

Lancaster Faith & Justice Commission Parish News Bulletin July 2018

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Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Saturday 1st September 2018

Season of Creation
1st September to 4th October 2018

Lancaster Diocesan Faith & Justice Commission

Faith and our Common Home - how do we heal the world?

an evening of prayer, reflection
and sharing ideas

Thursday Sept 27th 7.15pm - 8.30pm

at St. Bernadette's Church,
Lancaster LA1 4HT.

The start of a week of prayer
for creation ending on the Feast of
St. Francis.

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A Prayer for our Earth from Laudato Si'

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this
Earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the Earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

Let Communities Decide

The government is proposing massive changes to planning rules that could give the fracking industry a green light to cover swathes of the country in drills.

If these changes went ahead, fracking companies could start drilling across the country without local planning applications, threatening communities and the climate in the process. This flies in the face of local democracy and threatens to slash community involvement in decision-making. The Permitted Development Consultation Document found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/permitted-development-for-shale-gas-exploration> The Permitted Development consultation continues until 25th October 2018, advise and help to respond can be found on a number of websites including <https://gofossilfree.org/uk/let-communities-decide/> and <https://www.frackfreeunited.co.uk/permitted-development-and-nsip/what-you-can-do/> Sign the petition at <https://act.friendsoftheearth.uk/act/stop-government-forcing-fracking-communities>



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Creation Time begins on September 1st the World Day of Prayer for Creation

The Lancaster Diocese Environment Group of the Faith and Justice Commission reflect on the meaning of Creation Time and how to celebrate it. In 2015 Pope Francis instituted September 1st to be a special day of prayer for creation. It marks the beginning of Creation Time that runs through to October 4th, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron of the environment. In *Laudato Si'*, his encyclical letter the same year, which he addressed to the whole world, Pope Francis says: *"Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life"* (para 207).

But he also challenges each one of us, saying: *"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation"*.

It has been a long-held Christian tradition to celebrate the harvest - our deep connections and dependence upon the bounty of nature.

So what should Creation Time mean in our own lives and in our parishes?

St Francis of Assisi said *"Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if you*

have to". As Catholics we should set an example for the world on the need to care for creation and to share our common home justly with all our brothers and sisters.

Creation Time gives us a precious opportunity to pause in the midst of our day-to-day lives and reflect on our own ways of living when indifference, complacency and inaction by the majority of people remains the biggest threat to the wellbeing of our earth, its creatures and its vulnerable communities.

Maybe the parish could set aside a time for a reflective service perhaps combined with Exposition, to celebrate with joy the gift of creation and reflect on how we care for it, and how we wound it. There are numerous resources: CAFOD have prayers and service suggestions on their web site (cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/World-Day-of-Prayer); so too the Columbans (www.columbans.co.uk/justice-peace-ipc-2/creation-time). Seasonofcreation.org and www.ecocongregationscotland.org/materials/creation-time are well worth a look, and we also have sample services at the Faith & Justice office in Lancaster.

To help us the Bishops of England and Wales have launched a powerful resource "Global Healing" to coincide with Creation Time to help us reflect on what we value as Christians and to find ways to take action to care for our common home. There are free film clips and materials to help individuals and groups reflect on the wonderful teaching in *Laudato Si'*. The Bishops suggest sharing a meal to allow time for relaxed discussion.

You can find out more at www.ourcommonhome.co.uk

As a start you are most welcome on Thursday Sept 27th to *Faith and our Common Home - how do we heal the world?*

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*Every drop of water we drink,
every strand of cotton we wear,
every word we write on our com-
puters affects the environment in
some way. God offers us the light
and the strength needed to make
vital and courageous changes in
our lives.*
CAFOD



The film "Global Healing" is a foundation for a practical response from individuals, families, parishes & dioceses

There is no doubt that we are doing great damage to our planet – our common home. Pope Francis calls on all of us to respond and this [Global Healing] filmed resource will help us do that together in our communities & families, for the sake of future generations.

