

Lancaster Faith & Justice Commission Parish News Bulletin June 2018

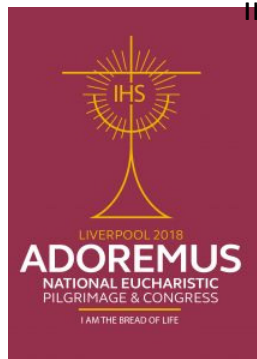
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The Bishops of England and Wales National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress

in Liverpool from Friday 7th until Sunday the 9th September

<http://catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018>



Congress Programme

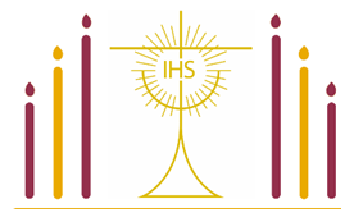
Friday 7th – talks & workshops £40 per person. Friday talks and workshops. Catechists, clergy, chaplains, school staff and musicians are the audience for these talks.

Saturday 8th – all day event at the Liverpool Echo Arena. £40 per person with keynote speaker Bishop Robert Barron (Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles).

Sunday 9th – 9:30 & 11am Masses at the Metropolitan Cathedral with a Eucharistic Procession at 12:30pm. These Masses require tickets because of delegate numbers.

For tickets in Lancaster Diocese:

Fr John Millar 01772796053 E: jjwmillar1@gmail.com
Mr Paul Briers 01946834834 E: guildshop@yahoo.co.uk



**ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL
PARALLEL PROGRAMME**

Parallel Programme

7th -9th September

Talks, discussions, workshops, prayer opportunities, cultural and youth events as

well as planned walks around the city complementing the main events of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress Adoremus 2018

Venues in the centre of Liverpool and open to all:

Friday afternoon and evening, Saturday afternoon and evening, 7-8 September with some events continuing Sunday 9 September

The programme includes **Broken TV series: a discussion with Director Jimmy McGovern; Food for the Hungry: practical responses to physical hunger; Reconciliation and the Eucharist with Pax Christi; Environment: 'On the altar of the world'** (members of F&J Commission are involved) and many more and varied including an evening **sing-along of famous Liverpool songs** when Nugent hosts an evening sing-along of songs that made Liverpool famous throughout the world. This includes Beatles tunes, sea shanties and popular songs in an evening event for families, people with disabilities and anyone who enjoys a sing-along!

Find the full parallel programme and maps of venues in the centre of Liverpool and guided walks at: www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk/newsletter/adoremus-congress



Modern Day Slavery: How Can The Church Respond?



Speaker: Rachel Jobes,
Regional Development Worker, 'Hope For Justice'

7:30pm 19th June

Cornerstones, Sulyard Street, Lancaster LA1 1PX



All Welcome



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IS AUSTERITY OVER? By John Battle

"When the Church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises" BI Oscar Romero

In "Reimagining Britain" Archbishop Justin Welby writes austerity is *"a word that almost invariably conceals the crushing of the weak"*. Since 2010 when the austerity programme was introduced by Chancellor George Osborne, it has been the 'welfare budget' that has borne the brunt of the reductions. It is the unemployed, those on disability and the working poor in low paid temporary and part time or zero hours work or who have registered themselves as 'self-employed' who are paying the price, not least as any wage increases are still wiped out by inflation and rising prices. Over a million now turn up at food banks as working families struggle to make ends meet.

What's more, the Chancellor's talk of a 'light at the end of the tunnel' for thousands of families is 'the light of the on coming train' of more reductions in income to come. In April this year the second largest annual cut to the benefits budget kicks in. According to the independent Resolution Foundation over 11 million people will pay the price for £2.5 billion being taken out of the welfare budget. The welcomed increase in the national living wage (the traditional statutory minimum wage) will be wiped out by these cuts leaving people worse off. **From April only the first two children will qualify for child benefit support.** In 2012 child benefit was removed from higher earners. This year the limiting of child benefit to the first two children will mean that 150,00 families lose £2,870 a year for having a third child. It was a strange cut introduced by Iain Duncan Smith that reeked of the Chinese 'family reduction policies' as the only non-means tested benefit given directly to the mother as society's contribution to bringing up the next generation. It is in reality an anti-family policy which he insisted was to make parents be financially responsible for having children. Limiting free school meals for children in year three under the new universal credit rules only compounds the impact.

