported and one that raised the profile of biodiversity. [Read more.](#)



6) Launch of 'Greenopoly' at Greenbelt Festival

We've really enjoyed creating our 'Greenopoly' game as a way of getting people to think about climate solutions and the need for green investment. [Read more.](#)



7) 27 Faith Institutions Divest from Fossil Fuels

On 12 November, 27 faith institutions, including the Anglican dioceses of Blackburn and Guildford, announced their divestment from fossil fuel companies. [Read more.](#)

8) Climate and Nature Bill + Additional Mainstream Climate

Campaigning

Operation Noah is a small charity which makes a big impact, and one of the ways we do that is by joining in with mainstream climate campaigns, including the push for the Climate and Nature bill, which we recently promoted as part of a special webinar. [Read more.](#)



9) Praying for the Climate Outside Parliament

In February 2024, we took part in a 10-day 'No Faith in Fossil Fuels' prayer vigil outside Parliament, praying for an end to the fossil fuel era. [Read more.](#)



10) Big Bank Switch

This past year we launched a campaign calling on Christians to align their money with their values by switching from a bank that funds planet-destroying fossil fuels to one that doesn't. [Read more.](#)

Please support the work of Operation Noah

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