*Bishop John Arnold.
Environment spokesman, Bishops' Conference*

WHY CATHOLICS STAND AGAINST FRACKING IN LANCASHIRE

Bob Turner 14 August 2018

Following the announcement - on the last day of Parliament before summer - that fracking at the Preston New Road site in Lancashire has been given the final go-ahead by the Government, I would like to outline a few points to Claire Perry our Energy and Clean Growth Minister

Fracking is one of the dirtiest methods of extracting fossil fuels. Its production of gas would not be compatible with the targets to cut fossil fuel use required to tackle climate change. The health hazards and pollution of water resources are well documented and the fear of earthquakes is an unknown quantity not to be ignored. It will lead to damaging development in the countryside and hit house prices. It is estimated it would require 6000 wells to replace 50% of the UK's gas imports over a 15 year period. The pipelines and the millions of extra lorry movements up and down country roads, would bring excessive pollution and serious disruption to large parts of the country. The impact of one single well has been significant in North Yorkshire, where impacts from noise, traffic and noxious smells are reported. It has been said that some local businesses have closed and the community is divided. The combined impact of over 6,000 wells would be wide-ranging and severe.... a far cry from the wonderful opportunities that are laid out in Cuadrilla's glossy brochure.

Cuadrilla, now granted the licence to frack at Preston New Road in September, is one of a group of fracking companies of which INEOS is the major player. INEOS produces Ethane from the fracked gas.... a long and dirty process. Ethane is the base material for plastics used in packaging.... the same plastics which we are allegedly trying to reduce !.... However INEOS is building bigger factories to produce more and more. The owner has just been revealed as the richest man in the UK with his wealth more than tripling in the last 12 months and he recently received a knighthood in the Queen's birthday honours list.

Carroll Muffett, president of the US Centre for International Environmental Law, states that "Around 99% of the feedstock for plastics is fossil fuelsthere is a deep and pervasive relationship between oil and gas companies and plastics." Liz Hutchins, Friends of the Earth's Director of Campaigns, said it had taken seven years for the Fracking industry to reach the point it had, during which time Renewable Energy sources had gone from supplying one tenth of the UK's electricity to a third.

Earlier this month Ms Perry's department published The 2018 International Climate Finance (ICF) results. These show the beneficial impact UK investments can have in tackling climate change and in protecting vulnerable people. The ICF has supported 47 million people to cope with the effects of climate change and has provided 17 million people with improved access to clean energy. There is a contradiction here. We have done wonders elsewhere in the world but we appear to be taking a backward step with our responsibilities on home soil.

We have urgent problems to tackle, as highlighted by Pope Francis in his Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. Fossil fuels must stay in the ground and we need to stop our binge on single use plastic as soon as possible.... or the future is very bleak for our grandchildren and their children. In the newly released parish resource film **Global Healing** (see resources above) Bishop John Arnold is asking us to take practical action in many different ways including nagging our politicians.

See: www.ourcommonhome.co.uk/practical-response (12min 40sec) and www.ourcommonhome.co.uk/
<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35443>



Bob Turner speaking outside the gates of the fracking site in Blackpool with other speakers Sr Marian Davey and Dr Stephen Garsed

A UK government report concluding that shale gas extraction increases air pollution was left unpublished for three years and only released four days after ministers approved fracking in Lancashire, it has emerged. The report, written by the government's Air Quality Expert Group (AQEG), was given to ministers in 2015, but was published quietly on 27 July. Fracking firm Cuadrilla was given the first permit under a new regulatory regime on 24 July, the final day of the parliamentary year.

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/aug/02/buried-uk-government-report-finds-fracking-increases-air-pollution?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other



ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL PARALLEL PROGRAMME

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress

'Environment: On the Altar of the World

– explorations of a sacramental theology of creation' .

Church of St Philip Neri, 30 Catharine St. L8 7NL

Saturday 8th September 12 noon to 6pm

When we receive the Eucharist at Mass it is unlikely our thoughts are primarily focussed on the wonders of creation or the call to care for it. Yet the central symbols of the Eucharist, the bread and wine which become the Body and Blood of Christ, are so obviously fruits of the earth.

There is a seamless connection between God's creation, our transformation of the gifts he provides and the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit as we offer back to God wheat we have made into bread and of grapes we have made into wine for the Holy Spirit to transform into the life-giving Eucharist. Our response should be one of thanksgiving for what God has given us (the root of the word Eucharist) and a desire to be good stewards of His wonderful creation.

Receiving the Eucharist and contemplating the Blessed Sacrament not only nourishes us and strengthens our faith but also makes demands on how we should live and how we should see the world. Pope Francis expresses this with great eloquence in *Laudato Si*: *"It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation. The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation"*. (para 236).