Yet the Catholic Church approach has always resisted basing family policy on personal economic situations. Refusing to pay for the third born (especially if they are a twin) undermines that family centred approach and makes families subject to economics. The poor pay a high price for having children. Meanwhile working age 'top up' benefits will be frozen for a third year, affecting some 11 million working families in lower paid work. Many will be moved onto the new universal credit and thousands will lose the family element of support from new tax credits. 400,000 families will lose out and be expected to search for higher paid work to make up for their losses. According to the Institute of Fiscal Studies Britain is 'nowhere near out of austerity'. For thousands of families in low paid work the worst is still to come with real reductions in their incomes. Meanwhile the highest earners are benefiting from real tax cuts. Pope Francis's invocation to become a Church of the poor has yet to be realized here.

"The Church is persecuted because it wants to be the Church of Christ. If the church preaches eternal salvation without getting involved in the real problems of the world it may be respected and appreciated and even rewarded with privileges; but if its mission is to denounce sins that force people into poverty and if it proclaims the hope of a more just and humane world then it will suffer persecution and calumny and be called subversive and communist"

BI Oscar Romero

John Battle in Diocese Leeds Justice and Peace Newsletter

Read a little more detail about the effect of benefit changes in a Resolution Foundation blogpost at: <https://tinyurl.com/yaxymh8t>



In Communion with
Oscar Romero & Rutilio Grande, SJ

Archbishop Oscar Romero will be canonized on 14th October 2018 in Rome with others including Pope Paul VI who was Pope from 1963 to 1978 and presided over the final sessions of the Second Vatican Council. I would like to share two responses to last years centenary pilgrimage of Archbishop Oscar Romero's birth: Chris Lloyd from St Wilfrids Preston in the parish magazine gave her journey with the El Salvador's martyrs in photographs of the art created to commemorate the lives of the poor and the disappeared also available at www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk/newsletter (p32-33) Steve Atherton, worker for Liverpool Archdiocese Justice & Peace Commission wrote a moving El Salvador Journal which is available from m.hardacre@rcaol.co.uk tel:01515221081

Twenty years ago today, as a wide-eyed 16 year old, I went on my first ever protest. Travelling to Birmingham with a group from my church, we joined 70,000 others to surround the G8 summit, demanding debt cancellation for 52 impoverished countries by the year 2000.

Many countries had been trapped in debt for the previous two decades, with reckless lenders being bailed out by new loans from the IMF and World Bank, while economies stagnated and debt increased.



The human chain protest in Birmingham in 1998

The 'Hands Around the G8' protest was a pivotal moment in the global "Jubilee" campaign, the movement that came together to tackle the debt crisis, inspired by the Jewish scriptures' concept of 'jubilees', times when debts were cancelled and slaves freed. Eventually, after hard fought campaigning by people around the world, the G8 leaders returned to the UK in 2005 & committed to [a significant amount of debt cancellation](#).

Thirty-six countries have now had \$130 billion of debt cancelled through the initiatives created by the G8 in response to campaigning. However, there were three main failures of the campaign.

One was that in order to receive debt relief, countries had to bring in contentious free market economic policies, [including water privatisation in Tanzania](#) and [selling off grain reserves in Malawi](#).

Secondly, many countries were excluded from the debt relief scheme because, despite facing big poverty challenges, they were considered to be too rich. Some of these, such as [Jamaica](#) and [Pakistan](#), have continued to suffer an ongoing debt crisis for the last twenty years, with interest payments being extracted at a cost to poverty reduction and economic development.

Thirdly, the Jubilee campaign's proposals to prevent debt crises from occurring again were largely ignored.

Ten years after the 1998 protest, this failure was brought home with the financial crisis in North America and Europe, and subsequent Eurozone debt crisis [which replicated many of the features of the 'Third World Debt Crisis' in the 1980s and 1990s](#). Ten more years on, we are now witnessing another debt crisis emerging across many impoverished countries. [Average government external debt payments have increased 60% in the last three years](#), & are at the highest level since 2004

Jubilee Debt Campaign [new research](#) reveals that more countries have fallen into debt crisis. 31 countries are now in debt crisis across the world, up from 27 a year ago. There are a further 82 at risk of a crisis, as rising global interest rates threaten to make things worse.

The IMF reports that of 67 impoverished countries it assesses, [6 are in debt distress, 24 at high risk, 27 at moderate and just ten at low risk of debt default](#).

Jubilee Debt Campaign has calculated that of the 52 countries we called for debt cancellation for in 1998, 20 have higher debt payments now, as a proportion of government revenue, than they did in 2000. This includes some who received debt relief, such as Ghana, Mozambique, Chad and Gambia.



