

The Beatitudes for Today

Frank Regan 8 June 2017

Early this morning I came across a new version of the Beatitudes for today. It is by a US sister, a poet, Elizabeth Boyle OP. It appeared in the Irish bi-monthly **Spirituality**.

Here is her version:

1. Blessed are you poor who own little, consume less, waste nothing, hoard nothing, share everything--
for you shall be liberated from the tyranny of stuff.
2. Blessed are you meek who exploit no one, envy no one, look down on no one,
for you shall inherit a land from the necessity to keep up.
3. Blessed are you who mourn the death of every species, from polar bears to politicians,
for you are forever responsible for what you have tamed.
4. Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for justice and truth
for you shall fear neither obesity nor hangovers.
5. Blessed are you merciful whose mercy and compassion extends to plants and animals,
rivers and landscapes - for they shall cease to rebel against you.
6. Blessed are you clean of heart and clean of air and water
for you will sleep with a clean conscience.
7. Blessed are you who invest all the human resources in technologies for peace,
for your children shall not be sent to kill other peoples' children.
8. Blessed are you when the comfortable call you a nuisance and big corporations mount a
media blitz against you; be glad in that day and rejoice for you have the last laugh when
your adversaries toast you at a banquet of crow.
Yours is a truly sustainable kingdom.

In Matthew's Gospel the next verses tell us that we are salt of the earth and light of the world. Later on we hear that we are mustard seed and like leaven in the mass.

These are good models for Christian community as well as of our own presence in a world which needs persons dedicated to its life and well-being.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

In 2015 Pope Francis designated 1st September annually as a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in the Catholic Church.

The day of prayer, the pope said, gives individuals and communities an opportunity to implore God's help in protecting creation and an opportunity to ask God's forgiveness **"for sins committed against the world in which we live"**.

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<http://columbans.co.uk/creation-time/>

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Sanctuary: Lancashire Asylum & Refugee Conference

I was very privileged to be involved in the planning group for this day of hope with over two hundred people attending gaining insight, information, sharing experiences and frustrations. A report will be produced but I would like to begin by sharing this extract from Aftab Alexander Mughal

STEPS TOWARDS A SAFER FUTURE FOR REFUGEES

Aftab Alexander Mughal

I would like to commence my reflection with a story of two young brothers from the Syrian capital, Damascus. Because of the civil war in their homeland, they lost their family members and they both left their country for safety. From Syria, they came to Egypt. Again, from Alexandria, along with many others, they started another journey on a shaky smuggler boat. The overloaded dinghy was in the sea for ten days when it was intercepted by an Italian naval vessel. They were fortunate that they were saved by the Italian officials. But, many others were unfortunate to have lost their lives on the way.

The story of these young brothers reflects the journey of millions of children, adults, and families who flee their homes and take refuge in other places for protection. These people are victims of a failing political system, persecution, and abuse. As forced migrants, they are just a tiny minority group amongst migrants.

Refugees have always existed in the history of human kind. However, the need for their protection emerged first after the First World War when the first international framework Nansen Commission was established under the League of Nations in 1921. The present refugee regime emerged after the II World War, when the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and the 1951 Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees were established. It was later amended by the 1967 Protocol.

In the recent days, the refugee issue has started receiving more attention in the West, including the UK, as more displaced people are coming to Europe since the Arab uprisings of 2011. The public debate has been marked by a strange mixture of sympathy and hostility. However, Polish Foreign Minister Grzegorz Schetyna suggested in his speech in September 2015, "Instead of stoking emotional and populist sentiment, I recommend that we focus on the facts: analyzing the situation, understanding its nature and assessing its implications for the future. Only then, we will be able to make the right decisions and implement them effectively in our interest, and in the interest of the entire continent."

The Global Trends study found that 65.6 million people were forcibly displaced worldwide last year. It was a number bigger than the population of the United Kingdom. The majority of these people move to their neighbouring countries and stay there hoping for a better time to come. The UNHCR claims that some 86 per cent of all displaced people are hosted in developing or poor countries. Whereas, only a small number reached to the rich countries compared to their population, wealth, and their power on the global scene.

Interestingly, the world's largest refugee camp with 300,000 people is not in the G-7 (group of 7 richest countries), G-8, G-20, BRICS, or Greece, or Turkey; it is in Dadaab, in eastern Kenya. A single settlement, called Bidi Bidi, in Uganda, hosts at least 270,000 refugees. Uganda's per capita income is about seventeen hundred (1,700) dollars only while she is hosting about one million refugees. On the other hand, one of the global powers, United Kingdom's per capita income is more than forty-one thousand (41,000) dollars but she hosts less than one percent of the total refugee population of the world. Also, Uganda has one of the world's most compassionate refugee policies, which grants refugees land to build a home and enjoy rights to travel, and work.

Reaching a safer place is only half the challenge. In a host country like the UK, refugees face mainly three types of challenges apart from the legal ones: Psychological, Social & Cultural

As a new comer in the country, some of their actions might be different from the norms of the local society. It is mainly because of their lack of understanding of the local system, practices and the culture because they are not familiar with many of the local customs. For example, in many Asian and African countries, people use the word *internet* instead of *broadband* and *lawyer* instead of *solicitor*. There is no concept of registering with a GP, people simply go to the doctor's clinics anytime. Therefore, sometimes, they do not understand regular things that are normal to a person born here. It does not mean that they don't know anything or they are rude or disrespectful. It simply means that they have had a different experience of life. Due to the language barrier and cultural differences, they are slow to grasp information. Certainly, it will just take some time for them to understand things properly.

Their main crisis is the failure of their own state, which could not provide them protection in the first place. And if the

host country is less welcoming then it multiplies their trauma. Despite only receiving a tiny number of refugees, the public discourse towards this issue is sometimes unsympathetic in the political arena and in the main stream media.

One of the major human rights organisations, Amnesty International says, "Powerful media and politicians are manipulating reality and dehumanising refugees, portraying them as illegal, faceless invaders who threaten our security."

