

## Justice & Peace Link March 2024

**National Justice and Peace Network Publications** See the [NJPN website](#) for regular issues of the NJPN E-Bulletin. [Spring MouthPeace](#) and the [NW NJPN E-Bulletin](#) for March include some longer topical articles.

### Ongoing

Thursday, 29 February to Friday, 8 March 8.00 -8.45pm

Westminster Justice and Peace will be leading an online 9-Day Novena of Prayer for the Holy Land. In this **Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots**, we pray for the populations of Palestine and Israel suffering the terrible consequences of violence and war and for an end to all war. We pray that they may feel the concrete reality of God's love. Register on Eventbrite [here](#). Please email Colette Joyce on [justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk) to get the Zoom link if the Eventbrite booking is full.

### Events

Friday, March 1 **Pray and Fast for the Climate** Join Christians around the world who are praying and fasting. Prayer points for this month will be available [here](#)

Friday, 1 March

7pm

Walcot Methodist Chapel, Nelson Place East, Bath BA1 5DAI

#### **Why is Britain always on the wrong side of history – and how can we be on the right side?**

With Mick Napier, a co-founder of Scottish PSC, which aims to build effective solidarity with the Palestinian people as an extension to their struggle for freedom against Israel's programme of ethnic cleansing and genocide. His Twitter bio describes him as a lifelong socialist and anti-racist, and 'the only Scot certified free of racism by two Scottish courts'. Admission to this event is free, but please register by emailing [Huw Spanner](mailto:Huw.Spanner)

Friday, 1 March 19:00 - 20:00

**The Gospel Imperative for Climate Action** Lord Deben, former Chairman of the UK's independent Climate Change Committee, will deliver the Catholic Union and Ampleforth Society Lecture at Ampleforth College. Lord Deben has been a Conservative peer since 2010. He served as Environment Secretary under John Major. If you would like to watch the live stream please register [here](#).

Friday, 1 March **World Day of Prayer** This year's theme is 'I beg you, bear with one another in love' arranged by the Christian Women of Palestine. Ffi and resources click [here](#)

Sunday, 3 March **World Wildlife Day** This year's theme is **Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation**. For more information click [here](#)

Sunday, 3 March

4pm for 4.30 start

Picturedrome, Barton St, Gloucester, GL1 4EU

Screening of **The Tinder Box** + live Q&A with Director, Gillian Mosely. The film looks at both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, from its catalyst to why it still rages, to what needs to happen for it to stop, also showing the human face of this conflict by hearing from a wide variety of contemporary voices, ranging from a Settler to a political member of Hamas. Ffi and tickets click [here](#)

Monday, 4 March 7pm

**Lent Online Book Club** studying 'Peacework' by Henri Nouwen. Published in 2006 but written in the early 1980s at the height of Cold War tensions, this book has long been a powerful reminder of the call on all Christians to be peacemakers. Reflecting on the book's themes of prayer, resistance to death and community, we'll see how it can help us develop our spirituality of peacemaking both as individuals and as a movement. Pax Christi invite you to join them over 3 Monday evenings in March (also 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>). Register [here](#). Ffi click [here](#)

Tuesday, 5 March

7.30 pm start (refreshments from 7pm)

Tyndale Baptist Church, Bristol BS8 2QG

**Now My Eyes Have Seen You** – Seeing God in Creation. How might the striking nature imagery seen in popular media reawaken people to the Christian view of the world? Using excerpts from his new series of films, former Baptist Union President, meteorologist and Missioner in Science and Environment, Revd Dave Gregory will explore how scientific and theological concepts around the themes of wonder, play and communion can create an encounter with God. Arranged by Churches Together in Clifton, Cotham and Redland. More info: [lentconversations@gmail.com](mailto:lentconversations@gmail.com) or Facebook: search for Lent Conversations Bristol

Wednesday, 6 March 10 - 11:30am

Join Sustain for the webinar launch of **Good To Grow Week 2024** where you can hear from experts campaigners and community growers. Ffi and to book click [here](#)

Wednesday, 6 March 7pm

**Why are we blind to toxic waste sites in our countryside?** Green Christian workshop with Rev Paul Cawthorne, a rural Shropshire multiparish vicar who has been working on creation care matters for thirty year, after working abroad and seeing how climate change was impacting on three continents. Back in Shropshire, he uncovered secret government GM crop plantings leading to a national journalism award and exposed a nuclear lobbying initiative on General Synod's ecological motion. His current research is exploring Monsanto neurotoxic chemical waste dumping, which is still leaking into rivers and estuaries across the UK fifty years on. Register [here](#)

Thursday, 7 March 1pm-1.30pm

Fortnightly climate prayer by zoom run by Cheltenham Green Christian local group – usually with guest prayer leaders. – Open to all, contact [cheltenham@greenchristian.org.uk](mailto:cheltenham@greenchristian.org.uk) for the link

Thursday, 7 March 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

**John Ray Initiative Book Club: Our Fragile Moment** JRI Book club is an occasional group who meet to share insights and reflections from the reading of a published book on a Christian environment/science theme. The next meeting will be discussing 'Our Fragile Moment' by Michael Mann. The bookclub will consider the book as a whole, not chapter by chapter. RSVP [here](#) The Zoom link will be sent out one week before the event. Free