Other countries now in debt crisis, such as Mongolia, Laos and Bhutan were not included in debt relief schemes, showing how vulnerable countries are to such crises. One key reason for this vulnerability is dependence on commodities – fossil fuels, metals and cash crops – for income earned from the rest of the world. Commodities vary wildly in price and often provide few jobs. When prices are high speculators are keen to give loans. But when they fall, economic collapse can be the result. The fall in [commodity prices in 2014 is a central factor behind recent increases in impoverished country debt payments](#) *cont.p.4*

Con 3 Another factor behind rising debts has been the global interest rate environment. Since the 2008 financial crisis, interest rates have been kept low in order to try and stimulate growth in the US and Europe. This has led to lenders looking to increase lending to impoverished countries where they can get higher returns. In some of the most extreme cases, such as [Mozambique](#) and [Republic of Congo](#), lenders and government officials have hidden loans from parliaments and the public, preventing the lenders from being held to account

Finally, governments are still failing to collect enough money in tax to fund basic needs and investments. There have been recent **positive moves forward** on tackling tax avoidance and evasion, but without adequate tax revenues, governments are left more dependent on debt to try to fund the sustainable development goals. Debt cancellation is a necessary response when debts are too high. But one-off debt cancellations will just lead to cycles of crisis being repeated unless the underlying causes of debt dependence are tackled. Governments and lenders need to be made more accountable, through regulations to strengthen transparency around lending.

And global action is needed to tackle tax avoidance and evasion, as well as renewed attention on policies which will enable countries to become less dependent on commodities.

The response to the new round of debt crises has been very similar to that in the 1980s and 1990s, and in the Eurozone in the 2010s. More loans are being given by the likes of the IMF and World Bank, enabling interest to be paid, while debts increase. This actively incentivises reckless lending, by ensuring lenders are paid off. Instead, lenders should be made to pay at least some of the price for reckless lending, with the costs of crises shared between borrower and lender.

This time we cannot wait another twenty years for a one-off sticking plaster solution – a debt relief scheme which provides limited breathing space but does nothing to address the underlying causes of the boom bust cycle of debt crisis. New rules for responsible lending alongside ending the system of bailouts for lenders will nip this crisis in the bud, and greatly reduce the chances of future global debt crises.

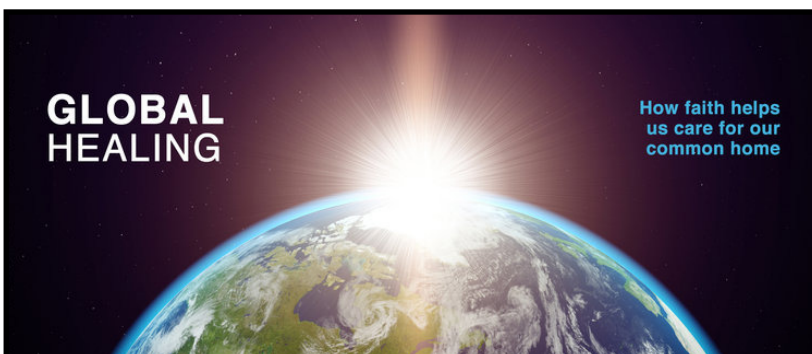
Tim Jones <https://jubileedebt.org.uk/blog/>



Too much debt causes poverty and inequality by extracting wealth and enriching the 1%.

Jubilee Debt Campaign UK is a charity working to end poverty caused by unjust debt through education, research and campaigning

<https://jubileedebt.org.uk/>



On "Creation Day" -1st September 2018

The film "Global Healing" will be launched by the Bishops of England and Wales as a foundation for a practical response from individuals, families, parishes & dioceses. Resources will be available from August on www.ourcommonhome.co.uk

"Evidence is constantly increasing which shows the urgency now required to reverse the damage to our planet. Pope Francis speaks of hope and confidence that we can achieve this change but it is for everyone to be recognising the practical possibilities that each one of us has, even in our daily routines and choices to achieve Global Healing."

Bishop John Arnold Salford Diocese



Refugee Week June 2018

'There but for Fortune...'
Working with Asylum
Seekers and Refugees.

Maggie Bruno is giving an illustrated talk using case examples:

- an overview of the asylum process,
- how she became involved with supporting refugees,
- her work as a Caseworker with the British Red Cross Bradford Drop In Centre for Destitute Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- the activities of the local Bentham Area Refugee Support Group.

