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July 2025 Newsletter



The Sun is Having a Moment

Dear Friends,

Earlier this month, Bill McKibben – the author and environmental campaigner who is also a longtime friend of Operation Noah – had an extraordinary essay in *The New Yorker* called, [‘4.6 Billion Years On, the Sun is Having a Moment’](#). In it, Bill explores the meteoric rise of solar power and renewable energy around the world, even in unexpected places like Texas – a stronghold of the fossil fuel industry – and Pakistan. Here are some facts from Bill's essay:

- It took from the invention of the photovoltaic solar cell, in 1954, until 2022 for the world to install a terawatt of solar power; the second terawatt came just two years later.
- Solar is now growing faster than any power source in history, followed by wind power.

- Texas is now installing renewable energy and batteries faster than California.
- China now installs more than half the world's renewable energy and storage within its own borders. In the first quarter of the year, total carbon emissions in China decreased.

The tide is turning – and quickly. But as we approach dangerous climate tipping points and risk missing crucial targets, it's up to all of us to ensure that the energy transition happens even faster, which is why we're encouraging Churches to divest from fossil fuels, scale up investments in climate solutions and make better use of Church land. We're also calling on Christians to take their money out of banks that fund fossil fuels and switch to a greener bank.

The Operation Noah Team



Operation Noah Joins Mass Environmental Lobby of MPs

This month, Operation Noah joined 5,000 people at the 'Act Now, Change Forever' Mass Lobby in Westminster organised by The Climate Coalition – an event which saw people from around the UK meet with their MPs, challenging them to take stronger action on climate and nature.

[Read more](#)



‘Growing Hope’ Webinars Share Stories of Church Land Benefitting Climate and Nature

How should Churches manage their land? In considering that question, we've been encouraged by stories of people using land for the benefit of climate and nature, including Churches. Over the past four months, we've showcased some of these inspiring people and stories as part of our ‘Growing Hope’ webinars.

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Is Veganism an Effective Climate Solution?

In a guest blog for Operation Noah, work experience students Althea and Isaac, who spent a week with us in July following their GCSE exams, explore the positive environmental impact of switching to a vegan diet alongside other issues related to veganism. This is part of our 'Climate Solutions' series, examining thorny issues related to climate and a green transition.

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Operation Noah on the Road: Summer Conference and Festival Schedule

Operation Noah will be on the road this summer: we'll be at the National Justice and Peace Network Conference in Swanwick, Derbyshire (25-27 July); at New Wine Festival at the Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet (30 July-4 August); and at the Greenbelt Festival, Boughton House, Kettering (21-24 August), with a free ticket for a volunteer who can help on our Greenbelt stall.

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Operation Noah and Other Christian Groups Tell PM to Stop Rosebank

A letter signed by 18 Christian organisations – including Operation Noah – was delivered to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on Wednesday 23 July, urging the government to reject the proposed Rosebank oil and gas field. The letter states the ‘combustion emissions of Rosebank’s 500 million barrels of oil and gas would amount to more than the combined annual CO2 emissions of all 28 lowest-income countries in the world. Should Equinor reapply for permission to develop Rosebank, it will be clear that this enormous field is fundamentally incompatible with safe climate limits.’

[Read the letter](#)

Take Action

Register for Zero Hour’s Climate and Nature Bill Webinar on Tuesday 5th August, 7pm

Despite the bumpy legislative road it has faced in the House of Commons, the campaign for the Climate and Nature (CAN) Bill continues. Get up to speed on where the campaign currently stands and what campaigners plan to do next at a webinar on Tuesday 5th August from 7-8pm which is being sponsored by the Zero Hour campaign group. Written by scientists and campaigners, the Climate and Nature Bill is the only piece of proposed UK legislation to address the full extent of the climate and nature crisis with legally-binding targets.

[Register here](#)

Big Bank Switch: Share Your Story

As many UK high street banks continue to fund planet-heating fossil fuels, our [Big Bank Switch Campaign](#) – run with partners Just Money Movement, Laudato Si Movement and Just Love – encourages UK Christians to switch from a bank that funds fossil fuels to one that doesn't. Some of you have now pledged to switch, while others have already completed the process of switching banks. If you have recently switched and are willing to give us a quote about how you found the process – and why you're glad to have done it – we'd love to hear from you. We're hoping to collect stories to share publicly as part of a social media campaign as we encourage more Christians to switch to a greener bank.

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Learn How to Effectively Engage with MPs at Two Upcoming Webinars

If you attended the Climate Coalition's 'Act Now, Change Forever' Mass Lobby in Westminster, where you perhaps even had an opportunity to speak to your MP, you may be asking what to do next. The Climate Coalition has partnered with Hope for the Future on a series of 90-minute webinars, with the next webinars on Tuesday 29 July at 1pm and Wednesday 6 August at 6pm – two opportunities to debrief on the Mass Lobby and MP meetings while also discussing strategies for effective follow-up and relationship-building with MPs.

Climate News and Resources

A landmark decision by a top UN court has cleared the way for countries to sue each other over climate change, including over historic emissions. But the International Court of Justice in the Hague said untangling who caused which part of climate change could be difficult. Though the ruling is non-binding, it could nevertheless have wide-ranging consequences and will be seen as a victory for those countries most vulnerable to climate change. [Read more.](#)

Nearly 100,000 domestic solar panel systems were installed in the UK from January to June 2025, with March alone seeing nearly 24,000 installations – the most recorded in any month since late 2015, just before a change was made to a government solar scheme. Nearly two-thirds of owner-occupiers polled by the government are keen to have solar on their home, but less than 6% of UK households currently have it. [Read more.](#)

‘We must pray for the conversion of many people, inside and outside of the church, who still do not recognize the urgency of caring for our common home,’ Pope Leo XIV said this month while celebrating a new formulary of the Mass ‘for the care of creation.’ The formulary of the Mass ‘for the care of creation’ was added to the Roman Missal – the liturgical book which contains the texts for celebrating Mass in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church – by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in June. [Read more.](#)

A leading UN expert is calling for criminal penalties against those peddling disinformation about the climate crisis and a ban on fossil fuel lobbying and advertising, fracking, oil sands and gas flaring. In a report presented to the general assembly in Geneva late last month, UN special rapporteur Elisa Morgera also reminded states of their obligation under human rights law to inform citizens about the harms caused by fossil fuels. [Read more.](#)

After dropping a 2030 emissions-reduction target in February, HSBC has now left the banking industry's climate coalition. Operation Noah and our partners are encouraging UK Christians to switch from banks that continue to fund planet-heating fossil fuels to ones that don't. [Read more.](#)

The UK is breaking heat and rainfall records increasingly frequently as its climate continues to warm, the Met Office has warned. The country's changing weather patterns mean the UK now experiences a notably different climate to what it was just a few decades ago, according to the State of the UK Climate report, released earlier this month. [Read more](#).



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