The Lancaster Faith and Justice Commission along with the National Justice and Peace Network, Pax Christi, and some of the other Northern Dioceses, will be helping to explore the Eucharist and Care of our Common Home at the National Eucharistic Congress. Whilst the main events in the Echo Arena and Cathedral are ticket only, this event and several other parallel events in the surrounding churches and venues are open to everyone on Friday and Saturday. Through readings, practical activities, presentations, meditative reflection (and more) they complement the main programme by encouraging us to think more deeply about particular aspects of the Eucharist.

Topics will include *Laudato Si*', personal pledges, the LiveSimply award, and practical activities such as making bread, eco bricks and bird/bat boxes. We do hope you can join us for some or all of the day.

More details at

[www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk/
newsletter/adoremus-congress](http://www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk/newsletter/adoremus-congress)

or from LFJC@talktalk.net or 01524 383081



On the altar of the world

National Justice & Peace Network
Saturday 8th September 2018

St Philip Neri Church
30 Catherine Street, Liverpool L8 7NL

11.00am – 12 noon
NJPN Welcome and Networking Time

12 noon – 5.00pm
A programme of events exploring the sacramental theology of creation, and reconciliation, forgiveness, peace and the Eucharist.

More details at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/adoremus
Contact Ann Kelly | admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk | 020 7901 4864



SANCTUARY LANCASHIRE 2018 - Asylum and Refugee Conference

Fri 2 November 2018 09:30 – 16:00 County Hall Conference Suite, Pitt Street, Preston PR1 7QS

A conference and workshops for those involved with Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Lancashire. This year's conference is open to all but will be of special interest to front line staff in public sector bodies, with workshops on Health, Housing, Education and Employment. We would particularly encourage receptionists and front desk staff in surgeries, hospitals, housing advice centres, schools and colleges to book a place.

The morning session will consist of an interactive simulation where participants will experience the life of an asylum seeker who has just arrived in the UK as they navigate their way through a confusing labyrinth of official agencies, representing what was officially described until recently as a "hostile environment".

After a lunch break with space for networking and to peruse the resource market place, there will be a series of themed workshops on housing, education and health sectors with a facilitator and panel of experts including Sanctuary Seekers who are experts by experience. A free buffet lunch and tea/coffee is included in the conference fee.

Any profits from the conference will be assigned to Together Lancashire's Sanctuary Fund which is used to support the housing and emergency needs of destitute asylum seekers. Details and early bird tickets are now available at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sanctuary-lancashire-2018-asylum-and-refugee-conference-tickets-46562124568>

Book before mid September and save £10 - (£20 instead of £30)

KINDERTRANSPORT 80TH ANNIVERSARY - OUR TURN NOW

Barbara Kentish, Westminster Justice and Peace 13 August 2018

A fair number of migrants in Calais at the moment are unaccompanied minors, with every right to apply for entry to the UK. It can be shocking to sit with them in Calais, having delivered survival goods, to realise that some will attempt an illegal lorry crossing that very evening. That is why Westminster Justice and Peace became involved with **Safe Passage**. This is a campaigning group for young people to arrive legally, partly thanks to the 'Dublin III' Agreement which allows unaccompanied migrant children to join their families legally settled in another country. Moreover, in the UK, a further regulation, known as the Dubs Amendment, allows a number of such children in Europe to come to the UK - even without a family link.

Lord Alf Dubs who introduced it was a child refugee himself, arriving here as part of the *Kindertransport* in 1938. Safe Passage has succeeded in processing over 1000 young people's entries into Britain (some have rejoined their families here), and also, recently, in securing cross-party agreement that 'Dubs' and 'Dublin III' will form part of the EU Withdrawal Bill. They are now campaigning for local authorities to provide foster care for a specific and symbolic number of unaccompanied minors, that is, 10,000 over 10 years. In 1938 the *Kindertransport* initiative was successful in arranging admission and resettlement of 10,000 Jewish children, to avoid their deportation to the concentration camps.

Safe Passage has linked up with the *Kindertransport* commemoration group, which will celebrate the 80th anniversary of that achievement in November this year, to invite people throughout the UK to lobby local councils. They declare that 'If every local authority in the country pledged to take in just 3 children a year over 10 years, we would resettle 10,000 children in 10 years'. At their recent launch in Westminster last month, the leader of Hammersmith and Fulham Council pledged to take 100, and Dorset 10. With such generous councils, this target becomes achievable. Safe Passage hopes to present the required number of pledged places to government at the November anniversary event.