7.30pm Wednesday 20 June 2018

Methodist Church Bentham.

Tea and Coffee served

Organised by Bentham Area Refugee Support Group

contact davidmaggiebruno@gmail.com



REFUGEE WEEK

18TH - 25TH JUNE

Thurs 21st June - 7pm. Dukes Theatre Lancaster Open-Mic Night, featuring 'Survival', a home grown comedy about being a refugee (pay as you feel).

Fri 22nd June - 5.40pm. Dukes Cinema Lancaster Human Flow. Film directed by Ai Wei Wei

Sat 23rd June- 2-8pm Friends Meeting House Lancaster Celebration with food, music, drumming, dance, and children's activities.

All week - Lancaster Library Refugee Digital Stories

TBC - Morecambe: Escape to Safety Exhibition:

interactive multimedia experience of asylum-seeking

www.globallink.org.uk www.refugeeweek.org.uk

**Find out more about the
Syrian Refugees Community Sponsorship Scheme
on Wednesday 13th June at 7:30pm in
St Mary & St Michael Parish Hall, Settle BD24 9RA
Speaker: Sean Ryan**

Take part in CAFOD's Share the Journey campaign.

Inspired by Pope Francis' special concern for people on the move, CAFOD are urging Britain to play a leading role in the forthcoming global compacts on migration and refugees at the United Nations in September. CAFOD are inviting parishes, schools and groups to join us in a walk around the world to urge world leaders to step up to protect rights of refugees and migrants. [Share the Journey walk](#) within your parish, or to simply encourage people to take part in a 'Walk to Church Sunday.' You can do this at any point throughout the year, but many are choosing to do theirs to coincide with the **Share the Journey 'Week of Action', which runs from 18-24 June.**

Share the Journey resources at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey>



[Share the Journey walks](#) in Lancaster Diocese in June

Saturday 16th June Holy Family, Warton. Parish are going to base their Annual Freckleton Club Day parish processional walk on "Share the Journey",

Sunday 17th June St Peter's, Lytham. Parish holding a Walk to Church Sunday.

Sunday 17th June Our Lady Star of the Sea, St Anne's. Parishioners asked to dedicate a walk towards this event; it might be as simple as walking to church on June 17th or to plan a hike further afield on a different day. Then fill in the mileage slip and hand it in to our Tea & Toast gathering on Sunday 17th June between 10 and 11am at Parish Centre.

Sunday 17th June Our Lady & St Edward's, Preston. Parish Walk to Church weekend and also inviting parish groups to organise walks.

Wednesday 20th June Churches Together in Fulwood & Broughton. The annual evening stroll will be held this year on 20 June (World Refugee Day). Meeting at Sherwood Pub at 7.30 for 7.45 start. About a mile and a half with some reflections on refugees during the walk.

Wednesday 20th June St Mary's Catholic Academy, Blackpool, together with parishes in Blackpool and Poulton. Walk starting at 10am at Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Road, Blackpool, walking along the promenade to South Pier & back for Mass at noon.

Saturday 23rd June St Peter's, Lytham. On Lytham Club Day, all church denominations in Lytham walking in the parade, and this year they have all agreed to count their miles towards Share the Journey.

Saturday 23rd June St Mary of Furness, Ulverston & Dalton. Parish walk from Our Lady's Church in Dalton starting at 11.00am to St Mary's in Ulverston. It is a flat walk of approx. 5 miles, there are stiles, and can be muddy in places. Bring a drink and sandwich. Tea and cakes in Ulverston when we finish.

Sunday 24th June St Anthony of Padua, Preston. Parish walk starting at 2pm from the church. It will cover about 3 miles along pushchair-friendly paths along the canal and through Haslam Park, taking about 1.5 hours.

Sunday 24th June St Gregory's, Preston. Parish walk will take place after the Sunday 10am Mass and lead from St Gregory's Church, walking around Moor Park, and finishing back at church for tea and biscuits.

CAFOD expresses grave concern over the violence at Israeli-Gaza border protests

Palestinians in Gaza have been demonstrating each Friday since 30 March in the 'Great March of Return'. In largely community-based gatherings of citizens, young and old, people share stories of the villages their families fled in 1948, sing songs and cook food before they march to the border and call for freedom. The protests were due to conclude on 14 May with the move of the US Embassy to Jerusalem and on 15 May with the anniversary of Palestinian displacement in 1948, when the State of Israel was created. Since the protests began, Israel has been responding with lethal force. On 14 May alone more than 60 Palestinians were killed with live fire from Israeli soldiers and over 2,700 injured.

