



Welcome to 2021 and an exciting year as we move ahead from many Covid-19 restrictions and push for a clean economic recovery.

Covid-19 demonstrated the importance of listening to the science when we are faced with challenges and that if money is spent in the right areas solutions can be found. The Covid-19 vaccine demonstrates this. We now need to push for an effective response to the Climate Crisis before us. Anligreen supports the GreenFaith International multi-faith call to leaders, Sacred People, Sacred Earth.



11 March 2021 people of faith and conscience all around the world are kicking off organizing for the biggest-ever faith-climate day of action, all at the grassroots.

ANLIGREEN HAS A NEW CHARTER AND COMMITTEE

In April 2020 Anligreen was granted a new charter and a new place in the structure of the Anglican Church Southern Queensland. The Anligreen Committee is now appointed by the Archbishop-in-Council for a three year period after receiving suggestions from Members of Anligreen. The Archbishop has appointed Fr Peter Moore as Chair for a further three years from 25th February 2021 and the following names for the Committee have been submitted for consideration:

Fr Peter Moore from Logan Parish (Chair)

Upcoming Events

SACRED PEOPLE, SACRED EARTH 11th March 2021



More signatures still needed

Can you help the word out about the Statement more? Although the Sacred People Sacred Earth [Statement](#) has been signed by a few hundred faith leaders, we need your help getting sign-on from everyday people of faith too. Only around 2,500 people world-wide have signed so far.

One way to get a good number of people to sign is to put up a poster at your place of worship with a QR code to the webpage where you sign up. Here is a [sample of a poster](#) you might wish to use. If you'd like to create a version of this for your place of worship just go to the 'File' menu and select 'Make a Copy' and then edit the new version. (And if you'd like any other flyers or signs or graphics made please email Fahimah on fahimah@protonmail.com . She is offering graphic design services for free to anyone who needs help with these things!)

Another thing you could do is simply bring your laptop to worship and ask people to [sign up](#).

There are two versions of the Statement - the long version and the short one. The link takes you to the short one, where the first section of the full Statement is left unchanged but where the second section (Position Statement) is summarised into "ten demands". If you want to see the longer version, click the link "*English*" (or preferred language) at the top of the [statement page](#).

For interested people of faith

Again, see [the map](#) for where there may be an event within coo-ee of where you live. Below are details of some of the flagship events. If you can't make it to any event, we need your prayers or any spiritual support that you can offer in your tradition.

Really - do check out the map!



ECO-SPIRITUALITY 12th MARCH 2021



[Sacred People, Sacred Earth](#) is the global campaign organised by people of faith from all around the world kicking off on March 11 2021. This climate day of action at the grassroots of community is being coordinated by [greenfaith](#) and its global network of faith based organisations working for climate sustainability, including [Australian Religious Response to Climate Change](#).

To mark this campaign, [Pace Community](#) is gathering folk for a night of wine and cheese with the Rev'd Suzanne Grimmett - theologian, priest, educator and all round awesome human - to share her insights in a talk entitled, *'Eco-theology and the importance of beginning at the beginning'*.

If the environment is important to you, if you're wrestling with the intersection between faith and the environment, or simply keen for good company and a vino, drop Daniel a line on priest@stpaulsmanly.org to register! This event is by donation as Pace (par chay) seeks to bring awareness to matters of creation and draw together those interested in responding. Please share with your friends and communities!

Wine and Cheese Night
Friday 12 March
7pm | 99 Ernest Street, Manly Qld
by donation

HOPE FOR CREATION 23rd MARCH 2021



Hope for Creation (Online)

Queensland Christian climate action: Now and What Next?

Tuesday 23 March

6pm – 9pm

via Zoom

Creation is groaning. This reflective and dynamic exploration is for Christians who are noticing the impact of climate damage, who are searching for a response, and wondering what they might do differently in the face of seemingly political and corporate indifference. Viv Read, an internationally respected complexity and collaborative leadership practitioner, will support participants to see what is already happening, sense what is emerging, and in the process, have conversations that matter with each other. Those who attend will be choosing what they do next.. and who they might do it with.. No one will be bound by any decision making or commitments.

How to register?

The event is free but you must register before the day. Our facilitator Viv Read and her team will use the Complexability platform to enable us to collaborate together. Participants will need to sign up to Complexability, which takes less than a minute:

1. Start by putting in your first and last name, then click the purple "Next" button on the top right hand corner
2. Add your email and a password and follow the prompts to create and activate your account.
3. Once you've joined please click on 'Events' where you can RSVP to the Tuesday 23 March Hope for Creation virtual session. Zoom connection details are included in the Event information. You will receive an email confirming your event registration.