For the human rights regime, the refugee issue is an issue of global justice, and it should be addressed by breaking the silence and raising a voice for equality and fairness on the basis of democratic values.

Therefore, we, as the concerned citizens and refugee advocates, shouldn't stop talking about these issues, and help the local communities understand the reality. Ultimately, public opinion influences the policy making process. If the host communities feel that they are part of the decision-making process, it will certainly have far-reaching impact. After the Brexit, it is imperative to have collective actions and an active engagement with the media and the policy makers for positive changes in the refugee policy.

Although refugees face many challenges, the situation is not all that grim. There are various humanitarian and faith groups, public and private institutions and charities urging for a fairer system for displaced people. Global Links' Escape to Safety project, run by Gisela Renolds, is a unique initiative, which tells us how difficult a journey of a refugee is. The refugee organisations' continuous efforts are effective on many fronts. The Syrian Resettlement Programme is one of the positive outcome of their campaigns.

Along with many organisations, there are some individuals, like John East, Chris Seddon and Irene Chris from Darwen, Blackburn and Clitheroe, are around us in our very own communities who show empathy and compassion to these people. They welcome them, hold their hands, listen to their stories, and give them a smile by offering them friendship.

At the same time, refugees have been making the UK their new home by their openness and becoming part of the local events. In Blackburn with Darwen, they support, contribute and engage with the local initiatives like ARC, DARE, ASMAF, the Action Factory's arts activities and many other projects.

The Blackburn YMCA champions' group is one of those positive examples of their engagements. By giving their time, energy and skills, these refugee champions pay their community back, and help their own smaller groups to integrate into the local society.

About 30 men and women of Christian, Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist faiths are part of this group. That is a diverse bunch of people from different cultural and social backgrounds. Although, they are from 14 different nationalities, they all have one thing in common, which is that they have faced injustice in their home countries, so now they strive for justice, equality and fairness, which is reflected by their actions. Often, they discuss difficult issues by creating a safe and an open space. They may have different opinions, but they are all committed to coexist peacefully because their relationship is based on trust and respect. They are confident to take further steps for the development of the refugee community, because they are fully supported by Lorraine Prentice, the CEO of YMCA. For raising awareness among public they go to schools, faith groups and other organisations as refugee advocates.

This peer support system reduces the isolation and the risk of members of the community from being influenced by extremist voices, and ultimately it contributes and enhances community cohesion.

It is very encouraging that one of our team members Mr Saifuddin has been serving refugees in Yemen as the United Nation's staff member. These moving stories are inspiring and show us that together we can make this world safe and a better place for everyone.

Although, the refugee stories are a mixture of hope and fear, they highlight the determination and resilience of those people who learn to survive wars and establish new lives in new environments. One of my Iranian journalist friends from London, Firoozeh Jabani said, *"One day our homeland will be a safe, peaceful and happy place. Until that time, we are calm and make an effort to help the world, regardless of whether we are living behind a red door or not."*

In the end, I finish my thoughts with the words of a poet Warsan Shire, *"No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark. And, no one puts their children in a boat unless the water is safer than the land."*

Aftab Mughal is a Pakistani journalist and a human rights activist, and the editor of Minority Concern of Pakistan's magazine. For more than 14 years, he served the Justice and Peace Commission of Pakistan as National Executive Secretary, and won an International Award for Women Issues in 2013 awarded by the International Christian Organisation of the Media (ICOM), Geneva, Switzerland. For many years, he has been working with the refugee community, especially helping them to integrate into the local society. Currently, he is working with Blackburn YMCA as a Project Officer of the New Beginnings Project





Fracking – Home & Away

Questions for us & our global neighbours



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National Justice and Peace Network speaks out against Fracking

The National Justice and Peace Network of England and Wales (NJPN) has joined with the Climate Coalition, in which it has members in common such as CAFOD and Columban missionaries, in refusing to support shale gas extraction in the UK. It has issued a Fracking Briefing which supports the Climate Coalition in saying:

“The government has failed to demonstrate convincingly that fracking will not compromise the UK’s legally binding climate change targets, or its broader commitment to limiting global climate change to two degrees. Britain should be leading the world in shifting away from fossil fuels and towards clean and sustainable energy, rather than trying to extract ever more inaccessible fossil fuels.”

The Fracking paper was produced by the NJPN Environment Working Group, particularly by Paul Kelly from Lancaster Faith and Justice Commission, which has been involved for several years in raising awareness about plans for fracking in Lancashire. “In making this recommendation” says the statement “we are taking a moral decision that we believe is most likely to favour the common good and meet our Christian obligations founded on love of God and respect for God’s creation”.

The paper says Britain has to reduce CO2 emissions by 80% by 2050 to have any chance of preventing catastrophic climate change. “We believe following a carbon-based fuel strategy, which includes fracking, will indeed make it more difficult to reach our climate change commitments and potentially our renewable energy targets”. In the view of NJPN, fracking is distracting energy firms and governments from investing in renewable sources of energy, and encouraging continued reliance on fossil fuels. “We need a 21st century energy revolution based on efficiency and renewables, rather than increased burning of fossil fuels that will add to climate change” says the statement.

NJPN also reminds us that the Catholic bishops for all continents said in a statement prior to the Paris Climate Talks: “Put an end to the fossil fuel era, and provide affordable, reliable and safe renewable energy access for all”. The NJPN supports the divestment movement which is growing in the Catholic and other Churches. It also calls for simpler lifestyles and recommends campaigns such as CAFOD’s Livesimply and renewable energy initiatives and ‘Joy in Enough’ of Green Christian.

NJPN calls on the Government at the very least to adopt the 10 key recommendations of the Royal Society and Royal Academy of Engineering to address the technical risks of fracking. Preserving fresh water must be a priority. The NJPN Environment group is committed to supporting reasoned faith-filled debate about fracking. Full Fracking Briefing Paper statement available at: <http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/environment/fracking-briefing-paper-njpn-environment-working-group/>



Blackburn Diocese Environment Group statement on Shale Gas & Fracking

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

We welcomed the Church of England’s December 2016 Briefing Paper “Shale gas and fracking”¹ pulling together some of the key references on this topic and so stimulating debate within the Church on this controversial process.