The Gaza Strip along with the West Bank including East Jerusalem, has been under Israeli occupation since 1967. The closure of Gaza covers land, sea and air space and was tightened more than 10 years ago. Almost two million Palestinians in Gaza remain 'locked in'. They are denied free access to the rest of the occupied Palestinian territory and the outside world. They cannot exercise their fundamental rights to safe water, adequate health care, work or mobility. The current situation is unsustainable. The closure has undermined the living conditions in Gaza, fragmented the occupied Palestinian territory and its economic and social fabric

[Email the Foreign Secretary to take action](#)

Our response Mary Lucas, CAFOD's Middle East Country Representative, returned recently from Gaza. She said: *"We are deeply distressed by the loss of life in Gaza. People I met there spoke of hopelessness and despair, especially among the young, and they fear what will come next. The protests are intended to claim back dignity and tell the world the people of Gaza will not be forgotten."*

"While the diplomatic community, including the UK Government, wait for an American-led peace initiative, the people of Gaza have dire humanitarian needs that cannot wait."

"Eleven years of the closure of Gaza by Israel has resulted in siege-like conditions, with food, medicines, and fuel running critically low. The numbers of deaths and injuries during the protests have brought hospitals and health services to collapsing point. This recent escalation in violence threatens hopes for a peaceful solution for both Israelis and Palestinians."

Pope Francis used his Easter Sunday address to call for "reconciliation for the Holy Land," in an apparent reference to violence on the Israeli-Gaza border. On 15 May, Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, called all Christians (of the Diocese) to "join in prayer for the Holy Land, the peace of all its inhabitants, for the peace of Jerusalem, for the victims of this interminable conflict of the Holy Land". Mary Lucas said: "We are calling on Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson to urge Israel to show respect for life and restraint towards those demonstrating in Gaza, to call for an independent investigation into recent events in Gaza and put the UK government's weight behind a renewed effort to end the closure of Gaza."

Prayer is powerful, and it underpins all that we do at CAFOD. We can show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in this holy land during these troubled times, by remembering that we are united in one world, one body and one Christ. Please join us in praying for peace and reconciliation for this holy land.

You can respond to Pope Francis' and the local Church's call for reconciliation. Israelis and Palestinians both need security, peace and to live in dignity, free from injustice, if communities are to flourish and contribute meaningfully to the common good. Together with our partners, we believe that suffering, injustice, violence and war will only end when the occupation ends. Ending the closure of Gaza is an important step to achieving this.

It is time for a renewed effort to end the closure of Gaza.

[Please email the Foreign Secretary, Boris Johnson](#)

ask him to:

- support calls for a comprehensive, independent and transparent investigation into recent events in Gaza
- lead, as a matter of urgency, a renewed effort to end the closure of Gaza
- to give strength to re-establishing a meaningful peace process

The gift of peace



May God give wisdom and courage
to those who work for peace.

We pray that their efforts may be blessed,
that they may bring an end to violence
and solace and stability to suffering peoples.

May the gift of peace permeate all troubled souls,
convert all who live by violence
and comfort all children who live in menacing situations,
that the freedom to enjoy life and grow in safety may be theirs.

And may each one of us know
peace of mind and heart,
peace of body and spirit,
peace of community and world.

Holy Spirit of Peace, grant our prayer. Amen.

Sr Bridgetta Rooney/CAFOD

[https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/17036/132307/
version/2/file/Prayer_peace_gift-of-peace.docx](https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/17036/132307/version/2/file/Prayer_peace_gift-of-peace.docx)

Email the Foreign Secretary at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/Israeli-Gaza-border-violence>

Forty Years Working Together for Justice and Peace Where we are now and the challenges for the future

*Anne Peacey Chair NJPN at the 40th anniversary and AGM
of the National Justice & Peace Network*

In taking this opportunity to look back over the years and the many wonderful individuals and groups who are part of the NJPN story, a key event from my perspective was the National Pastoral Congress way back in May 1980.



Having the opportunity to be a part of the justice sector was an amazing and exhilarating experience, the memories of that weekend in Liverpool have sustained me through many difficult times when issues of justice and peace have appeared to be side-lined by members of our Church community. The great feeling of hope, the possibilities, the real experience of what our Church could be, that feeling of journeying together, of barriers being broken down ensured that I really felt we were 'all in it together', sharing a common purpose, for me a real 'Resurrection moment'.