Thursday, 7 March 1pm

**Lunchtime Prayer** with Christian CND. Please find zoom link [here](#).

Friday, 8 March International Women's Day. This year's theme is 'Inspire Inclusion'. For further information, resources and events click [here](#)

Friday, 8 March to Sunday, 10 March

**Thinking Faith Lent Zoom weekend.** Theme: Fasting and Feasting. Evening sessions only. Time out for working Catholics. For further information see [here](#)

Saturday 9th March

10 am to 3 pm

Nailsea Methodist Church, Silver Street, BS48 2DS

Nailsea Methodist Church Eco-Fair with stalls, talks, videos, information, networking, refreshments. Free entry, for more information click [here](#)

Monday, 11 March

7.30 pm start (refreshments from 7pm)

Cotham Parish Church BS6 6DR

**Ensoiled spirituality: living out an earthed faith** with Revd Dr Al Barret, Rector of Hodge Hill Church, a local ecumenical partnership on a multicultural Birmingham estate which runs an intergenerational community-building project pursuing racial and environmental justice within and beyond the local church. Al writes on theological matters in the intersecting fields of gender, race and ecology and will lead us in an exploration of creation spirituality. More info:

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Facebook: search for Lent Conversations Bristol

Monday, 11 March 12:45pm – 2:00pm

**Parishes, Climate & Evangelisation** with Teresa Carvalho. Southern Dioceses Environment Network for all Catholics and our friends who care about creation meets monthly online on the second Monday of the month and also organises other events online and in-person. Book via [Eventbrite](#)

Monday, 11 March 7pm

See Monday, 4 March **Lent Online Book Club** above for more information

Monday, 11 to Sunday, 17 March

**The Big Plastic Count** Everyday Plastic and Greenpeace UK are running a nationwide investigation to understand just how much plastic packaging we throw away over one week. Governments across the world are negotiating a Global Plastics Treaty which could usher in the kinds of measures we need to end the age of plastic. That's why we're all invited to count our plastic waste and push ministers, supermarkets and big brands to lead the way at the global talks. To find out more and register click [here](#)

Wed 13 March

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

BRSLLI, 16 Queen Square, Bath, BA1 2HN *Hybrid event*

**Insect Declines, Biodiversity and the State of Nature** with Professor Stuart Reynolds. There is now good evidence that insect populations are declining worldwide in both agricultural and protected natural landscapes, at about a rate of 1-2% per year. This doesn't sound much, but maintained over decades it has already led to a serious loss of both insect biodiversity and biomass. It's likely that there are multiple causes, including intensive agriculture, especially pesticides, as well as artificial light at night. Insects form the base of many ecological food chains and insect declines are likely to lead to a general loss of biodiversity. To book tickets (£3-£6) click [here](#)

Monday, 18 March 1pm

**Lunchtime Prayer** with Christian CND. Please find zoom link [here](#).

Tuesday, 19 March 8pm

**Revealed: Military Influences on UK Nuclear Power Decisions.** With Prof Andrew Stirling of Sussex University. This webinar will review the current situation in which the government seems irrationally wedded to civil nuclear power. Despite its very high costs, very long lead-times, inflexibility and unsolved problems of long term storage of waste, plans forge ahead for yet more

investment in this area. It is only when the military need for nuclear engineers and infrastructure is understood that the government's planning can be seen for what it really is. Webinar organised jointly by Abingdon Peace Group and Salisbury CND. Ffi and the link click [here](#)

Thursday, 21 March **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**  
Visit this [UN website](#) for more information

Friday, 22 March **World Water Day** This year's theme is **Water for Peace**. For lots more information and ideas for action, click [here](#)

Friday 22 March

Portishead Folk Hall, 95 High Street, BS20 6PR

**Swifts - a life on the wing** An illustrated talk by Peter Bright about the extraordinary life of these birds. Non-members are also welcome at Avon Wildlife Trust Local Group meetings and events Entrance £2 for all adults and £1 for children and students includes tea or coffee during the evening.

For further information telephone 01275 843160 or 07853 248476

Saturday, 23 March 8.30-9.30pm

**Earth Hour** Last year, over 410,000 hours were given to our planet by supporters in over 190 countries and territories. This year, we're aiming to make the Biggest Hour for Earth even bigger, and once again create a moment the world can't miss. Find out how you can take part [here](#)

Saturday, 23 March

11.00 am to 3.30 pm

Alma Church, Clifton, Bristol BS15 4DA

**Spring Environmental Fair** organised by Churches Together in Clifton, Cotham and Redland like the Lent Conversations. For young and old, suitable for families, with stalls, workshops, games, pop-up cafe and more.

Sunday, 24 March 44<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary of the martyrdom of St Oscar Romero** Ffi click [here](#)

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if you would like to publicise an event, please send details to the Secretary, Clifton Diocese Justice and Peace Commission [justiceandpeace@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:justiceandpeace@cliftondiocese.com). The items above are included as they may be of interest because of their relevance to peace and justice issues. Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Commission.