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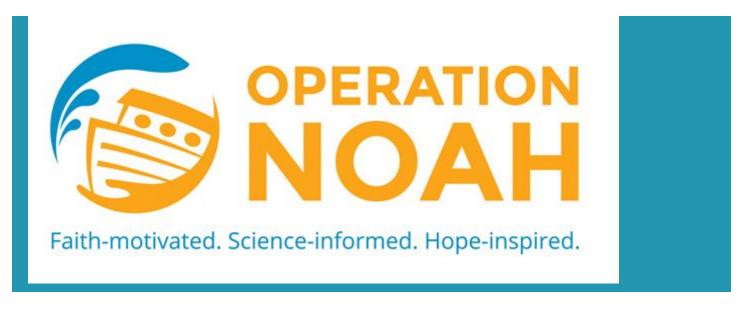
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January 2025

Dear Friends,

As Donald Trump is sworn in as US President, many are <u>concerned</u> about what his return will mean for efforts to limit global heating. Trump has promised to slash environmental regulations, cut funding for renewable energy projects and increase fossil fuel production. Shortly after his inauguration, Trump pulled the US out of the Paris climate agreement – all while wildfires, <u>supercharged by fossil fuel emissions</u>, were burning across Los Angeles.

Despite the dangers of a second Trump presidency, both UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and UK Energy Secretary Ed Miliband have called the global transition to renewables 'unstoppable' – and there is <u>data</u> to back up the claim, with the world now investing roughly twice as much in clean energy as it does in fossil fuels; that said, <u>Guterres has called for major policy changes</u>, noting that governments are still spending nine times more making fossil fuels cheaper than they are on making clean energy more affordable, while the International Energy Agency says the world must double clean energy investments by 2030 to meet climate goals.

This year, we're working hard to <u>stop new UK fossil fuel projects</u>, reduce and capture greenhouse gas emissions on Church-owned land, call on the UK Government to pass the <u>Climate and Nature bill</u>, and rally Churches and faith groups around the world to invest in climate solutions and sign our <u>Green Investment Declaration</u>. As Trump emboldens climate sceptics everywhere, join us in campaigning for – and investing in – a liveable future.

The Operation Noah Team



Take Two Minutes: Tell Your MP to Back the Climate and Nature Bill

This Friday (24 January), Parliament has the chance to advance the Climate and Nature Bill (CAN) – a comprehensive piece of legislation written by experts which would establish environmental targets based on the most up-to-date science. As the bill goes before Parliament for its second reading this week, take two minutes to email your MP, calling on them to turn up this Friday and vote for the CAN bill which has cross-party support and is backed by hundreds of charities and organisations, including Operation Noah. Contact your MP here.



'No Faith in Fossil Fuels' Webinar on Thursday 6 February at 7pm

As the government consults on whether to end drilling for new oil and gas in the UK, join Operation Noah, Christian Climate Action, Christian Aid, Laudato Si Movement and Green Christian – along with our friends at Stop Rosebank – for a 'No Faith in Fossil Fuels' webinar on Thursday 6 February, 7pm-

8pm. Learn how you can join Christian campaigners in calling for an end to the destructive fossil fuel era in the UK. Register here.



Become a Bright Now Champion

Last week we sent our first Campaign Action email to Bright Now campaigners – and we'd love to have you join our new network if you haven't done so already. Bi-monthly emails will be sent to

network members and will include suggested MP actions, special opportunities to join and plan events, and resources to share. Our Bright Now Campaign works to increase Church investment in climate solutions, reduce and capture emissions on Church-owned land and ensure faith groups stop funding fossil fuels. <u>Join the Bright Now Champions network</u>.



Green Investment Roundtable for Catholic Financial Professionals

We're inviting Catholic financial professionals to our 18 February roundtable on investing in climate solutions, which will be held in Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, London, 9.30am-12pm. Learn how to align your investment strategy with Catholic Social Teaching, hear from guest speakers, and network with other faith-based investors. This event is specifically designed for financial directors, treasurers, trustees, investment managers and other professionals from Catholic dioceses, organisations and religious orders. Register here.



New Resource: Supporting Farmers to Reduce Emissions

Recognising the role that Church-owned land can play in either storing carbon or contributing to global heating, Operation Noah has released a new resource called *Supporting Farmers to Reduce Emissions* which outlines how Churches and Christians can support sustainable farming in the UK. Some UK Churches are major landowners, particularly the Church of England, which owns significant amounts of agricultural land. Read more.

'Why I Joined Operation Noah and Campaign for Climate Action'

John Evans – an executive coach who joined Operation Noah's Board of Trustees in 2024 – shares why he decided to join our charity and campaign for climate action. Read more.

Resources, news, events and opportunities

Operation Noah will host a Zoom call on Green Investment on Thursday 27 February at 1pm. With news that the world needs to double clean energy investment by 2030 to meet climate goals, join us as we discuss our new toolkit – designed to encourage Churches, dioceses and faith groups to help fund the transition to clean energy – with the opportunity to help shape our campaign. To register, email david.britton@operationnoah.org.

In 2024, levels of planet-warming carbon dioxide rose more quickly than ever before and are now more than 50% higher than the pre-industrial era – a trend incompatible with limiting global heating to 1.5C. Last year, the natural world also struggled to absorb as much carbon dioxide due to a variety of factors. Read more.

Thinking about making environmentally-friendly lifestyle changes in 2025? While we urgently need large-scale shifts away from fossil fuel use and excessive consumption, individual changes can also make a difference, especially when those changes are taken up by large numbers of people. From switching to a fossil-free bank to joining an environmental campaign, here are some possible New Year's resolutions for the climate. Read more.

The global economy could face 50% loss in gross domestic product between 2070 and 2090 from the catastrophic shocks of climate change unless immediate action is taken to decarbonise and restore nature. The risk report comes as data shows that the annual global temperature exceeded 1.5C in 2024. Read more.

Would your church consider giving to Operation Noah in 2025 – or planting a tree in honour of our two decades of climate campaigning? In 2024, we celebrated our 20th anniversary and invited

supporters to give to our Anniversary Appeal which raised over £15,000 (thank you!). We also invited churches to plant a tree. As we are now in the tree-planting season and also at the beginning of a new year – a time when some churches are reviewing their giving – would your church consider a monthly donation to Operation Noah and planting a tree?

Please support the work of Operation Noah

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