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KEEP UP THE PRAYER PRESSURE!



Following the recent <u>CCA occupation of Labour's Head Office</u> reported in our last newsletter, <u>a weekly vigil</u> is now being held outside Labour Head Office every Wednesday afternoon (3.00 - 3.30pm) until the election. This is to urge the Labour Party to call a moratorium on the Rosebank oil field development, should it form the next government.

This month also marks a year since CCA member, Judith Russenberger began a weekly vigil outside Shell headquarters every Wednesday from 8.00am to 9.00am as an act of witness to staff entering the building. Shell is aggressive in its production of fossil fuels, and so everyone who is able is invited to **join Judith on Wednesday 19th June** to mark her year of vigil and make a particularly strong statement to Shell that the way they do business has no place in a sustainable and just world.

Judith also holds a weekly vigil on Tuesday lunchtimes (12.30pm - 1.30pm) directly outside Lloyds in Lime Street, the heart of the insurance industry area in the City of London. In <u>this video</u>, hear Judith explain why holding vigil in this location is so powerful.

Vigils are powerful acts of witness that can involve silence, meditation, prayer, music, art or talking with passers-by. There are always opportunities to join CCA vigils that take place across the country. You are welcome to any of these, or to start your own (for example, outside your local Barclays). They include:

- CCA Cardiff silent vigil for climate justice, second Saturday of every month.
- CCA Kent monthly climate vigil (in Canterbury), third Saturday of every month.
- CCA Liverpool, third Saturday of every month.
- CCA Brighton Pause for the Planet vigil, 3rd Friday of every month (alongside XR Buddhists).
- CCA in Kingston outside Barclays monthly. Next vigil is Saturday 6th July at 12 noon.
- Earth Vigil outside Parliament when the House of Commons is in sitting. Every Wednesday 11.00am to 3.00pm.

Full details of forthcoming vigils are available on our **Events Page**.

FORTHCOMING ACTIONS

Stop Press! New Campaign Launch "National Trust, Drop Barclays" Week of Action Monday 29th July to Sunday 4th August



This summer, we are taking our National Trust campaign to their doorsteps! We are inviting people to hold colourful, family-friendly actions at their local National Trust sites, urging the charity to stop banking with Barclays – the biggest funder of fossil fuels in Europe.

You are invited to hold your activity on any day across the week of action. The theme of the week will be 'Love National Trust, Not Barclays'. Local CCA groups, and other groups such as Parents for Future, are planning events like picnics at stately homes, yarn-bombing displays (craftivism), fun photo shots, and even walking a series of National Trust hills and clifftops, calling on the charity to switch to an ethical bank.

You can take part in the week of action, on your own, or with others. It could be as simple as getting a photo of you carrying a placard at a National Trust beauty spot or collecting signatures for <u>the petition</u>.

We have everything you'll need to help you get involved: flyers, stickers, an actions guide, social media kit and more!

More info here

Alternatively, **email us** if you would like to chat anything through.



Restore Nature Now March Saturday 22nd June , London

It's coming soon! The biggest ever march to protect the natural world and tackle the climate emergency. This event is for everyone!

Bring your friends, family and church communities to this family-friendly, legal march, organised and supported by a range of groups including the RSPB, The Wildlife Trusts, Climate Coalition, WWF-UK and Extinction Rebellion;. We will demand that UK politicians show strong domestic and global nature and climate leadership by;

- giving a pay-rise for nature
- making polluters pay
- delivering more space for nature
- putting a right to a healthy environment in law
- ensuring fair and effective climate action.

Prior to the march, *Creation Cries Out* - a service of prayer, worship and lament in the context of biodiversity decline and climate breakdown - will be held at the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception in Mayfair. Please note that this includes children's outdoor nature-based church.

Find out more

Register now to attend*

*In the event that numbers inside exceed the capacity of the church, priority will be given to those who have registered.

CCA CENTRAL EVENTS

New to CCA Thursday 11th July 2024 7.00pm, online

If you are new to CCA and want to understand more about how we work and how you can get involved, this meeting is for you.

Grab a cuppa and get comfy as you meet both existing and other new members of CCA.

Register in advance





Exploring Strategies of Nonviolent Direct Action

Wednesday 17th July, 7.00pm-8:30pm, online

An online workshop session, led by Holly, exploring different changemaking strategies and which of those strategies work best in different context.

Strategies we will look at include dilemma actions, boycotting, mass actions and occupying. We will consider examples of when these different strategies have worked and reflect on why. Bring your own examples of what has worked to add to the conversation.

Register here

A full list of all our events can be found on our EVENTS PAGE

LOCAL GROUPS

We now have CCA local groups across the UK and beyond. Click <u>here</u> to see if there's a group in your area.

Nowhere near you? We offer support to help set up a new CCA local group - <u>email us</u>.

CCA Brighton

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A27 Banner Drop Sounds Alarm

As a precursor to the Restore Nature Now March (see above), CCA Brighton joined Extinction Rebellion this month in dropping a banner over the A27 to sound the alarm on the climate emergency.

Want to find out more about CCA Brighton? Email us





CCA Oxford and Berkshire

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Open Meeting Saturday 15th June, 4.00pm -7.00pm New Road Baptist Chapel, Bonn Square, Oxford, OX1 1 LQ

Join CCA Oxford and CCA Berkshire at this event, where they will be explaining who they are and why they take action. There will also be a chance to discuss upcoming events, both national and local, including a climate pilgrimage around Oxford sites in September.

Invitations have been widely circulated to churches in the area in the hope of attracting more Christians to get involved in CCA.

Refreshments will be available.

If you receive this newsletter and haven't already joined us, do please come along.



DAILY PRAYER



CCA's endeavours to combat the climate emergency are underpinned by <u>daily prayer</u>.

Morning Prayer: 9am every morning on Zoom.

Register here

Earth Vigils: CCA also participates in a number of Earth Vigils. Find these listed amongst our events.

SUPPORT CCA

Supporting CCA couldn't be easier. You can make a one off gift, or set up a regular payment at any time <u>online</u>.

Donations to CCA help:

- pay a handful of part-time freelancers to keep CCA running: answering emails and supporting local groups
- cover the transport and accommodation of activists where needed
- buy kit for actions
- fund this newsletter and our many meetings, hosted on a paid-for Zoom service.

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