Local communities are invited to launch the *Kindertransport* Anniversary Campaign themselves around 2nd September, to mark the death of **Aylan Kurdi***. Children's author Michael Morpurgo has written a playlet, to begin the campaign. **From September to November we are invited to lobby our local authorities to pledge foster places and, crucially, the means to support these young people.** Safe Passage clarifies that this target has been reached in consultation with the United Nations, High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which has asked the UK to resettle 10,000 refugees per year after 2020, when the 20,000 Syrian refugees will be settled. The UK has done it before. All it now requires from us is a welcoming spirit, and some lobbying. One hopes that the UK can step up to the mark, eighty years on, by supporting the *Kindertransport* Campaign. **'Our Turn Now'** as the organisers say. **For information go to**

www.safepassage.org.uk, or email alistair.rooms@safepassage.org.uk for the Information pack and details of Michael Morpurgo's playlet. <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35441>



'Child refugees may be missing because of Home Office failure' says Safe Passage charity, as government loses at Court of Appeal Press release on Tuesday 31 July 2018 read full story at http://safepassage.org.uk/press_posts/child-refugees-may-be-missing-because-of-home-office-failure-says-safe-passage-charity-as-government-loses-at-court-of-appeal/



MP TELLS CONFERENCE: JUSTICE IS NOT HIGH ENOUGH UP THE POLITICAL AGENDA



Ellen Teague 23 July 2018

"Justice is not high enough up the political agenda" a Catholic Labour MP told the annual gathering of the National Justice and Peace Network of England and Wales at the weekend. John Grogan of the Keighley Constituency in Yorkshire singled out benefit sanctions as a key area for advocacy work. He praised his local SVP for supporting disabled and vulnerable people suffering because of the cutting or withholding of benefits, and urged his audience of around 200 J&P activists to stay engaged with poverty issues and "don't give up on democracy".

The 40th conference of the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) in Derbyshire took the theme, '*In the shelter of each other the people live*' and explored building a Church and a society with the most vulnerable at its heart. As well as J&P representatives from around England and Wales, also there were J&P Scotland and Missionary groups - such as the Columbans, Mill Hill Missionaries and Assumption Sisters.

John Grogan's session was chaired by Fr Colum Kelly of Apostleship of the Sea who ministers to seafarers at the port of Immingham and officiated at the conference Mass. He lives at the docks and feels that, "if we are to minister to those in need we need to go to where the hurt is". Many seafarers are away from home for nine months or 12 months at a time. "A lot of what we do for the seafarers are small gestures - by coming on to the ship or giving them some phone cards, Sim cards, or something that can give them wi-fi access," said Fr Colum. He hoped the Church will fully embrace the inspiration of Pope Francis and his call for the Church to be a "field hospital", outgoing and responsive to the needy.

Sally Ruane's workshop on '*The Importance of Public Services*' highlighted the lack of Church political action on saving the National Health Service and on controversial social security reform. The longstanding NHS campaigner from a Leicester parish felt the Church should challenge "the transfer of resources away from poor people" and that "we musn't go back to a hotchpotch of healthcare". Church leaders should be more attuned to the impact of austerity measures, she said, but laity too should "take more social responsibility".

Other keynote speakers also highlighted the plight of vulnerable groups in Britain today. Sarah Teather of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) spoke of asylum seekers getting more destitute in a UK asylum system that is "profoundly flawed" and marked by "deliberate cruelty". -see report on talk on page 7

Theologian David McLoughlin of Newman College in Birmingham called for the Church to see its mission as tackling injustice and endorsed the inspirational leadership of Pope Francis in calling for "a poor Church committed to the poor". Rev Al Barrett, a Church of England Vicar in a Birmingham parish, spoke energetically about being transformed by community-building and empowerment work in a poor area. He works to shift the language from stories of deficits and lacks to stories about unearthing and connecting the diverse and abundant gifts of the neighbourhood. He called for justice rather than charity, and said he admired Brazilian bishop Dom Helder Camara who spoke of this in his Latin American context.

The opening hymn in Friday's liturgy was the Marty Haugen hymn with the first line, "*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live*", encompassing the vision of the conference. At the concluding liturgy young people handed out pebbles to participants, urging them to make ripples and build God's kingdom back in their dioceses.

During the conference, an NJPN 40th anniversary oak tree was planted in the conference grounds.

