

## News and Events in the Archdiocese of Birmingham

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## Dare to Hope, support Prisoners' Sunday, Justice and Peace Conference starts.



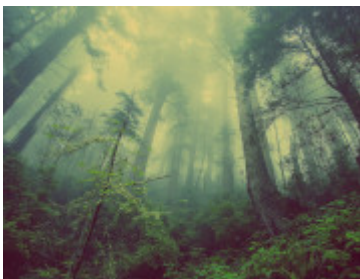
### Trustees explore trust and true dialogue

Last week Archbishop Bernard Longley and the Diocesan Trustees took part in a workshop held by the co-responsibility sub-group, exploring issues of trust, true dialogue, empowerment, synodality and barriers to shared apostleship. This is the third workshop they have attended this year.

As part of the Diocesan Vision, we committed to supporting priests, deacons, Religious and the lay faithful to work together, so that we can share responsibility for the mission of the Church and deepen our relationship with God.

The workshops and training have started with the Trustees and Archbishop's Council to ensure that everyone is in the best position to support the parishes as we develop more vibrant and co responsible communities of faith.

[Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan](#)



### Can you lead us on Care for Creation?

Our first Climate Action meeting last week was a great success, with people attending from across the Archdiocese. If you were unable to make the meeting, you can watch the recording below:

[Climate Action Meeting Recording](#)

If you would like to be considered as a member of the Action Group, which will be steering change for the Diocese, please send us an email to let us know what your relevant skills and experience are and how you feel you could support the group.

Alternatively you may wish to suggest someone else who you feel would be ideal for this role. You can also email us any queries.

**Please apply before 1 October**

Email Climate Action



## Racial Reconciliation October 17th

Time4Change, the Birmingham Churches' Anti-Racism network, has announced that the venue for its landmark Racial Reconciliation gathering on the afternoon of Sunday 17 October will be St Andrew's, the home of Birmingham City Football Club.

Co-facilitators of Time4Change, Bishop David Urquhart (The Church of England Diocese of Birmingham) and Pastor Calvin Young (Mount Zion Christian Centre, Aston) are leading the call to Birmingham's Christian congregations to gather together at the momentous service for 'Racial Reconciliation, Repentance and Restoration' across the city's Churches – and across the whole city.

Book to attend the event in person, download the video for your parish, volunteer to support the event or download resources for your own service in October, for Black History Month.

Time for Change



## Dare to Hope

An opportunity for people of different faiths to share thoughts and understanding about climate change and our responsibility to care for creation.

How does religious belief impact upon attitudes towards the environment? What can be achieved together?

Zoom events Thurs 7th Oct and Thurs 14th Oct 2021  
To register & receive a link, please contact:

Email Interreligious dialogue

## Support Pact on Prisoners' Sunday

Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust) is the national Catholic charity which provides support to men, women and young people in prison, people with convictions, and their children and families.



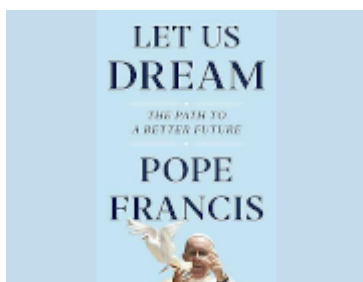
This Prisoners' Sunday, 10th October, Pact are looking for people who will be ambassadors by:

- Giving a short talk after Mass about Pact's work and its impact. Pact will provide a script.
- Being a Pact presence, ensuring that posters are displayed and leaflets distributed.
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If you are able to help Pact in these ways or would like to find out about volunteering opportunities with Pact, please email them at

[parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk](mailto:parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk) or call 020 3031 6867 by **30th September**, giving your name and contact details.

Pact



## Justice & Peace Assembly 2021 starts Monday

This year's assembly will run over four evenings via Zoom.

Session 1: Monday 27 September, The Diocesan Plan for the Environment is presented by Eric Kirwan, Chief Operating Officer for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. 7.30pm to 8.50pm.

