

News and updates from the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Climate Meeting, Justice and Peace Assembly, Family Fast Day and more.

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Are you hoarding loose change? Family Fast Day for CAFOD, Justice and Peace Assembly announced



Diocesan Climate Action Meeting

Thursday 16 September 7-9pm (online)

Join us in combatting climate change.

The Archdiocese is increasing its conversion to green energy, and has committed to ethical investment.

Parishes and schools have taken part in CAFOD Live Simply Awards. We are proud of this work, but we want to do more and to reach more people.

We have great strength and passion in our network, and we want to ask you to help us find ways to address the climate emergency together and to respond to Pope Francis' call for an ecological conversion

You are invited to join our initial open meeting in which we will talk about the work we have done and what we wish to do, and where we will invite you to feedback, share your stories or simply add your support.

Climate Action

The Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan

We are all invited to pray the Diocesan Vision Prayer daily with Archbishop Bernard.



How can you, your parish and school communities, be part of the Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan?

Pray with His Grace



£50m hoarded in loose change

The BBC has recently reported that UK residents are hoarding an estimated £50m in loose change, with little sign of it all being spent.

Due to lockdowns, people have held onto cash for three times longer than before and many are storing low denomination coins at home rather than spending or donating them.

Nearly six in 10 people are holding coins at home and many charities are now urging people to donate this loose change.

With many, if not all parishes having seen large drops in donations over the past year and a half, and with collections now starting up again, perhaps you could gather your loose change to bring to the next Mass.

Don't forget that you can also give to your parish online at any time.

Support your parish



St Chad's left generous legacy

The incredible generosity of a parishioner of St Chad's Cathedral is set to kickstart the redevelopment of the site's crypt.

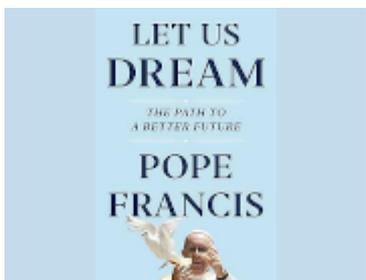
Mr Michael Hake, who died earlier this year, left a legacy of almost £1m to the cathedral with a specific wish that money be used to support the restoration of the cathedral fabric as well as the development of an Education and Heritage Centre, which he had read about on the cathedral's website.

Mr Hake, of Solihull, was inspired to leave the generous gift after responding to a diocesan legacy leaflet.

Find out more about Legacy

Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission, Assembly 2021

Let us Dream: "The Path to a Better Future"



In direct, powerful prose, Pope Francis urges us not to let the pain be in vain. He begins *Let Us Dream* by exploring what this crisis can teach us about how to handle upheaval of any kind in our own lives and the world at large.

This year's Justice and Peace Online Assembly runs over four evenings, 7.30-8.30pm exploring Pope Francis' book *Let us Dream*:

- Mon 27 Sep: Diocesan Plan for the Environment.
- Wed 29 Sep: A Time to See.
- Fri 1 Oct: A Time to Choose.
- Sun 3 Oct: A Time to Act.

[Sign up to the J&P Assembly](#)



Season of Creation now underway

All our Catholic family - parishes, schools, communities and individuals - are invited to join in prayer to mark the Season of Creation, which runs until October 4.

The Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission has pulled together a wealth of resources for all to use.

[Season of Creation](#)



FLORILEGIUM: A festival of Scripture, Art and Flowers - tickets now available!

This free festival takes place this month. You'll need to book to secure your space in the workshops, talks and for the Saturday night concert.

FLORILEGIUM: A festival of Scripture, Art and Flowers will be held at Carrs Lane Centre and St Michael's Catholic Church, Birmingham, between Thursday 23 and Saturday 25 September.

Tickets now available via the Archdiocese website.

[Book FLORILEGIUM](#)



CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day

On Harvest Family Fast Day on **Friday 1 October**, CAFOD is raising money for its Climate Crisis Appeal.

CAFOD works with local experts to help people around the world to adapt to the changing climate and protect our common home.

[Cafod Family Fast Day](#)



CAFOD Faith in Action Day 2021

All welcome to join online on Saturday 11 September 11am – 4pm.

A day of talk and prayer to learn more about this year's climate talks, Pope Francis's call to action and how people in the Amazon region are leading the fight to care for our common home.

[Sign up for Faith in Action](#)



Organ Recitals Return to St Chad's

They're back! Live, in-person monthly organ recitals resume at St Chad's Cathedral in October. All are welcome to come to the free lunchtime sessions.

[St Chad's Organ Recitals](#)

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

Sat 11 Sept. [Charity abseil](#)

Sat 11 Sept. [JBMS Centenary Pilgrimage Walk](#)

Sat 11 Sept. [CAFOD Faith in Action Day](#)

Sun 12 Sept. [Harvington Pilgrimage](#)

Thurs 16 Sept. [Diocesan Climate Action Meeting](#)

Thurs 16 Sept. [St Chad's Primary School presents Go Green assembly](#)

20-22 Sept. [John Henry Newman online symposium](#)

20-22 Sept. [Interreligious Dialogue: End of Summer School](#)

Wed 22 Sept. [Life in the Spirit series starts](#)

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. [JBMS Centenary Celebration Concert](#)

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

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](#)

[Visit our Events page](#)



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.

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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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