Since then, a number of well-referenced papers² have re-examined the evidence in various publications cited in the Briefing Paper and raised significant concerns about the reliability of the conclusions drawn.

We feel it imperative that the authors of the Briefing Paper seek expert advice on the strength of the evidence given and the conclusions drawn in these new publications and update the Briefing Paper as necessary so that Christian churches and others can participate in informed debate on the care of Creation and social responsibility in respect of shale gas. We would be grateful for your response to this concern, to the email addresses below.

Blackburn Diocese Environment Group

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¹ Mission and Public Affairs Council and the Environment Working Group of the Church of England (2016) *Shale Gas & Fracking*; ² Michael Hill (2017) *Review of the Church of England Mission & Public Affairs Council and Environment Working Group Briefing Paper on Shale Gas and Fracking*; Paul Mobbs (2017) *Whitehall’s ‘Fracking’ Science Failure*; David K. Smythe (2017) Submission to the Scottish Government consultation in unconventional oil and gas.

Dirty fashion: How pollution in the global textiles supply chain is making viscose toxic

new report reveals top brands including H&M and Zara buying viscose from factories that are wreaking havoc on the environment

Some of the world's largest fashion brands are buying viscose from highly polluting factories, reveals Changing Markets report. An investigation into the production of viscose, a man-made fibre widely used in the textile supply chain, has uncovered evidence of the deadly impact of dangerous chemicals and noxious gases being generated by polluting factories across Asia. Evidence gathered by the Changing Markets Foundation at locations in Indonesia, China and India found that viscose factories are dumping highly toxic wastewater into local waterways, destroying marine life and exposing workers and local populations to harmful chemicals.

The report, titled '*Dirty Fashion: How pollution in the global textiles supply chain is making viscose toxic*', reveals links between the polluting factories and major European and North American fashion brands including H&M, Zara/Inditex, ASOS, Levi's, Tesco, United Colors of Benetton, Burton, Marks & Spencer, Asda, Dockers, Haggar, Next, Debenhams, Matalan and Van Heusen.

H&M is buying directly from seven of the polluting factories investigated and Zara/Inditex from four of them. While several brands, including H&M and Zara, have committed to more sustainable sourcing of wood pulp, used to produce viscose, the manufacturing of viscose is still largely ignored, receiving little oversight from retailers.

Natasha Hurley, Campaign Manager at Changing Markets, said: "This report reveals that some of the world's biggest brands are turning a blind eye to questionable practices within their supply chains. With water pollution increasingly being recognised as a major business risk, shifting to more sustainable production processes should be high on retailers' agendas." "Changing Markets is calling on retailers and brands to implement a strict zero pollution policy, with regular auditing of suppliers to ensure they comply with high production standards."

In addition to on-the-ground investigations, the report draws on the results of a questionnaire that was jointly issued to clothing brands by Changing Markets and Ethical Consumer in April of this year. Rob Harrison, Director at Ethical Consumer, commented: "It is disappointing that two-thirds of the brands contacted about their viscose supply chains failed to respond, including big players in the clothing market such as Topshop, Asda and Sainsbury's."

The viscose staple fibre market - which is projected to grow from \$13.45 billion in 2016 to \$16.78 billion per year by 2021, is highly concentrated, with 11 companies controlling 75 per cent of global viscose production, so a concerted effort on the part of retailers could achieve dramatic change. With a small group of just 11 companies controlling 75 per cent of global viscose production, there is a clear opportunity for rapid and transformational change across the sector.

The time to act is now.

The report also highlights that new viscose production methods already exist, which do not rely on the abundant use of toxic chemicals & bring manufacturing into a 'closed loop' so that the chemicals which are used do not escape into the environment.

Call to action:

Viscose producers must move towards a closed loop system of viscose production and stop dumping toxic chemicals in the environment surrounding their factories.

Brands must impose a strict zero pollution policy across their supply chain (including raw materials suppliers) and conduct regular audits to ensure it is implemented.

Policy makers should mandate transparency across the entire supply chain, and introduce and enforce environmental criteria in supply chain due diligence regulations.

Consumers should only buy viscose from brands that have made a clear commitment to sustainable sourcing of wood pulp and clean viscose production

Changing Markets Full Report: http://changingmarkets.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/CHANGING_MARKETS_DIRTY_FASHION_REPORT_SPREAD_WEB.pdf

Changing Markets Summary : http://changingmarkets.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/ENGLISH_DIRTY_FASHION_EX_SUMMARY_FINAL_SPREAD_PAGE_WEB.pdf



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FOUNDATION

<https://changingmarkets.org/campaigns/>

50 Christians willing to be arrested for their beliefs

Over fifty Christians have pledged to take nonviolent direct action for the sake of justice and peace, even when that means risking arrest. The activists, of all denominations and from all parts of the country, campaign on issues of justice, peace and climate change, and consider nonviolent direct action to be an unavoidable consequence of following Jesus' teaching today. They will gather to take the pledge at the launch of the Faith and Resistance Network on Saturday 15th July. The pledge was initiated by the Faith and Resistance Network whose aim is to grow the Christian nonviolent action movement, widen recognition of its wide ranging work and welcome new activists.

Fr. Martin Newell cp says, *'Nonviolence is at the heart of the Christian Gospel. This network will raise the profile of Christians today putting Jesus' radical teaching into action'*

The network is intended to support activists as they embark on direct action, through providing training, contact with the media and legal support. It has been set up by experienced activists who have themselves been arrested, charged and convicted and experienced time in prison for the sake of their faithfulness to the teaching of Christ.