This is a 'Statement of Intent' for the Archdiocese, with a programme of actions to be undertaken. It is hoped that this will serve as a springboard for the whole Diocese to respond to Pope Francis' plea to hear the 'Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor' and to begin or continue the journey of an ecological conversion.

For sessions 2, 3 and 4, we will be using Pope Francis' book *Let us Dream*.

These sessions are held on Wednesday 29 September, Friday 1 October and Sunday 3 October.

Book Justice and Peace Assembly



## ACTA National Conference

ACTA (A Call to Action) hosts its 8th National Conference on Zoom. 16 October 10am-4.30pm.

*Synodality: A Path for Renewing both the Church and Society.*

Speakers:

- Sr. Gemma Simmonds CJ: Director of Religious Life Institute: Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge
- Dr. Peter Coughlan: Former Under-Secretary of the Vatican 's Council for the Laity
- Pat Jones: Former Assistant General Secretary - Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and

Wales

- Fr Phillip Inch: Joint - Synod Moderator, Archdiocese of Liverpool – Synod 2020

Zoom Conference £5.

Free for everyone under 25 and those on benefits.

## Register for ACTA Conference

### Dates for your diary: the month ahead

**23-25 Sept.** [FLORILEGIUM: A festival of Scripture, Art and Flowers](#)

**24-26 Sept.** [YOU CAN Family Retreat for Catholic families](#)

**Sat 25 Sept.** [National Mass for the Guild of Saint Stephen](#)

**Sat 25 Sept.** [St Scholastica's Retreat - Open Day](#)

**Sat 25 Sept.** [JBMS Centenary Celebration Concert](#)

**Sun 26 Sept.** [Clergy Training Fund Mass of Thanksgiving](#)

**Sun 26 Sept.** [What a Wonderful World- ecumenical service Kings Heath](#)

**Starts Mon 27 Sept.** [Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission Assembly 2021](#)

**Wed 29 Sept.** [In conversation: "The Common Good and Society"](#)

**Starts Wed 29 Sept.** [The Bible Timeline Course](#)

**Starts Thu 30 Sept.** [Taking Liturgy Seriously Study Course](#)

**Fri 1 Oct.** [CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day](#)

**Starts Sat 2 Oct.** [Manresa Link Prayer Guide basic training course](#)

**Sat 2 Oct.** [Proximity- Altar Servers event](#)

**Sat 2 Oct:** [Season of Creation Study Day 2: The Cry of the Poor](#)

**Sat 2 Oct:** [Economy of Francesco Global Event for Young People: London](#)

**Wed 6 Oct:** [Love Christmas outreach webinar](#)

**Starts Wed 6 Oct:** [Restore training course](#)

**Thu 7 Oct:** [Organ recital at St Chad's Cathedral](#)

**Thu 7 Oct:** [Dare to Hope - Caring for our Common Home](#)

**Sat 9 Oct:** [Training and Formation for Ministers to the Liturgy](#)

**Sat 9 Oct:** [Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage](#)

**Sat 16 Oct:** [Welcoming people with special needs and learning disabilities](#)

**Sat 16 Oct:** [Charity Gala at Alton Castle](#)

**Sat 16 Oct:** [ACTA National Conference](#)

**Sun 17 Oct:** [Time for Change Racial Reconciliation Service](#)

Thu 21 - Sun 24: [Retrouvaille Lifeline for Marriage Course Virtual Weekend](#)

Sat 23 Oct: [Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for Sanctity of Life Walsingham](#)

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## Supporting your parish

You have asked us how you can continue giving to your parish during the pandemic.

Parishes still greatly need your support, even more so without their weekly congregations and visitors.

We do though recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so.

You can donate via standing order or single donation.

Support your Parish



## Live Masses online

Live streaming of Masses continues at St Chad's Cathedral.

If your parish does not offer a live streaming facility please join us.

Online Masses at St Chad's



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