I consider myself to be very lucky, for whilst many of those early hopes seemed not to have been realised, having caught a glimpse of the possibilities, I believed that here was a real vision for the future progress of our Catholic communities. The riches of Scripture and of Catholic Social teaching are gifted to us and provide a firm foundation and authenticity in our commitment to strive for a more just and peaceful world for all God's people. If we dare to proclaim 'Jesus is Lord' then we are called to recognise his presence in the faces of those we encounter in the challenges of our daily lives and give an overwhelming 'YES' to Cain's question 'am I my brother's keeper?' (Gen. 4. 9)

So, where are we now? We certainly don't need to replay the great Bob Dylan anthem to remind us that indeed '*the times they are a-changing*' - 'twas ever thus, although somewhat frighteningly, change seems to be happening at an ever increasing rate, environmentally, socially, technologically, educationally and in every which way we can imagine, often beyond our control. How then are we to 'read the signs of the times' in the light of the Gospel, how to discern what are the 'joys and hopes' of all God's people, how to work for 'the common good', how to work for peace? (*Gaudium et Spes: 1065*)

Do we really intend to commit to the huge challenge presented to us as individuals and as members of the Catholic community and of NJPN in our own space and time? In order to discern the signs of our time, here and now, we must first of all take time to reflect, to look and to listen, in order to allow our senses to recognise what is happening around us and to consider how our network must continue to change and grow, in order to respond to identified needs. In fact using the Pastoral Cycle.

Membership of NJPN is open to all who share its vision & values, aiming to become more effective facilitators and communicators of the Gospel of justice, peace and love, to be an authentic witness, listening to and in solidarity with those on the margins, working with identified allies, and seeking further collaboration with both faith and secular groups, communicating ideas, articulating an alternative narrative and values.

Four areas of priority identified in September 2016 remain, and response to these issues continues to form the basis of our planning: *Movement of people, Environment, Inequality, Peace and non-violence.*

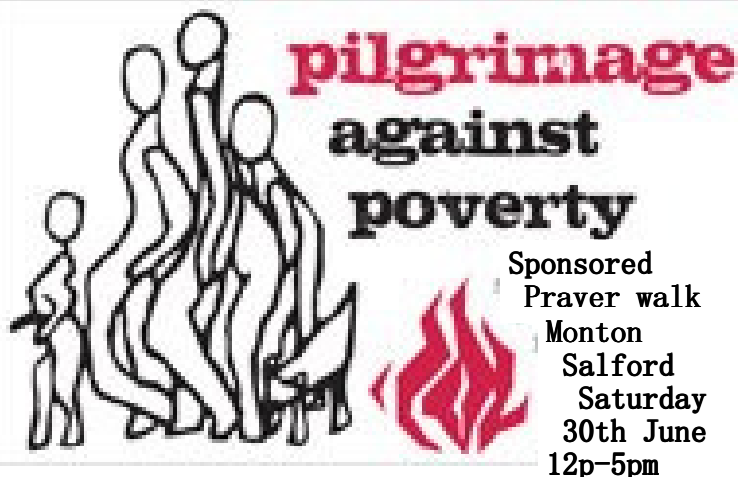
The challenge for each of us is discern how best to work with members of diocesan, parish and local J&P groups, with those searching for a more just and peaceful world and hoping to find solidarity and support at our conference and/or networking days, how to hold out a hand of friendship to those who feel isolated and powerless, how to effect change in our society, globally and domestically where many feel that the voice of the Church is not speaking out with sufficient clarity and force on matters which concern all people of good will. Religious and secular structures are changing rapidly and the old certainties can no longer be taken for granted, with instant communication the world is getting smaller and information available at the click of a button. This is the reality of our world, a world where many suffer as a result of the actions of a few.

At this moment in time where do issues of justice and peace sit within our Catholic dioceses and parishes, how are those who feel alienated, disillusioned or excluded to be reached and served? How are the voices of lay men and women heard, do we reach out to and nurture our young people and do we really want to hear what they say to us?

How can we feel again the hope, the possibilities, the real experience of what our Church could be, that feeling of journeying together, of barriers being broken down ensuring that we really are brothers and sisters in Christ, sharing a common home, real 'Resurrection moments'?

Anne Peacey, Chair of NJPN

www.justice-and-peace.org.uk



An invitation for all Church Action on Poverty supporters in the North West, join us for a prayerful walk in beautiful, historic surroundings.

- Learn about the industrial history of our region
- and the connections with our work to build a just and compassionate society today.
- Share prayers and reflection with other Christians concerned about UK poverty and inequality.
- Raise funds through sponsorship to help loosen the grip of poverty in the UK.