Symon Hill, author of *The Upside Down Bible* writes, *'Jesus exemplified active nonviolence and resistance to the sins of violence, oppression and inequality. I continue to seek God's guidance and am unsure of the way forward, but I don't doubt that active nonviolence is an essential element of seeking to follow Jesus. It is a consequence of attempting to live out love for God and love for our neighbours.'*

Helen Whitall, of Christian Climate Action writes, *'Where the kingdoms down here conflict with the Kingdom of God, I know which I must follow...'*

At the launch pledgers and their friends will hear from Andrea Needham, ploughshares activist and author of *The Hammer Blow* and Sam Walton and Dan Woodhouse, who recently attempted to disarm a warplane, bound for Saudi Arabia, at RAF Warton, Lancashire.

The pledgers look forward to the No Faith in War Day, which will see people of all faiths oppose the DSEi arms fair in September.

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A Call to Action - Promoting respect and dialogue in the Church

How ACTA began: 2 June 2012 Seven priests from Portsmouth Diocese and London wrote a letter to the Tablet expressing, amongst other things, concern that collegiality is not being fully exercised and much of the responsibility of local bishops has been abrogated by the Curia in Rome. The imposition of the translation of the Mass was an example of this. An invitation was given to meet, to support the bishops and to be a voice to which they can listen.

11 October 2012 Around 400 people, priests, religious and laity, attended a meeting at Heythrop College, Kensington, London. From that initial meeting, Dioceses across the country met to develop the aims of A Call to Action to foster dialogue about the future direction of the Church, and Church renewal, in Britain.

ACTA MISSION statement: *We are a group of Catholics, some of whom are ordained, brought together by our love of Christ's Church and our anxiety about its future. Still inspired by the Second Vatican Council, we want to contribute fully to the life of our Church so that we may be a more effective sign of the Kingdom of God. To do this, we believe that an atmosphere of openness and dialogue both with each other and with our church leadership needs developing. Accordingly, we aim to supply channels of free and frank communication. We desire to help create a climate of trust and respect for all where this dialogue may be fostered.*

Whilst being a 'grass roots' organisation ACTA does have a Leadership Team and each diocese has a delegate and a co-ordinator. Four National Conferences have been organised each year since 2012. The next Conference is in Birmingham on 21st October:

'Locally ordained community leaders.' Speakers - Tony Flannery, David McLoughlin, John Sullivan. See p.15

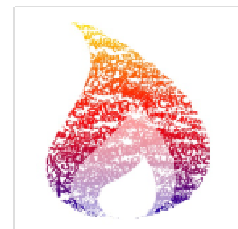
Lancaster ACTA had their first evening meeting on 25 February 2014. Meetings aim to offer: a safe space for conversation; a forum for discussion and a spiritual and theological resource. Lancaster ACTA aims to encourage dialogue at all levels in the Church we love and to grow in our relationship with Jesus through an exploration of the Sacred Scriptures and the riches of Vatican II.

Lancaster ACTA has organised 'days' focussed on education & formation and have included inputs from:

Fr Joe Smith, Anthony Finnerty, Alex Walker; Prof John Sullivan; Dymrna Magee; Stephen Hoyland;
Andrew Hornsby Smith; John Sullivan; Peter Cobb; Sr Mary Jo McElroy; Fr Michael Winstanley

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There is more information, and to join ACTA, please go to the website www.acalltoaction.org.uk



7 July 2017

**The United Nations
adopts historic ban
on nuclear weapons.**



The treaty was endorsed by 122 countries at the [United Nations](#) headquarters in New York after months of talks in the face of strong opposition from nuclear-armed states and their allies.

The UK did not attend the talks despite government claims to support multilateral disarmament.

CND has been campaigning for the global abolition of nuclear weapons ever since its foundation in 1958, so the news today that the United Nations has agreed a treaty which can make exactly that happen is very welcome. The challenge for everyone now is to persuade the nuclear armed states to sign up.

More than 130 states took part in the talks, and we hope many of them will be joining when the treaty opens for signature in September. Given the UK's persistent boycotting of the process it's unlikely that we'll be one of the first states to sign, but the work to bring the government into the fold starts now.

It is a strong and comprehensive text which has the potential to bring the world closer than ever to achieving a world without nuclear weapons.

Article 1 is a comprehensive ban on nuclear weapons and other related activity. The list of prohibitions includes the use, stockpiling, testing, production, manufacture, stationing and installation. Article 1 also bans assisting with the prohibited acts, such as the United States leasing the Trident missiles to the UK to carry nuclear warheads. It will also be illegal to allow nuclear weapons to travel through territorial waters or airspace. Articles 3 and 4 set out how the meeting of obligations are measured, including the verification of the irreversible destruction of nuclear weapons and the programmes to develop them. There are provisions to strengthen the safeguards and a prohibition on them being weakened.

Articles 6, 7, and 8 require states to provide assistance to victims of nuclear weapons, either through their use or through testing. It is also a requirement that action is taken in contaminated areas. There is also a requirement to encourage other states to join the treaty, and for regular meetings to review the progress being made.

While states will be encouraged to join the treaty at the first opportunity, likely to be in September, there are provisions in Article 4 for states to join at a later state. The nuclear weapons states would have to remove their weapons from operational status and eventually destroy them. This would have to be done through plans which would need to be submitted for approval.

The treaty is a significant pointer towards changing international attitudes to nuclear weapons. Previous treaties prohibiting chemical and biological weapons helped to stigmatise them in the minds of the public. Can you imagine being part of a chemical weapons alliance, as the UK continues to be part of NATO, a nuclear alliance?

While we welcome the treaty, it's important to be realistic. Given that the UK parliament voted almost a year ago to give the £205bn project to replace Trident the green light, it is unlikely that Theresa May will be signing up to the treaty any time soon. CND will continue to work with all our partners in Parliament and across civil society to oppose the replacement of Trident, as well as raising awareness of the treaty and the potential it has to bring about positive change.

Kate Hudson CND General Secretary

Responding to hate with love – new assembly on nonviolence

Among the gifts presented to President Trump by Pope Francis was a copy of his message for World Peace Day 2017, [Nonviolence: a Style of Politics for Peace](#). This assembly reflects on the Christian vocation to non-violence and how it challenges us to act by responding to hate with love.

