



THE SEASON OF CREATION AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

A series of online and face to face events bringing these two themes together and drawing on the Season of Creation Theme: Let Justice and Peace Flow.

Event Programme: Climate Justice is Racial Justice

Online: 7.30pm- 9pm

The changing climate and environment, with first-hand accounts from around the world:

6 September: The Indian subcontinent with a focus on India

13 September: Sub-Saharan Africa with a focus on Kenya

20 September: The Amazon

The relationship between climate justice and racial justice:

27 September: With Jeremy Williams author of “Climate Change is Racist.”

*Jeremy Williams is a writer and campaigner, the author of *Climate Change is Racist: Race, Privilege and the Struggle for Climate Justice*, and the editor of the Christian Climate Action book *Time to Act*. He grew up in a missionary family in Madagascar and Kenya, and now lives in Luton.*

CRETATIONTIDE

SEPTEMBER

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Climate Justice is Racial Justice

More on the relationship between climate justice & racial justice:

10 October 10am 3pm: Colchester Area Study Day with Chine McDonald (open to whole diocese).
St Botolph's Colchester CO2 7EE

Chine McDonald is Director of Theos, the religion and society think tank. She was previously Head of Public Engagement at Christian Aid. Chine has two decades of experience in journalism, media and communications across faith, media and international development organisations. She also speaks and writes regularly on issues of race, faith and gender, and is the author of 'God is not a white man: and other revelations' (Hodder & Stoughton, May 2021). Chine is a regular writer, broadcaster, panel host and media commentator and has written for the Financial Times, The Independent, The Big Issue, The Mirror and contributes to TV and radio programmes such as regularly presenting the BBC's Thought for the Day on Radio 4's Today programme and BBC Sunday Morning Live. She is vice-chair of Greenbelt Festival and a trustee of Christian Aid. Chine studied Theology and Religious Studies at Cambridge University www.chinemcdonald.com

11 October 7-8.30pm: Poetry Workshop featuring Dave Neita and Oyin Oladipo
St John's Stratford E15 1NG

Dave Neita is a lawyer, a published poet, lecturer and international speaker specialising in cultural leadership. Based in the UK, he is a commentator on race, politics, mental health and the arts. Dave speaks widely in churches in the UK and abroad, promoting a redemptive and inclusive message of bringing about harmony in community, and he has delivered sermons in St Paul's Cathedral, Oxford University, and many other venues. Known for his success as a member of the legal team behind a class action suit against a major multinational corporation on behalf of thousands of injured South Africa Miners, Dave continues to work as an advocate for underprivileged, exploited or disenfranchised people, everywhere. Taking a creative approach to campaigning, Dave has written a play on the Windrush Scandal called The Bitter Windrush Blues and he has performed and toured this play across the UK demanding justice for those adversely affected by the hostile environment. Dave has published one book and 4 audio CDs of his poetry.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER

Revd Oyin Oladipo: Prior to ordination training he was at various times a Radio Station manager and Further Education Tutor. He studied theology and also trained for the Ministry at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University.

The son of a poet and a school teacher, Oyin uses poetry to address issues which are of importance to him and as a tool for reflection and call to social action. His poem 'I cannot breathe' which was written to reflect on the death of George Floyd was published on Wycliffe Hall's website, used by the chapter of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford and also by the eminent Scholar, The Rt Rev Prof NT Wright in his article titled 'undermining racism'.

Oyin is currently serving his curacy at Ascension Church, Custom House. He is also the Chaplain at East Ham Care Centre. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Reflection & what next?

25 October 7.30 -9.30pm: with with Revd Sharon Quilter & Revd Sandra Eldridge

Chelmsford Cathedral CM1 1AT

The Revd Sharon Quilter has served as the Racial Justice Officer for the Diocese of Chelmsford since September 2022. As Racial Justice Officer, Sharon is playing a leading role in shaping the Diocese's approach to ethnic diversity, inclusion and equity, implementing the recommendations of the Chelmsford Diocese Racial Justice Task and Finish Group Report. Sharon also serves as an Associate Priest in the Halstead Area Team Ministry and was a member of the Chelmsford Diocese Racial Justice Task and Finish Group.

The Revd Sandra Eldridge has served as the Diocesan Environment Officer since 2022. Working alongside the Rt Revd Roger Morris, the Bishop of Colchester who is the Diocesan lead for the environment, Sandra has responsibility for for the Carbon Net Zero 2030 project and supports our parishes and worshipping communities to work towards this. Sandra also holds PTO status in the Barking Area of the Diocese.



“But let justice roll down like a
river, and righteousness like
an ever-flowing stream”

Prophet Amos

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