<http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/pilgrimage>

Jesus -

image of the unseen God

Prayer, reflection and discussion with

Stephen Hoyland

Saturday 30 June 2018

10.00am – 3.00pm

at The Friends Meeting House
Meeting House Lane, Lancaster LA1 1TX

Please bring a packed lunch.

Tea and coffee are provided.

Parking at the Railway Station

To book please

email anne.foley@blueyonder.co.uk.

T: 01772 555483



ACTA - A Call to Action - 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.

Lobbying your MP makes a difference



**Find out more about being a
CAFOD MP Correspondent**

Your local MP is your link to Parliament. They influence decisions which affect the future of the world's poorest people. By becoming a CAFOD MP Correspondent (MPC), you can help to ensure that the voices of many of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people are heard in the corridors of power. Through letters and meetings with MPs, CAFOD supporters have already helped change government policy. We've helped secure tough laws to tackle climate change, and ensure the UK are world-leading in their overseas aid contribution.

[Start lobbying today: become an MP Correspondent](https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/How-to-Campaign/Get-to-know-your-MP)

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Emily Thornberry and Matt Rodda were amongst the MPs who spoke to CAFOD supporters in Parliament

Via Creativa

A series of workshops exploring creativity, interconnection, resilience and soul.

- Friday 8th June - Games for Actors & Non-Actors
- Friday 15th June - Movement & Expression
- Friday 22nd June - Storytelling

7PM – 9PM @ Tabor, 169 Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston PR2 8HE
Cost: £5.00 per session on the door. Over 18yrs only.
To book, email Joseph on coopz18@hotmail.com

For more information Email: coopz18@hotmail.com

National Justice & Peace Network

40th Annual Conference



Organised in partnership with
Apostleship of the Sea,
Church Action on Poverty,
Housing Justice,
Prison Advice and Care Trust



Friday 20 - Sunday 22 July 2018
The Hayes Conference Centre
Swanwick, Derbyshire

SPEAKERS:

Rev Al Barrett, David McLoughlin,
Sarah Teather, John Grogan MP,

The Conference will be chaired by Housing Justice
CELEBRANT: Fr Colum Kelly, Apostleship of the Sea,
port chaplain for Immingham.

PLUS *Just Fair Market Place* *Workshops* *Festival*

Includes Programmes for Children and Young People

Information and booking forms available at: www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/

Or for more information contact: The Administrator, NJPN, 39
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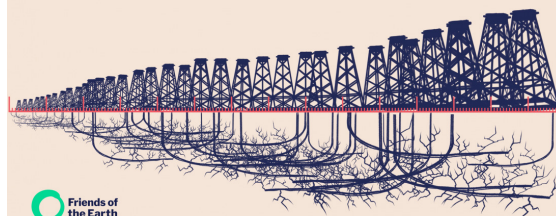
The government is planning to drastically rewrite planning rules that could make it as easy for fracking companies to drill as putting up a garden shed.

Local people and local councils would no longer have a say.

Fracking companies could start drilling across huge parts of the country without any planning applications.

Friends of the Earth petition to tell the government to protect local democracy. <https://act.friendsoftheearth.uk/act/stop-government-forcing-fracking-communities>

Let communities decide.



30th June - 8th July Speak Up Week on climate change and renewable energy to your MP

Ten years ago MPs across parties came together to create the world's first Climate Change Act. Since then MPs and campaigners have worked hard to ensure that successive governments implement this law by cutting emissions and adapting to climate change. But in ten years the world has also moved on: many other governments have set their own laws and targets, some more ambitious than the UK's; and the world came together to set the Paris Climate Agreement in 2015.

Now it's time for the UK to begin a new phase of leadership that matches the Paris Agreement, and start by looking again at the Climate Change Act so it is fit for the future. We have shown we can make a difference and MPs have played a critical role in ensuring governments deliver.

