

# ONLINE FORMAT OF THE CONFERENCE

- Short videos with Keynote Speakers' talks will be available for a month online before the conference on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Speakers will provide thought provoking questions for reflection in advance of the conference.
- A one hour **Question and Answer Session** with our keynote speakers on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Interactive Workshops** will take place only on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Attendees may attend 3 recorded workshops which will be available online after the Conference. We will record workshops and publish them as a record of the event that people may access afterwards for further reflection.
- **Where next?** In a final plenary, we will explore what further developments are needed to resource a Green Church which leads and supports people's transition into a journey with Christ that is in step with the rhythms of God's world. To include:
  - An app for local Christians to mark outdoor "turning points" across Yorkshire as places of pilgrimage – locations where people commit themselves spiritually towards a greener lifestyle.
  - Local communities of change that support people's transition into a new green world.



JPIT Yorkshire Online Conference



## CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY: RESOURCES FOR A GREEN CHURCH

SATURDAY JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2021, 9.30AM-3.00PM

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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*Biblical Theology for  
a Green Church*

**Fr Diarmuid O'Murchu**  
*Climate Change as an  
Existential Crisis*

**Fr Steven Shakespeare**  
*Liturgy and Prayer for  
a Green Church*

Chair:  
**Rt Hon John Battle**

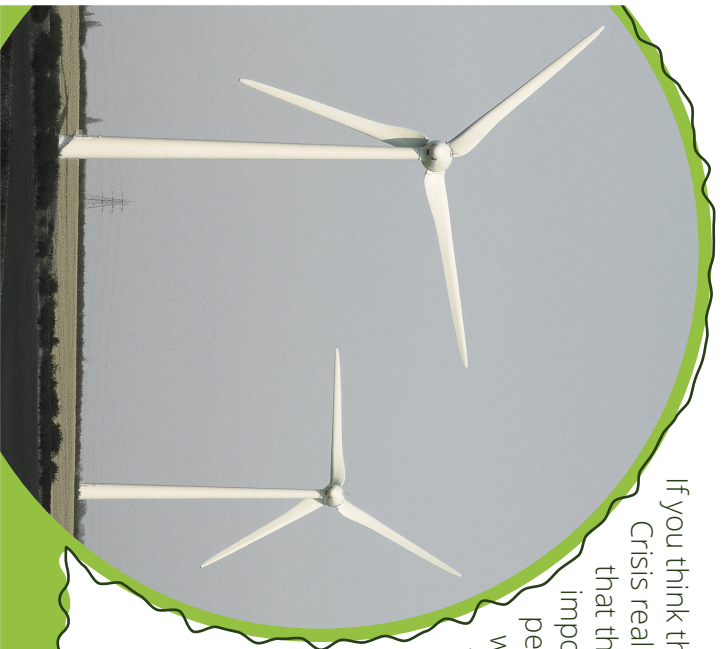
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## INTRODUCTION

Our online conference considers the important part that the Church might play in addressing the Climate Change Emergency.

- We explore Climate Change as an existential crisis which demands an urgent response from the Church which goes beyond social justice.
- We uncover new resources within Biblical theology that help us to root our response in scripture.
- We open ourselves to new liturgies for worship which help us to ensure that our spiritual journey with Christ is in step with the rhythms of God's creation.
- We learn from pioneering Christians who are already connecting faith and action in response to the Climate Change Emergency.
- We close by considering what a Green Church looks like and what more we need to do to develop communities of change that support people's transition towards a green lifestyle.

If you think that the Climate Change Crisis really is an emergency, and that the Church has something important to offer in helping people transition to new ways of living more gently with God's world, then this conference is for you.



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Catholic Theologian and writer of books on Science and Religion including his latest: "*Doing Theology in an Evolutionary Way*"
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Philosopher and Theologian and writer of books including: "*The Earth Cries Glory: Daily Prayer with Creation*"
- Chair: **Rt Hon John Battle**

## WORKSHOPS

- **Mollie Pugmire** – *COP26: what are we doing to campaign?*  
Joint Public Issues Team, London
- **Anna Bland** – *Craftivism for COP26*  
Leeds Methodist Mission
- **Jon Swales** – *The Church as a Prophetic Community*  
Christian Climate Action, Leeds
- **Steve Hollinghurst** – *Green Church and Evangelism*  
Evangelism Enabler Environmental Focus, Lichfield Diocese
- **Nick Waterfield** – *The God Plot – the City Allotment and Green Church*  
Parson Cross Initiative, Sheffield