The link below will take you to the home page of Liverpool J&P, where the four inspiring talks area available on youtube at: www.youtube.com/channel/UCQzJkymJ3su5HJKc7dbiKyQ

To download the text of "[Can anybody hear me?](#)": Christian discipleship in Brexit Britain, in the shadow of Grenfell Tower by Revd Dr Al Barrett, Hodge Hill Church (C of E, Birmingham)



Sarah Teather speaking at NJPN Conference Overturn a “deliberately cruel asylum system”

Report from Philip Crispin

Sarah Teather, the Director of the Jesuit Refugee Service, has urged people of good will to come together in order to overturn the government's "deeply and profoundly flawed asylum process and hostile environment agenda".

Speaking at the annual gathering of the National Justice and Peace Network of England and Wales (NJPN), Ms Teather, a former Liberal Democrat MP and junior minister, said that in the wake of the Windrush Scandal there was a "kind of window" for action. "For the first time in five years, the Home Office is in retreat from its aggressive practices" she said. Ms Teather warned that in reality, however, the freshly named Compliance Agenda "was the same stuff", adding that, "the Government is doing its best to close down scrutiny".

Recently, Cardinal Vincent Nichols described the Government's treatment of asylum seekers as 'a shame on our country' after a visit to a JRS centre, and Ms Teather asserted that refugees and asylum seekers, the most marginalised in our society, were the true subjects of the hostile environment agenda.

Of the 65 million refugees around the world, most are found in the poorest and struggling countries, whereas the United Kingdom receives just 30,000 a year, she said. Asylum seekers were dispersed around the country in poor housing and given little to live on; access to legal aid had been reduced and yet the assessment process itself was fundamentally undermined by a "hermeneutic of suspicion", Ms Teather noted. "That 40 per cent get a refusal of asylum overturned on appeal gives you some sense how bad it is." She proceeded to describe the "web of problems" which trapped those asylum seekers whose applications had been refused. These included the "extraordinary" fact of a Conservative Party criminalising those seeking work and oppressing asylum seekers with destitution, and the constant threat of detention, and the impact this had on mental health.

Of those attending the JRS day centre, she said, "62 per cent had been street homeless in the previous twelve months", while "34 per cent who had found somewhere to stay were frightened of the person or persons they lived with". Here, Ms Teather asked her audience to think why that might be. "This is cruelty meted out in a deliberate way; this is government policy: It is done to make people give up their claims; it is a deliberate attempt to stop people from thinking they are safe," she said.

It was the JRS's mission to provide a counter-culture, to provide hospitality, community and friendship for the demonised, asserted Ms Teather. She applauded her "extraordinary co-workers", particularly women religious who provided shelter and community. At the same time, she noted that it was the asylum seekers themselves who had afforded grace to the sisters at a moment when their own religious orders were winding down. Here was a new calling: to share their community life with those who often came from a different culture or a different faith. The effect on both parties was "completely remarkable".

Ms Teather spoke movingly on coming to recognise a "primal human urge: that of giving to others". She described how the asylum seekers themselves were energised by being able to use their manifold talents at the centre, cooking for guests and each other; sharing their knowledge and practical skills.

Referring to the conference theme, 'In the Shelter of Each Other, the People Live', Ms Teather noted that being drawn into this shadowy shelter through working alongside the marginalised asylum seekers was profoundly transforming and eye-opening. "Here is an encounter with what is true."

She concluded with two resonant quotations, from Psalm 34: 'The Lord hears the cry of the poor: blessed be the name of the Lord,' and from Pope Francis's exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*: 'The face of God is reflected in the faces of our brothers and sisters.'

Dr Philip Crispin is a Lecturer in Drama at the University of Hull

Listen to Sarah's talk at

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5UUtVasGFc86xfJa4vp-uhh6jSE3bhq5>

New revision of number 2267 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the death penalty

– Rescriptum “ex Audentia SS.mi”, 02.08.2018



“All Christians and people of good will are thus called today to fight not only for the abolition of the death penalty, whether legal or illegal, and in all its forms, but also in order to improve prison conditions, with respect for the human dignity of the people deprived of their freedom”

Pope Francis

The death penalty

2267. Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.

Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that “the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person”,^[1] and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide.

[1] FRANCIS, *Address to Participants in the Meeting organized by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization*, 11 October 2017: *L'Osservatore Romano*, 13 October 2017

CHRISTIAN ETHICS OF FARMED ANIMAL WELFARE

Source: Chester University 27 July 2018

A University of Chester Professor has been awarded a £450,000 research grant to develop his work engaging churches and policy makers in relation to farmed animal welfare.

