

Season of Creation 2022

*Listening and Responding
to the Voice of the Earth
and the Voice of the Poor.*



Thursday 1st September

Our Common Home ~ Privilege and Responsibility

Companion ~ Nellie McLaughlin

Thursday 8th September

***Fossil fuel divestment and investment in clean energy:
Tackling the climate, conflict and cost of living crises'***

Companion ~ James Buchanan

Thursday 15th September

The Reality of Climate Change in Malawi

Companion ~ Chimwemwe Nyambose Ndhlovu

Thursday 22nd September

Sustaining us on our journey

Companion ~ Chris Johnstone



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All sessions are on Zoom 7.00 - 8.30pm [UK Time]

Our Companions on the Journey



Nellie McLaughlin

Nellie is a member of The Sisters of Mercy, Ireland. Born in Donegal, she grew up on a farm near the sea, that immersion in nature led her to grow up with a deep sense that we are all part of the great community of life.

Working in education for 6 years in Iceland opened a whole new landscape and perspective on planet earth. This together with subsequent prolonged experience of living through the critical years of the Troubles in N. Ireland leading to the Good Friday Agreement marked a turning point. In a deeply divided community what is it that connects us? Our Common Home! The journey of discovery led to the new evolving story of the universe and her commitment to Cosmology, Ecology and Sustainable Living as we face the multiple crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and consequent global injustices and oppressions.

Nellie is a co-founder and a director of [The Green Sod Land Trust](#) (2007) and current chairperson of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation – an ecumenical group in Clogher Diocese with parishes in both Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland.



James Buchanan

James joined Operation Noah as their Bright Now Campaign Manager in 2016 and became Bright Now Campaign Director in 2022. He leads the Bright Now campaign, which calls on Churches to divest from fossil fuels and invest in climate solutions like renewable energy. The campaign also encourages Churches to manage their land more sustainably, from increasing tree coverage to protecting and restoring peatlands.

James previously worked for the Church of England as Project Coordinator of the Pilgrimage2Paris ahead of the UN climate talks in 2015. He has also worked for Christian Aid and CAFOD.

Website: [Operation Noah](#)

Chimwemwe Nyambose Ndhlovu



Chimwemwe is the National Coordinator for the Catholic Development Commission (CADECOM) also known as Caritas Malawi.

She also holds the position of the National Gender Coordinator for the Episcopal Conference of Malawi (ECM).

CADECOM is a development arm of the ECM.

She has a Master's degree in Development Studies from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal in South Africa and Master's Degree in Public Health from Collage of Medicine under the University of Malawi. She also holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of Malawi.

Her areas of interest include agriculture and food security, humanitarian support services, natural resource management, public health and gender.

Amongst the projects she is currently coordinating is the Hope for Youth Project funded by SCIAF.

Website: [SCIAF](#)

Chris Johnstone



With a background in medicine, psychology, group-work and coaching, Chris is a specialist trainer for resilience and wellbeing. He has worked in this field for over thirty years, and through his online courses, he now reaches people from more than 55 countries. After working for many years as a doctor and addictions specialist in the UK health service, he now focuses on coaching, mentoring, writing and training, particularly through online courses at [The College of Wellbeing](#)

His books include, *Active Hope*, co-authored with Joanna Macy, which has just been updated and republished.

The website at <https://www.activehope.info> gives a flavour of the approach of Active Hope, and you can download a free pdf taster of the book with the introduction and first two chapters of the new edition at [this link](#).

Chris is also a keen musician, known for his hammered dulcimer and harmonica playing. He lives in the north-east of Scotland, where he is an enthusiast for forest gardening and a keen grower of fruit.