Register Here:

<https://complexability-community-of-practice.mn.co/share/NwCMlmjvr8jBZPmU>

Before the Event:

1. Install Zoom on your computer if you haven't already. A desktop or laptop computer is essential to get the full experience.
2. In the week of the event you will be invited to familiarise yourself with Conceptboard which we will use to collaborate on. Please watch the instructional video and practice using Conceptboard.
3. Fill in a quick survey here: <https://forms.gle/WkGihEBVPGCXVYjG8>

LIVING THE CHANGE WORKSHOP 22nd May 2021



*Living the
Change
Workshop*

Church Hall 30 Ridley Rd
Bridgeman Downs
Bring a plate to share, a
mug, water bottle,
notepad and pen.

SAT MAY 22ND • 2021
9:30AM TO 12 NOON.

Please RSVP to
Jelita Hutchison
jelitah@gmail.com




Reflections on my journey with Laudato si

Ann Ellis

...ly the Divine matters,
...d because the Divine matters,
...everything matters.

—Thomas Keating, “What Matters”

*The simplicity of the final poem in *The Secret Embrace* speaks eloquently of what I (Richard) know more deeply to be true with every passing year. It's the incarnational message at the heart of the Gospel: everything belongs! It is a Christ-soaked universe.*
Richard Rohr

We go around in my community as if all is well with the world. We seem to be managing covid-19 well and our lives continue in more or less a normal manner. Spring is here, the grass is growing. Climate change, what's that? You wouldn't know it is happening.

I've made a few lifestyle changes, what more can I do? Well, I read articles from The Conversation and The Guardian because I trust what they have to say particularly about climate change. I also subscribe to a few conservation groups for the same reason. I am dismayed when I read stories like, the icecap is melting, polar bears could be extinct by 2050, and we were all horrified about the destruction caused by last years bushfires.

I wonder how bad the climate consequences have to get before we all wake up and realise we must act, we must work to reduce emissions, we must get out of fossil fuel. We must reach net zero emissions by 2050. Most reading this will have children and grandchildren. My Annie asked me recently, with tears in her eyes, have times passed ever been so uncertain as they are now. I had no words of comfort or certainty to offer. My heart ached for her and all young people.

I thought Laudato si when it was first published would be a catalyst. It certainly has caused ripples and waves, just as last years bush fires gave most of us a jolt and a scare. But it has not brought us all together as covid has, prepared to act. It's interesting that we were happy to accept the science around covid but we are not all convinced re the science around changes to climate. We have a big problem of our own making, and we are reaching a tipping point.

I worked through the themes of the on line course based on Laudato si.

The cry of the earth, the cry of the poor-

I look round in my suburb and have to remind myself we are living on borrowed time, that we are reaching a tipping point. Some countries are committing to net zero emissions by 2050, China by 2060, Australia? no target.

Pope Francis talks about ecological conversion, the need for a change of heart, to be engaged in the action, our motive, love, to be totally sold on the idea that the earth and humanity should thrive together. We need to put people's lives, health and wellbeing before corporate profits and make the economy serve everyone.

The Gospel of Creation is very Franciscan. Francis wrote the Canticle of the Creatures. God is in everything and everything is

in God. Creation is the first incarnation. Do we just give lip service to this or do we seek Justice for all? Do we continue to trash the gift or help to mend it. Our choice.

We are into the season of Advent, the coming of Jesus. St Francis began our tradition of the nativity. Jesus born among the animals, laid in straw. Humble simple beginnings, a carpenter for an earthly father, a village girl for a mother. Jesus later gave us the beatitudes, one of which is to hunger after justice. Climate change is a justice issue.



News

ANGLIGREEN

Your Angligreen Committee is looking forward to linking more with parishes and what they are doing to reduce their footprint on the planet. We will continue to post on the Angligreen Facebook page and work with QCEN and other Christian groups, ARRCC, GreenFaith and other interfaith groups as well as secular groups as we seek real responses to the Climate Crisis.

We endeavour to produce a Newsletter each month to keep you informed.

Keep in touch via:

- [Angligreen Facebook](#)
- [Friends who like Angligreen](#)
- [Queensland Churches Environmental Network - QCEN](#)
- Email AngligreenACSQ@gmail.com



To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

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