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Welcome to our September Newsletter



Welcome to our latest e-newsletter.

As the seasons begin to change and God's handiwork is revealed to us in new and different ways, we're reminded of God's place within creation. We're reminded that God is not merely a distant architect, but that the very presence of God is woven through our surroundings: through distant birdsong, the blooming colours of a wildflower meadow and so much more. We live in daily communion with God.

I'm reminded of a [meditation](#) from Father Richard Rohr in which he states **"When you think of it, what else could anything be? All creation must in some way carry the divine DNA of the Creator."**

As our newsletter continues with our climate theme in the run up to COP26, let us consider how as Christians we might see our actions to help tackle the climate crisis not simply as a mechanism to preserve a habitat but also as an act of worship.

Thank you to everyone who has already taken a step to green their finances. Not yet receiving the [Green Your Money](#) weekly emails? [Sign up here](#) – and please share the link with others.

Every blessing,

Rosie, Bryn, Cat & Sarah



Is your money funding the climate crisis?

Our [Green Your Money](#) campaign helps you take action to join the dots between your concern for God's creation and the choices you make with your finances. Every week we send out an email full of resources for reflection and action. It's encouraging to see this community growing. Please do [share the campaign](#) with others. If you are on Facebook you could share this [post](#).

If you want to become a **Sustainable Saver** or **Green Investor**, this [article from the BBC](#) gives an overview of different paths you could take. Are you taking steps as a **Pension Pioneer** but feeling daunted by the details? Share Action answers some frequent questions about ethical and sustainable pensions [here](#). Want to take action with your church as a **Green Steward**? Join us for an online event on [greener buying](#) for churches later this month.



National Insurance hikes would burden the poorest

"This is the worst possible time to increase the tax burden on the less secure and prosperous in our society. The new proposals are the opposite of "levelling-up". We need a coherent re-think of the chaotic and overloaded systems of social provision we currently have, so as to guarantee the security of all; and this, sadly, is not it."

Former Archbishop of Canterbury, **Dr Rowan Williams**

During September, CATJ turned its attention to calling for a rethink on Government proposals to increase National Insurance Contributions - a tax that disproportionately affects the less-well paid working population - to fund social care costs. We proposed that instead of burdening this already financially-stretched group, it was time to investigate taxes on wealth - a move which, as well as raising useful revenue, would have the effect of reducing inequality. CATJ ran pieces on the issue in [the Tribune](#), on air with Premier

Radio, and by way of a [press release](#) to which Dr Rowan Williams contributed a timely comment.

Blogs & Articles



In this blog, Rosie Venner, our Money Makes Change programme manager, explains why we need to pay attention to the upcoming United Nations climate conference (COP26). [Read here.](#)



Katherine Hogg writes about the connections between the economy and the climate crisis and introduces a new resource from Green Christian's Joy in Enough programme. [Read here.](#)

We're heading to Newcastle upon Tyne

For our first face-to-face event in a long while, we are partnering with the Young Christian Climate Network in Newcastle for an evening of short talks and Q&A exploring how faith, finance and climate justice can connect. We'll be joined by speakers from Operation Noah and Shared Interest. You can [register for your free place here](#). If you can't make it but have friends and contacts in the North East, please do share details of this event with them!

Tuesday 5 October, 7.30 – 9pm

Holy Trinity Church, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne

[Register for your FREE space](#)

Buying better : Churches and the climate crisis

Join us for an online workshop as part of [Ethical Consumer Week 2021](#). Faith communities can play an important role in climate justice through their purchasing decisions and by holding businesses to account. Come and join in the conversation, hear stories of churches taking action with their buying, and find resources to help you make a change.

Friday 22 October, 5 – 6pm

[Register for your FREE space](#)

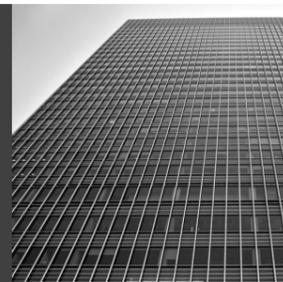
In the news

A new era of economic colonialism by fossil fuel companies is well underway. This is supported by self-serving governments. Read more [here](#).



China's pledge to kick the coal habit comes at a critical moment for the planet. The devil will be in the details, but ending investments in overseas coal shows Beijing takes the climate crisis seriously. Read more [here](#).

Fresh calls for windfall tax on companies that prospered during Covid. Research highlights six firms that increased their profits by a total of £16bn. Read more [here](#).



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