Downloads **Assembly Script** (pdf) <http://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Pope-Trump-Nonviolence.pdf>; **Assembly Slideshow** (pptx) <http://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Trump-Nonviolence-Assembly.pptx>

I ask God to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life.

(Pope Francis, Message for World Peace Day 2017)

Follow [#ThisIsNonviolence](#) on Twitter to hear more inspirational stories of people living nonviolently





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CAFOD's campaign called **Power to Be** is about getting electricity to the world's poorest people.

We take electricity for granted for everything we do, use it every day without even thinking about it. Yet 1 in 6 people do not have electricity, that makes it hard to break free from poverty.

One of CAFOD stories brings this alive: Veronica is 16 years old and lives with her family in Kenya. -She loves going to school. Her father didn't have this opportunity when he was young, -he wants her to succeed. In the evening, she helps her mother prepare a meal before doing her homework. For years, she used a paraffin lamp to provide the light she needs to study because her family can't afford electricity at home. But burning oil for hours makes you cough and it's hard to concentrate. Her hopes of finishing school were fizzling out.

Now she has new hope. Thanks to solar panels that have been fitted on her school roof - she can study in the cool of the evening after her chores are done. She has a solar lamp at home too to help her with her studies. It gives Veronica the power to rekindle her dreams for the future.

Similar schemes all around the world are transforming lives of the poorest communities. It means clinics can keep vaccines cold, farmers can irrigate crops, and families can drink clean water.

Join CAFOD's campaign to help bring sustainable power. The UK government spends 0.7% of GDP, our money, on aid. Some of that is on energy projects in poor countries, but a surprisingly large proportion are based on diesel and oil. This means people are made dependent on big petro-chemical industry, fuel has to be imported and bought by people who are already poor; and prices are controlled by global industry.

The way our government spends a lot of our aid money is through an organisation called the World Bank. Its mission is to end poverty around the world, but currently less than **3% of its spending on energy is on local, renewable energy**. That's a minute proportion, yet CAFOD knows from experience that locally controlled renewable energy is the one that benefits the poorest communities most. To really make a difference in tackling poverty, we need to shift the balance. So that's the campaign on the cards. We want to ask the World Bank to use our funds to provide renewable energy instead of energy that ultimately depends on big global petro-chemical industry.



Could you organise a talk and card signing in your parish, community or group?

Cards and helpful material can be ordered by contacting CAFOD at:

www.cafod.org.uk/powertoBe

A sign of hope

Austrian federal court rejects Vienna Airport's third runway plans on climate protection grounds

On the 21st Feb 2017 – Austria's Federal Administrative Court ruled that plans for a new third runway at Vienna International Airport should be rejected on climate change grounds, and that the positive economic benefits of the airport expansion were outweighed by the potential harm to the public interest caused by higher carbon emissions.

Plans for the runway were first submitted back in 2007 and had been approved by the Lower Austrian regional government. In its 128-page decision, the court found the increase in aviation CO2 emissions from an extra runway was at odds with the country's 2020 transport sector reduction target.

But Vienna Airport's operator said a third runway was of vital importance to its economic future and described the decision as "legally and objectively untenable and false". It now intends to file an extraordinary appeal with the Austrian Supreme Administrative Court and pledged to "continue to vigorously pursue this project."

'It's still ME, Lord...'



CSAN launches online dementia and spirituality toolkit

Caritas Social Action Network has partnered with one of its member organisations, “Welcome me as I am”, to produce an online toolkit on spirituality and dementia, available to download at: http://www.welcomemeasiam.org.uk/welcome_me_as_i_am_toolkit.html

Since the film ‘It’s still ME Lord’ was released in 2009, interest has grown in the ‘spiritual self’ as dementia advances, and how our Church communities can nurture the spiritual and religious needs of all those whose lives have been touched by dementia. An increasing number of Churches have become involved in the ‘dementia friends’ initiative, enabling those involved in pastoral work and the wider parish to deepen understanding of the experience of dementia.

The new online toolkit is not just about facts and figures, but how to accompany those whose lives have been touched by dementia in their spiritual journey – how to understand and nurture the God-given ‘ME’, and so enable us to deepen the practice of our faith. We use the phrase ‘those whose lives have been touched by dementia’ deliberately, to include the person with dementia, loved ones, friends, and the wider community. This is in contrast to the expression ‘dementia sufferers’ and ‘carers’ – which tends to divide those involved into the ‘haves’ and the ‘have-nots’, more than conveying the equality and reciprocity that are features of good human relationships.

The toolkit is for Clergy and Deacons, Parish Pastoral Workers, Members of the SVP, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and those whose lives are touched by dementia

Content of the toolkit include

‘Dementia – a Spiritual and Theological Perspective’ – Theological and spiritual issues in understanding and working with dementia and how these link to a positive and person-centred approach to dementia.

Living well with dementia – keeping physically and mentally active, post-diagnostic support and accessing appropriate services. Making our church ‘dementia friendly’.

‘I need you to minister to me’ – Pastoral support for all those whose lives are touched by dementia, including carers and families. Communication skills and forming relationships as dementia advances. Outreach to residential and nursing homes. Life Story work from a spiritual perspective. This module will be particularly relevant for Pastoral Workers, Volunteers, Ministers of the Eucharist as well as Clergy and Deacons.

‘The Power of Presence’ – Spiritual accompaniment at the end of life – providing a spiritual dimension to end of life care. Communicating when the power of speech has been lost. Ensuring that spiritual needs are understood and met at the end of life. Listening to and supporting families, friends and loved ones.

‘No decision about me without me’ Some legal perspectives covering the Mental Capacity Act and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards to consider further in pastoral work.

Resources and information on appropriate services. What is needed for a church community to become a ‘dementia friendly’.