Professor David Clough, who is Professor of Theological Ethics at the University, has been awarded the grant by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) for a three-year project on the Christian ethics of farmed animal welfare. He will be working in partnership with major UK churches and a number of organisations with interests in animal welfare. The project will produce the first academic book on the Christian ethics of farmed animal welfare and a framework for policy for Christian organisations. It will offer support for policy implementation as well as offering briefings to UK government policy-makers.

The partnership will include the Catholic Church, Church of England, Church Investors Group, Compassion in World Farming, and Catholic Concern for Animals. The project will present its findings to the Church Commissioners and offer briefings to the Church of England bishops in the House of Lords, and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Animals.

Professor Clough is a leading international authority on the place of animals in Christian theology and ethics. He is the founder of **Creature Kind** - www.becreaturekind.org - which was established to engage churches and other Christian organisations in thinking about the implications of Christian faith for the treatment of animals, with a special focus on farmed animal welfare.

Full article : <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35443>





Church Action
on Poverty

Your Local Pantry -More than just a full tummy

Church Action on Poverty launches a report laying out the social impact of their food poverty programme

Church Action on Poverty is helping communities reduce food poverty by setting up 'Local Pantry' stores. New research published this week shows how Pantries also increase people's health and well-being, build community, and reduce social isolation. Pantries go beyond the food bank model, creating a sustainable and long-term solution to food poverty. Members pay a small weekly fee, typically £2.50, for which they can choose at least ten items of food each week, along with additional opportunities of volunteering & training.

Interviewees for the research reported improved financial positions, improved health and wellbeing and reduced isolation. The report also found that for every £1 invested that Pantries have generated a £6 return in social value. The Your Local Pantry project, run jointly by Stockport Homes and Church Action on Poverty is now being rolled out nationwide, with communities invited to set up their own affiliated Pantries, to emulate the success in Stockport and unlock food poverty in their area.

Tanya King, Social Inclusion Manager at Stockport Homes, said: "Food poverty is a reality as incomes stagnate with little prospect of increasing. The Pantry model is an effective way to make sure that people's budgets go further. The benefits of Pantries are numerous: they provide breathing space for struggling families; they offer fresh food to households that would otherwise be limited to cheap, less healthy food; and they tackle social isolation. Pantry members we spoke to said the Pantries had allowed them to have enough money to pay for essential bills, or to save for Christmas or to visit family."

Read the full report <http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/pantry/report>



Report: Fix Universal Credit to Prevent More People Going Hungry

Help us send a powerful message to the Prime Minister: promote the petition in your community
End Hunger UK is built on a vision of a society where everyone has access to good food, and no one has to go to bed hungry. We call on Government to fix Universal Credit to prevent more people going hungry. We all rely on the welfare safety net being there for us in times of financial stress or hardship. But Universal Credit is currently failing in that task. In areas where Universal Credit has been rolled out, foodbanks and other food aid providers report a surge in the numbers of people pushed into greater debt, destitution and hunger as a result of delays, errors, a lack of flexibility, and inadequate support.

As a matter of urgency, End Hunger UK is calling on the government to:

- Take action to improve the flexibility and support for people on Universal Credit.
- Make improvements to Universal Credit, to ensure it does not leave more people at risk of debt and destitution.
- Make a long-term commitment to ensure Universal Credit provides people with enough income to afford good food on a regular basis.



Our petition is designed to send a powerful message to the Prime Minister – it's time to fix Universal Credit. We will deliver the petition to 10 Downing Street in the lead-up to the Autumn Budget in mid-November.

Every day in the UK people are going hungry because they cannot afford to eat. You may know someone in this position, or maybe this is you. However, MPs don't know how big the scale of this problem is because, surprisingly, they do not collect statistics on how many people can't afford to eat, or worry about where their next meal is coming from.



Emma Lewell-Buck MP is calling on the government to start measuring food insecurity across the UK. Emma's private member's bill was due to be read in Parliament on 2 February but, despite our evidence that 1 in 4 parents are skipping meals because they can't afford to eat, it was not read due to time constraints. Instead the bill will now be read on the 26th of October.

