Church of England/Catholic Church Day of Cathedral Actions for Divestment
Menu of Actions

Below are ideas for actions you can take at Cathedrals on the red and ambers lists on Sunday 5th March 2023. A few key things to remember when planning an action:

- Please see this blog for background information about the day of action.
- The aim is to challenge these dioceses to commit to divest from fossil fuels and/or commit to not reinvest.
- You can find out if someone is coordinating an action at a Cathedral near you here on this link. If there is no one coordinating at the location you would like to go to and you want to offer to coordinate please let us know: christianclimateaction@gmail.com . Alternatively, there is information below abou doing a prayer action on your own (although ideally you would have at least one other person to take a photo of you).
- We're hoping for lots of media coverage as this will mean the actions are 'seen' by far more people than those who are physically present in the Cathedrals on 5th March. To help with this we need photos from each location. Don't forgot to ask someone to be the photographer for your action.
- If you need any help organising our action you can contact: christianclimateaction@gmail.com

Menu of Ideas for Action

Hold a prayer vigil outside. Gather some people, a banner, some placards, some prayers and some fliers (see resources below for links to all of these) and hold a vigil outside the Cathedral of your choice. If you do this during a service you can hand out fliers as the congregation leaves and ask people to join you. You could also look to approach any clergy taking the service and request a meeting with the Bishop.

Hold a prayer vigil inside. We've provide this A4 placard for the Cof E and this one for the Catholic Church. You could print it out, enter the Cathedral at any time it's open on 5th March (this doesn't have to be during a service although it could be) and sit down to pray with the placard in front of you and visible (you could hold it, or have it on string around your neck). You can pray for as long or as short a time as you like. If there's more than one of you, you could tag team so that one person is praying at all times that day. If is just you please do try to find a second person who can come and take a photo of you so that we can send it to the media. We'd like to have at least one photo from each Cathedral where action happens.

Stage a die-in. A die-in is a symbolic action involving a group of people lying on the ground/floor covered over with white sheets. A sign is then placed on each person, explaining ways in which people are already dying due to the climate crisis. We have produced a short video on how to stage a die-in. You could hold a die in inside or outside a Cathedral.You will need at least eight people for a die-in to work well. Some of these people will 'die' (lie on the floor) while others will take on support roles.

Resources Available

See this blog for a list of resources that are available to support you in taking action.

Need help?

Contact Christian Climate Action: christianclimateaction@gmail.com