Judicial review examined the right to ethical investments

Government suffers defeat in court by campaigners over boycott, divestment and sanctions

On 22 June the High Court ruled that the government had acted unlawfully by seeking to restrict the types of ethical and social objections local authorities were permitted to make for investments for their pension scheme. The government's guidance had placed new restrictions on divesting from UK defence industries, pursuing boycotts or sanctions against foreign nations, or pursuing policies contrary to UK defence policy or foreign policy. Paul Parker, Recording Clerk for Quakers in Britain, said: “We welcome the judgement in this case. As Quakers, we seek to live out our faith through everyday actions, including the choices we make about where to put our money. We're glad the decision upholds the legal and moral right of local authorities to make ethical investment decisions that reflect the values and opinions of local communities.”

Pope challenges faithful to concrete acts, in message for World Day of the Poor

Catholic World News June 13, 2017

In his message for the first World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis writes, *"everyone, independent of religious affiliation, is invited to openness and sharing with the poor through concrete signs of solidarity and fraternity."*

The World Day of the Poor will be celebrated on November 19 2017.

At a Vatican press conference introducing the new papal document, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, the president of the Pontifical Council for New Evangelization, recalled that Pope Francis had made a spontaneous decision to institute a World Day of the Poor. During the ceremony for the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, on November 13, 2016, the Pontiff broke from the text of his prepared homily to say: *"I would like today to be the 'day of the poor.'"* He then decided to make the event a regular annual observance.

In his message for the first Day of the Poor, the Holy Father stresses that care for the poor is "an imperative that no Christian may disregard." He urges the faithful to go beyond "occasional volunteer work, or impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience." The real goal of charitable action, he said, should be ***"a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life."***

Pope Francis challenges Christians to recognize *"the contrast between the empty words so frequently on our lips and the concrete deeds against which we are called to measure ourselves."* He holds up the example of St. Francis of Assisi as a model of active service to, and identification with, the poor.

"What a bitter and endless list we would have to compile were we to add the poverty born of social injustice, moral degeneration, the greed of a chosen few, and generalized indifference!" the Holy Father writes.

The Pope suggests that all Christian communities, in the week leading up to the World Day of the Poor, should find ways to "create moments of encounter" with the poor. Specifically, he suggests that Catholics invite the poor to participate in Sunday Mass: "let us welcome them as honoured guests at our table."

"At the heart of all the many concrete initiatives carried out on this day should always be prayer," the Pope writes.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/>

References: [First World Day of the Poor message released \(Vatican Radio\)](#)

[Holy Father's Message for the First World Day of the Poor \(Vatican press office\)](#)

[Press Conference for the presentation of the Message for the first World Day of the Poor 2017 \(Vatican press office\)](#)

We have time to think about how as individuals and parishes we can respond to the challenge

Calais Situation - a report from Seeking Sanctuary

The media in the UK no longer report about the situation in Calais with regard to the plight of the refugees who continue to make their way to this French town only 25 miles from Britain but that does not mean that things are any better or that more support is not needed.



Phil and Ben (two volunteers) report: 'Seeking Sanctuary aims to raise awareness about people displaced from their homes and to channel basic humanitarian assistance from Faith Communities and Community Organisations via partnerships with experienced aid workers. Our special concern is for those who arrive in north-western France, mistakenly expecting a welcome in the UK. Almost all the 8000+ migrants in Calais in October 2016 were moved away, hopefully to better accommodation. 1616 unaccompanied minors also left along with hundreds of vulnerable women and children, hoping that claims to stay in the UK or France would be processed. Many judge that they have been let down, and hundreds have returned to sleep rough near Calais and along the coast. The Grande-Synthe camp near Dunkirk burnt down in April 2017, displacing around 1400 people, over 950 of them moved elsewhere, whilst the rest remain nearby, joined by scores of newcomers weekly.

They need food, good counsel and clothes, which are accepted, sorted and distributed by several Calais warehouses which also supply needs further afield.'

To read the full report and find out practical ways in which you can help visit
Seeking Sanctuary <http://seekingsanctuary.weebly.com/>

Grenfell Tower tragedy shows social housing system has failed UK citizens

Rev Paul Nicolson wrote the following letter to the Guardian:

'The UK housing market is a disaster. We'd do better economically, socially and morally as a nation if we followed Denmark. The housing crisis causes overcrowding, evictions, sleeping on the streets and damages health. The [housing charity Shelter says 250,000 are homeless](#) in England, but there's a total lack of urgency in the Queens speech. Nothing in the speech to stop rich national and international speculators hoarding unused land and empty homes for profit while millions of UK citizens are without adequate housing. There are rows of empty investments" in London, and the [four big builders have 600,000 unused plots](#) in their land banks. In Denmark, any home or land left empty or unused for six months must be sold, only Danish residents can buy land, and it has a land value tax.'

The Taxpayers Against Poverty website has [ten blogs on affordable housing by](#) Stephen Hill MRICS Churchill Fellow, Prof Danny Dorling University of Oxford, Fred Harrison Land Research Trust, Alison Gelder (previously CEO of Housing Justice). <http://taxpayersagainstopoverty.org.uk/>

High Court judgement exposes the fundamental flaws in the UK's supposed arms controls



www.caat.org.uk



On the 10th July the High Court refused our [Judicial Review](#) of the government's decision to keep arming Saudi Arabia. This is a shocking and saddening decision.

But we can't and won't let this stand. The [devastation](#) caused by the Saudi-led attacks on Yemen continues. More than 10,000 have been killed; millions more face starvation and disease and a child dies every 10 minutes from preventable causes.

The [complicity](#) of the UK is undeniable. The government itself admits that UK-made combat aircraft, missiles and bombs are being used in the bombing. Instead of stopping arms sales to Saudi Arabia it licensed the sales of an astonishing £3.3 billion more weapons since the start of the attacks on Yemen.

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We are told time and time again about how ["rigorous" and "robust"](#) UK rules on arms sales are.

But the government doesn't use the rules to limit arms sales: instead it uses them to legitimise arms sales while carrying on with business as usual. And if, as the government claims, these rules don't stop arms sales to Saudi Arabia – one of the world's most repressive regimes, using UK-made planes and missiles in bombing that has killed thousands of people, destroyed schools and hospitals, targeted funerals and weddings, food warehouses and supply lines – then what would they prevent?