There are now [over 150 cross-party MPs](#) calling for this measurement, and Emma will be campaigning alongside End Hunger UK to make sure we can know the true scale of hidden hunger. In the meantime we need to keep up the pressure on Government, and continue to raise awareness of household food insecurity across the UK. Take action: contact your MP by [email](#) or [Twitter](#). Ask them to support the bill to measure household food insecurity this October. <http://e-activist.com/page/21681/action/1?ea.tracking.id=endhunger>

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress "Adoremus" in Liverpool Echo Arena

Friday 7th – talks & workshops £40 per person. **Saturday 8th** – all day event at the Liverpool Echo Arena. £40

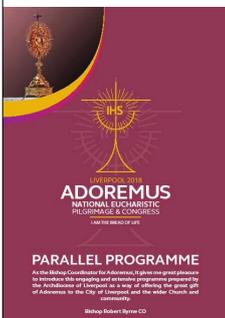
Sunday 9th – 9:30 & 11am Masses at the Metropolitan Cathedral with a Eucharistic Procession at 12:30pm.

These Masses require tickets because of delegate numbers.

For tickets for the Echo Arena in Lancaster Diocese contact:

Fr John Millar 01772796053 E: ejwmillar1@gmail.com Mr Paul Briers 01946834834 E: guildshop@yahoo.co.uk

For tickets to the Saturday and Sunday Adoremus Pilgrimage & Congress at the Echo Arena and Metropolitan Cathedral please enrol online at: <http://jumpdp.com/adoremus2018>



THE PARALLEL PROGRAMME - exploring a wide understanding of Eucharist with free 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

Download the full 15 page programme with more information about all the events, venues and walks. <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/userfiles/files/web%20MASTER%20Parallel%20Programme%20Brochure.pdf>

Formation for mission – contemplative listening

Prayer, reflection and discussion with

Stephen Hoyland

Saturday 15 September 2018

10.00am – 3.00pm at Tabor

169 Sharoe Green Lane, Preston PR2 8HE
Xaverian Missionaries UK

Please bring a packed lunch tea & coffee are provided

To book please email anne.foley@blueyonder.co.uk
or phone 01772 555483



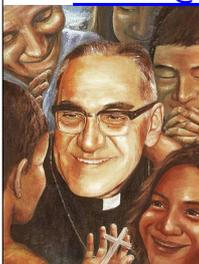
ACTA - A Call to Action

Romero Mass and Celebration

Salford Cathedral 23rd October 12.10pm

Celebrant Bishop John Arnold. The mass will be followed by refreshments and a talk by Steve Atherton, the J&P worker in Liverpool, who visited El Salvador in November 2017.

Contact CAFOD in Salford on 0161 705 0605 or salford@cafod.org.uk for more details.



Canonisation Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome 14th October for information resources and reflections

www.romerotrust.org.uk Romero News
<http://www.romerotrust.org.uk/news/saints-together-romero-news-22>

St Wilfrid's Live Simply Project Talks

Monday 10th September

7pm for 7:30pm start

St. Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston PR1 3JJ



Ace Project Talk

Join Caritas Care in this discussion about their work supporting people leaving prison and how they help them transition to a new life.

Monday 8th October. 7- 9pm

at Tabor,

169 Sharoe Green Lane, Preston PR2 8HE
The Jesuits And Xavierians will host a talk by

Br. Guy Consolmagno SJ

Refreshments from 6.30pm £5 suggested donation.

For more info -Shirley 07946659716

Monday 15th October PR1 3JJ 7pm

St. Wilfrid's Parish Centre PR1 3JJ

Bats Talk

Join Lancashire Wildlife Trust Brockholes team for this talk about bats and how they play an important role in a healthy environment.



All part of St Wilfrid's
Livesimply Campaign

BREAKING THE CHAINS: FROM 1998 TO THE PRESENT DAY



20 years of the Debt Justice Movement
Celebrate with us in Birmingham
on Saturday 29 September 2018



Join us for a day of remembering the successes of the debt justice movement over the last twenty years and learn about the struggles that lie ahead. Come to catch up with old friends and meet new ones over a delicious lunch, learn about debt issues in 2018 and reflect together on the legacy of the global Jubilee 2000 movement. We'll be joined by Ann Pettifor, Tim Jones and Sarah-Jayne Clifton
Find out more at <https://jubileedebt.org.uk/blog/event-invite-20th-anniversary-event-in-birmingham>

Housing Justice with Scottish Churches Housing Action organise

Homeless Sunday on Sunday 7th October 2018.

Homeless Sunday is a chance for Churches and Christian groups from across the country to join together to pray, reflect and plan practical action on homelessness. It is also an opportunity for a united christian voice to offer solidarity and be a prophetic voice for change.

