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## Welcome to our July Newsletter



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Welcome to July's ECCR newsletter! This summer has already seen extreme weather affect the UK and many other parts of the world, from China to Canada. Floods, heatwaves, storms and droughts will all become increasingly common if we fail to address the climate crisis that is already upon us. So as we look towards COP26 – the international climate talks that the UK will host in November – we are excited to share our new [Green Your Money campaign](#) to help each of us take steps to align our money with our concern for the climate.

We're also delighted to welcome Cat Jenkins, who started this month as our new Programme Manager for Church Action for Tax Justice. We have lots of plans to get the message out that tax can and should be part of our contribution to the common good – and lots of actions for you to take in the months ahead. As part of this we have launched a new series of [Bible Study films](#) which are free to use, by yourself or perhaps as part of a home group or congregation.

As ever do get in touch if you would like to find out more or get involved in the work of ECCR. Please keep praying for us as we continue to pray for all of you – as together we seek a world where money is used to shape a fairer, greener world.

Every blessing,  
Sarah, Bryn, Cat & Rosie

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### Could you **Green Your Money?**

The UK is hosting the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in November. We need world leaders to take urgent action, but we all need to play our part. The role of money – and how it is used by banks, investors and businesses – is critical. We can all take steps through how we save, how we invest, our pensions and our spending, that can help fund the transformation we need to avoid climate catastrophe, restore nature and protect the poorest communities from harm.

What step will you take to green your money in the run up to COP26?

Choose a step and sign up to hear more from us about the actions you can take. Join a community of Christians passionate about connecting our faith and our finances, as we care for our neighbours and our common home.

**Take your step!**

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### NEW Resource - Money & Faith Bible Studies

Former [Church Action for Tax Justice](#) director Dr Justin Thacker has written three Bible Studies that would work perfectly in a small group/home group context. These studies address issues of **income and wealth, equality and redistribution, and poverty and justice.**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and many churches moving their small groups and services online we have produced three separate video studies which are available to use for free via YouTube. (The link below will take you to study 1, to view the other studies visit our Church Action for Tax Justice [YouTube profile](#))



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### Introducing Cat - Our new CATJ Programme Manager



We are very excited to introduce Cat Jenkins who joined us earlier this month as our new Church Action for Tax Justice Programme Manager. Cat brings with her a wealth of experience, knowledge and passion and we're so glad to have her join our team. Not long before Cat joined us she shared a little about herself:

Cat joins ECCR from a full-time role with a rough-sleepers' night shelter; she is also a director of the magazine Positive News. Cat has spent much of the past decade working

for environmental and social justice, including founding and running the project [www.theotherisland.im](http://www.theotherisland.im). Prior to this, she worked in offshore financial services for a quarter of a century, and has written 17 books on subjects such as corporate governance, fund management and fraud risk management. She's a former regulator, director of offshore financial businesses, and has taught and lectured on financial services issues such as compliance.

She's a mother of twin 14-year-old daughters, and is based in the Isle of Man. A Methodist, she is studying for a Masters in Digital Theology, and is on the Core Team of Deep Adaptation, a group which advocates for compassionate and just responses to the climate and ecological crisis.

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## Blogs & Articles



In our latest guest blog Operation Noah's Bright Now Campaign Officer Bokani Tshidzu writes about the leading role of Churches in the [global fossil fuel divestment movement](#). Read it [here](#).



In this blog, Money Makes Change programme manager Rosie Venner reflects on how our banks and pension providers may be the key to solving plastic pollution. Read it [here](#).

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## Time for Change

In our regular feature, 'Time for Change?', we share four ways you can take practical action each month to help build a fairer, more sustainable world. No matter if you have 2, 10, 30 or 60 minutes, there's something for everyone! Click on the images below for more!





**TAKE OUR BRIDGING THE GAP QUIZ**

4 Minutes 



**EXPLORE OUR NEW MONEY AND FAITH BIBLE STUDIES**

15 Minutes 

## In the News

Facing a reckoning over their contribution to the climate emergency, companies are coming out with a record number of pledges. Read more [here](#).



Living Wage Foundation releases new report on unstable and volatile working in labour market. Read more [here](#).



Sustainable investing has become one of the most important shifts in the investment industry in a generation, says Myron Jobson, a personal finance campaigner at Interactive Investor. Read more [here](#).



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