The legal battle doesn't end here. We will fight this every step of the way and have already begun the process of appealing the judgement. **But we need [your support](#) to keep up the challenge.**

Meanwhile, we must [demand](#) that the Parliament holds the government to account.

Together, we have already forced this issue onto the political agenda & generated huge scrutiny \& opposition. Last year parliamentarians on two committees said "in the case of Yemen, it is clear to us that the arms export licensing regime has not worked." This year, the election manifesto of every major opposition party called for an end to arms sales to Saudi Arabia and we know that two thirds of the public [oppose arms sales to Saudi Arabia](#). The new government is more vulnerable to pressure: let's turn that momentum into action. [Please take two minutes to send a letter to your MP now.](#)

Sarah Waldron Campaign Against Arms Trade

P.S. Take action to stop the deals before they start in September, when military buyers from Saudi Arabia will be shopping for weapons at the DSEI arms fair in London. [Join the massive protests to shut it down.](#)

Trump's withdrawal from the Paris Agreement puts him "On the wrong side of history"

Bishop John Arnold 7 June 2017

The Bishop of Salford has criticised President Trump's decision to withdraw the US from the Paris Agreement on climate change, saying the move is an "abdication of responsibility" which will impact upon the world's poorest people. In a letter published in The Times newspaper, Bishop John Arnold said that withdrawal from the Paris Agreement "sees Mr Trump positioning himself on the wrong side of history."

The Accord, which was reached in 2015, is a commitment by 195 countries to reduce emissions of the greenhouse gases which are changing the climate.

In the letter, Bishop Arnold noted that Pope Francis had given President Trump a copy of his encyclical *Laudato Si'* on Mr Trump's visit to the Vatican. The Bishop said it was "a pity that the President has seemingly not read it" as "he would have seen that the Holy Father asks why anyone would want to be remembered for their inability to take action in the face of the environmental crisis."

Bishop Arnold, who is the Chairman of CAFOD, went on to say: "Many millions of others – both in America and elsewhere – have listened to Pope Francis's call. They are acting to prevent the poorest and most vulnerable people being pushed over the edge by climate change. When virtually every country in the world has committed to Paris, it's for Donald Trump to decide whether to remain isolated on an issue that will define our time."

President Trump's decision was immediately denounced by world leaders. China and the European Union issued a joint statement committing to the Paris Agreement, whilst Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged his country would go "above and beyond" the requirements of the Accord. Newly-elected French President Emmanuel Macron ended a speech in which he urged US scientists and entrepreneurs to "come and work here with us" by stating that the world shares a responsibility to "Make our planet great again" – a pointed reference to Trump's presidential campaign slogan.

Graham Gordon, CAFOD's Head of Policy, said that the reasoning the US President set out for the withdrawal in his White House speech amounted to "a staggering contradiction of reality." Gordon said: "President Trump argued in his speech that he is 'someone who cares deeply about the environment'. Walking away from the problem and ripping up your obligations are strange ways of showing this. It is reassuring to see so many other leaders across the US and the rest of the world restating their commitment to care for our common home, making sure that the most vulnerable of our sisters and brothers do not pay the price of inaction." <http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/32755>

Evensong to commemorate the Centenary of the birth of Blessed Oscar Romero will take place on Saturday 23rd September at 3.00 pm at Westminster Abbey.

A Reflection on Oscar Romero's cherished final words

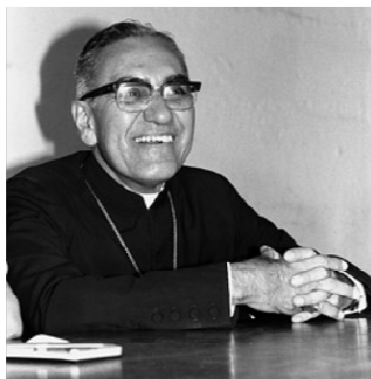
'The hope that inspires Christians',

Evensong will include chosen readings and music reflecting this special centenary and an Address from the Most Revd & Rt Hon Lord Williams of Oystermouth. Co-sponsors for the service include the Archbishop Romero Trust, Churches Together in England, Christian Aid and CAFOD.

It is expected that HE The Ambassador of El Salvador will attend.

**To apply for up to six
free tickets online,**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evensong-to-commemorate-the-centenary-of-the-birth-of-blessed-oscar-romero-tickets-35349736012>



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Saturday 7th October

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Introducing the Herbert Protocol; Community Messaging

Cumbria Constabulary has started using the Herbert Protocol to improve the way it works with families to find vulnerable people who have gone missing, such as those suffering from dementia. The family or carer of a vulnerable adult will be asked to complete a form; essentially a "Life History Questionnaire". This is retained in a safe place so that it is immediately available in the event that the person goes missing. Download from the Cumbria police website. <https://www.cumbria.police.uk/Services/ReportAdvice/Mental-Health.aspx>

If you would like to find out about initiatives like this directly, we recommend that you sign up to the Community Messaging service. <https://www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk/>

Recent Publications of Interest

Trussell Trust has published

Early Warnings: Universal Credit and Foodbanks, which found that the effect of a six-plus week waiting period for a first Universal Credit payment can be serious, leading to foodbank referrals, debt, mental health issues, rent arrears and eviction.

The report recommends: a reduction in the waiting period, more flexibility in the administration of Universal Credit, and monitoring of the impact of conditionality, which has also been linked to increased foodbank use.