<https://www.housingjustice.org.uk/Event/homeless-sunday-2018>

**Aware of
homelessness**
—
**Active in
tackling it**
—
**Adamant
it must end**



Campaigns Roadshow

Thursday 13 September 2018

7 pm Kendal Parish Church; Kirkland, LA9 5AF

Join Churches Together in Cumbria Environment Group and Christian Aid for an evening of inspiration and action!

Reflect on how far we've come as a movement for justice, and gain strength for the work that's still to be done.

Explore what it takes to campaign confidently in your church and local community on issues of climate change & the environment. We'll share tips, plan actions and work together for change. Hear the latest on the Big Shift, Christian Aid's campaign to stop the big banks funding climate change.

More info: dr.i.n.james@btinternet.com



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CAFOD Campaign Retreat
in Lancaster Diocese

Countering Consumerism –

10am to 4pm on Saturdays 17th November

Boarbank Hall, Grange-Over-Sands,
Cumbria, LA11 7NH.

The day is built around Pope Francis' encyclical *Gaudete et Exsultate*. Please bring some food for a shared lunch. The day is free but donations would be welcome. For further details and to book your place online, visit this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/countering-consumerism-lessons-from-gaudete-et-exsultate-registration-47461730313>

Two other retreats in the northwest

3 November in Liverpool: Sandymount House of Prayer, 16 Burbo Bank Road, Blundellsands, Crosby, Liverpool L23 6TH

24 November in Salford: Wardley Hall, Wardley Hall Rd, Worsley, Manchester M28 2ND

[More info. From Ged Edwards gedwards@cafod.org.uk](mailto:gedwards@cafod.org.uk)
0151 228 4028 or 07779 804 241

Autumn Fiesta

Saturday 10th November 2018

from 10.30am to 3pm

Festival of Food, Music and Family Activities

to raise awareness and funds for

Asylum Seeker and Refugee Groups

at St Thomas Church Lancaster

Events & Opportunities for Awareness Raising

1st September	World Day of Prayer for the Care Of Creation www.ourcommonhome.org
1st-4th October	Creation Time www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/category/resources
7-9th Sept.	Eucharistic Congress Liverpool see p.10
10th September	Talk on ACE Project St Wilfrid's Preston 7:30pm see p.10
13th September	Campaigns Roadshow – CTinC Environment Grp & Christian Aid Kendal 7pm. See p 11
15th September	“Formation for Mission” ACTA day led by Stephen Hoyland Tabor , Preston see p.10
16-23rd Sept	World Week of Peace in Palestine and Isreal www.tinyurl.com/UK-WWPPI
21st September	International Day of Peace www.peaceoneday.org
27th Sept	Creation Liturgy Evening for prayer for the environment and to explore resources at St Bernadette's Lancaster
29th September	Jubilee Debt Campaign Celebrating 20 years –see p
29-5th October	Good Money Week www.goodmoneyweek.com
October	Black History Month www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk
5th October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
7th October	Homeless Sunday, a new date this year to coincide with the beginning of the winter season for church and community night shelters. www.housingjustice.org.uk
8th October	Talk by Br Guy Consolmagno SJ at Tabor Preston see p.10
10th October	World Homeless Day www.worldhomelessday.org
10th October	World Mental Health www.mentalhealth.org.uk
14th October	Canonisation Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome
15th October	Bats Talk at St Wilfrid's Preston see p.10
16th October	World Food Day -End Hunger's national conference www.endhungeruk.org
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
23rd October	Romero Mass and celebration Salford Cathedral 12.10 see p.10
2nd November	Sanctuary—Lancashire Asylum & Refugee Conference Preston see p.
3rd November	National Mass of Thanksgiving for Canonisation of St Oscar Romero in St George's Cathedral, Southwark 12:30pm
10 th November	Autumn Fiesta to raise awareness Lancaster see p.11
17th November	Solemn Evensong Thanksgiving for Canonisation of St Oscar Romero in Westminster Abbey 3pm Cardinal Vincent Nicholls will give the address
17 November	CAFOD Campaign Retreat Countering Consumerism Lancaster : Boarbank Hall, Grange-Over-Sands, Cumbria, LA11 7NH see p

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“ We know that every effort to **better society**, especially when injustice and sin are so ingrained, is an effort that **God blesses**, that **God wants**, that **God demands of us**.”

The Archbishop
Romero Trust