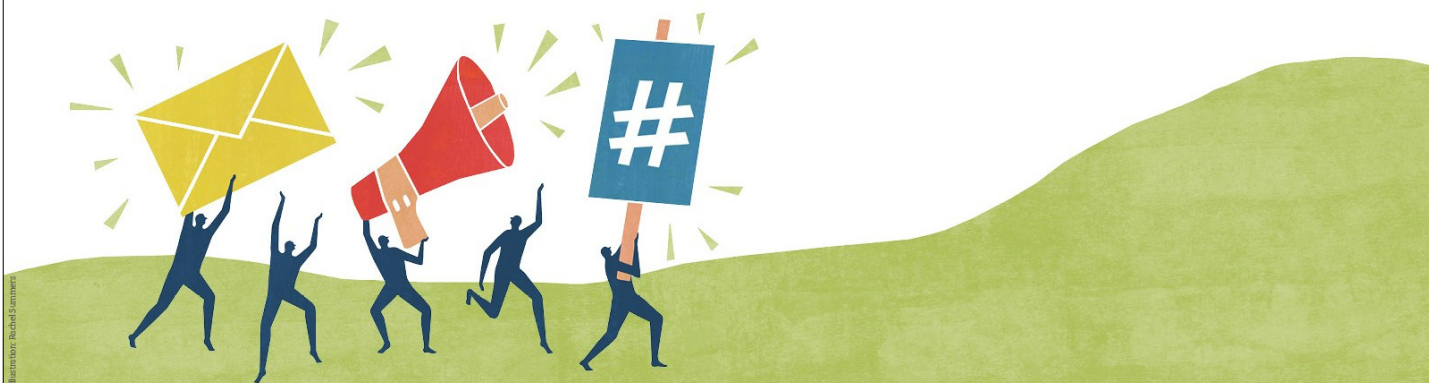
The Climate Coalition will be joining with others to call for the UK's Climate Change Act to be strengthened to match the ambition of the Paris Climate Agreement.

This is a big ask, but when we work together we are powerful.

There is material to help organise an event and briefing paper to help with meeting with your MP

All available at: <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/speak-up-week-resources>

The Climate Coalition has a membership of 130 organisations including CAFOD, Women's Institute, WWF, Christian Aid & The National Trust.





Bishop Michael Curry's sermon at the Royal Wedding
at: <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/speaking-and-writing/sermons/power-love-bishop-michael-currys-sermon-wedding-prince-harry-and>

Events & Opportunities for Awareness Raising

2 June	Pax Christi AGM Leicester paxchristi.org.uk
5 June	World Development Day unep.org.uk/wed
8th June	Via Creativa Tabor Preston PR2 8HE 7-9pm
13th June	Syrian Refugee Community Sponsorship, speaker Sean Ryan Settle p.5
15th June	Vis Creativa Tabor Preston PR2 8HE 7-9pm
16th June	Share the Journey Freckleton p.5
17 June	Day for Life dayforlife.org
19th June	Hope for Justice –talk by Rachel Jobes 7:30 pm Cornerstones Lancaster LA1 1PX
18-24 June	Refugee Week refugeeweek.org.uk
20th June	"There but for Fortune.." Methodist Church , Station Road Bentham p.5
20th June	Churches Together Fulwood Share the Journey Walk see p.5
20th June	St Mary's Academy Blackpool with parishes Share the Journey walk p.5
22ns June	Creativa Tabor Preston PR2 8HN 7-9pm
26th June	"Eucharist-the new heavens and the new earth" 7pm Lancaster University
26th June	International Day of Support for Victims of Torture un.org/en/events/torturevictimsday/
30th June	Pilgrimage Against Poverty Salford p.8
30th June	Columbans Centenary Mass of Thanksgiving Southwark Cathedral 12:30pm
30-8th July	Speak Up Week for the climate www.theclimatecoalition.org
3rd July	"Sacrament of Charity" 7:30pm St Clare's Preston
7th July	Mass of Thanksgiving for CAFOD Volunteers St Wilfrid's Preston PR1 8BU input from Geoff O'Donoghue, our Director of Operations, followed by light lunch
8th July	Sea Sunday www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk
20-22nd July	NJPN 40th Annual Conference see p.13
6&9th August	Anniversaries of Hiroshima & Nagasaki www.paxchristi.org.uk
22-26th August	World Meeting of Families Dublin http://worldmeeting2018.ie/en
24-27th August	Greenbelt Festival www.greenbelt.org.uk
1st September	Feast of Care of Creation
1st-4th October	Creation Time www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/category/resources
7-9th Sept.	Eucharistic Congress Liverpool see p.1
16-23rd Sept	World Week of Peace in Palestine and Isreal www.oikoumene.org
29-5th October	Good Money Week www.goodmoneyweek.com
5th October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
14-21st October	Prisoners Sunday and Prisons Week www.prisonersweek.org
14-21st October	Week of Prayer for World Peace www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.com
21-28th October	One World Week –the world is changing-how about us? Www.oneworldweek.org

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