Calling People of Goodwill:

The Bible and the Common Good

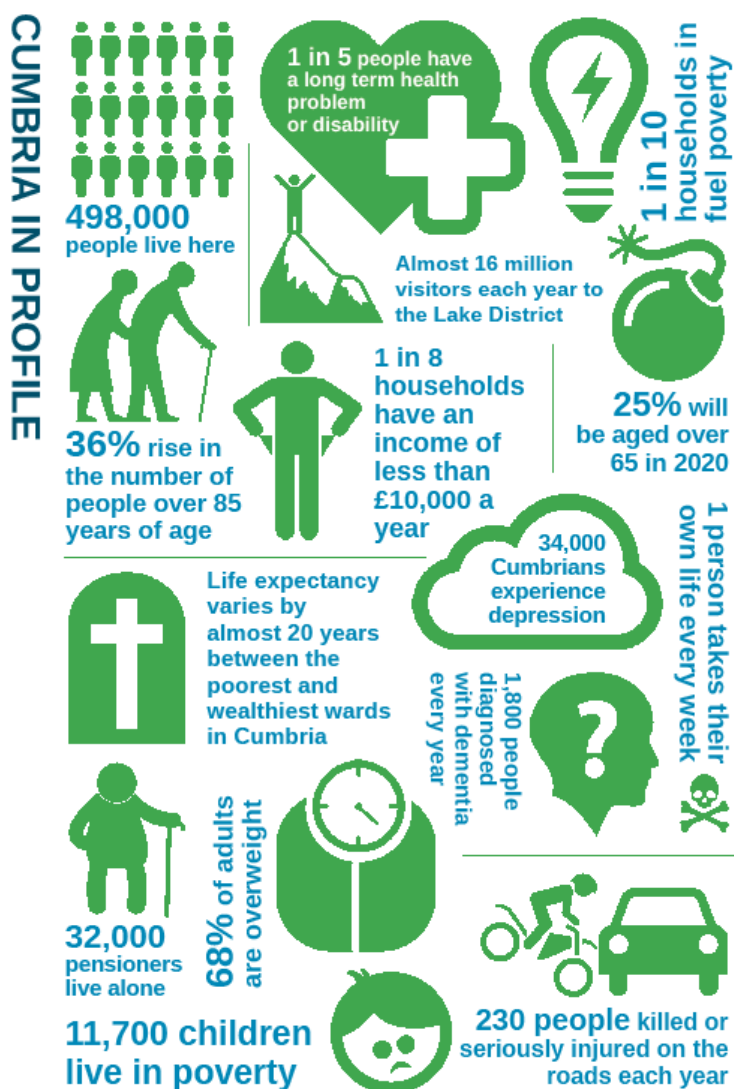
has been published by The Bible Society, a Body in Association with Churches Together in England, in partnership with Together for the Common Good.

Enriched by the Other:

a spiritual guide to receptive ecumenism.

Callan Slipper, Ecumenical Facilitator of Churches Together in Hertfordshire, has authored a Grove Booklet

CUMBRIA REVEALED A County Of Contrasts



From excellent report by Cumbria Community Foundation
<https://www.cumbriafoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Cumbria-Revealed-Final-web-version.pdf>



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Anna, pictured on left, a previous Faith in Action volunteer, at a climate change lobby in Rome.

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Lancaster Diocesan Faith & Justice Commission are organising a service to celebrate creation on Wednesday 20th September 7:00pm in St Monica's Blackpool. More details later

National Justice & Peace Network



39th Annual Conference

Organised in partnership with Archbishop Romero Trust, CAFOD, CSAN, Church Action on Poverty, Columbans, Vincentians in Partnership



Friday 21 - Sunday 23 July 2017
The Hayes Conference Centre
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Speakers

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Thinking Scripture-God in the Bible 14th-17th July

Thinking Faith - Conversion & Change

22nd to 29th July 2017 The week will be open to Catholics in their 20s to 40s.

For more information

www.boarbankhall.org.uk/events



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Events & Opportunities for Awareness Raising

14-17th July	Thinking Scripture-God in the Bible Boarbank Hall see p.15
14th July	Rally on fracking Preston New Road Blackpool see p.15
15th July	Blackbirds at Dawn –Lancaster see p.15
21-23rd July	NJPN Annual Justice & Peace Conference Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. <i>‘A Sabbath for the Earth and the Poor: The Challenge of Pope Francis.</i> Email: admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk ; Tel: 0207 901 4864 www.justice-and-peace.org.uk
22-29th July	Thinking Faith - Conversion & Change in Cumbria open to Catholics in their 20s to 40s. p 12
26nd July	CT in Lancaster Treading Lightly Conversation 8pm Wednesday in the bar of the Duke’s Theatre Lancaster
6&9th August	Anniversaries of the first use of atomic weapons at Hiroshima & Nagasaki. Prayer resources www.paxchristi.org.uk
12th August	100th Anniversary of Romero’s birth 12:30pm Mass Southwark Cathedral
18-21st August	Pax Christi :Pedal for Peace
1st September	Day of Prayer for Care of Creation http://seasonofcreation.org www.columbans.co.uk/creation-time/
1-4th October	Season of Creation www.ctbi.org.uk
4-11 September	Stop the Arms Fair week of action www.stopthearmsfair.org.uk
5th September	No Faith in War at DSEi London www.londoncatholicworker.org
11 th September	CAFOD Carlisle Harvest Fast Day Briefing 7.00 - 8.30 pm see p.
17-23th Sept	World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel :Voices of the young ... visions for the future. Pray for a peace process to end 50 years of Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories; Learn from the young people of the Holy Land and their visions for the future; Act to create a just peace for all the people of Palestine & Israel. http://tinyurl.com/UK-WWPPI
20th September	Celebrating Creation Service 7:00 St Monica’s Blackpool
21st September	Peace-One-Day www.peaceoneday.org/global-campaigns
23rd September	NJPN Open Networking Day 10.30am-1.30pm, CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB followed at 3pm by
23rd September	Evensong for centenary of the birth of Blessed Oscar Romero, Westminster Abbey see p.12
6 th October	Harvest Fast Day –CAFOD
7th October	Celebrating Together Churches Together Cumbria see p.13
8-14 October	Prison Sunday & Prisons Week www.prisonsworldweek.org
21st October	ACTA National Conference Birmingham
19th October	World Day of the Poor see p.10
15-22 October	Week of Prayer for World Peace www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.org
22-29 October	One World Week www.oneworldweek.org

Columbans UK now have a youtube channel. Videos such as “10,000 reasons to Hope” about Flame 2017 and “Westminster Migrants Mass 2016” are available at <https://www.youtube.com>

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