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Each year the UK and other countries in the EU highlight the plight of people caught in modern day slavery and human trafficking on [Anti-Slavery Day](#) (also known as EU Anti-Trafficking Day) which is 18 October. For the last few years a group of Christian charities and churches has designated the nearest Sunday to 18 October as "[Freedom Sunday](#)" and seeks to make human trafficking the focus of prayer that day.

We have lots of resources on our [Human Trafficking Resources page](#) but we've picked out some of them here as well as some that we have prepared especially for Anti-Slavery Day that you can download below. **(Updated resources for 2018 now available!)**

Anti-Slavery Day - Model order of service This service outline contains all you need to hold a special church service on the themes of justice, modern day slavery and freedom. [Click here to download \(pdf\)](#).

Anti-Slavery Day Quiz Use this powerpoint quiz as part of a special freedom-themed service or other event to raise awareness of human trafficking. [Click here to download \(powerpoint slide show\)](#) or print off a paper copy [using this pdf](#)

Human Trafficking Prayer Resources Prayer points to help you pray for the situation of human trafficking in the UK. Click these links below to download the resources: - A [pdf](#) which you can print out or [view as a slideshow](#).

Invite your MP to the Westminster Hall Modern Slavery Debate

On 9 October MPs are set to debate modern slavery in a Westminster Hall debate, the first opportunity MPs have had for a parliamentary debate on the proposals for reform of modern slavery victim support announced by the Government last year. **The Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill** has completed its passage in the House of Lords and is now in the Commons. It

has the power to protect victims of trafficking from further exploitation and offer them the support they need to rebuild their lives. It does this by guaranteeing victims of modern slavery 12 months of statutory support as well as the right to remain in the UK during that time. The Modern Slavery

(Victim Support) Bill has wide support across society – [24 leading anti-trafficking businesses and charities recently signed a letter in the Guardian](#) calling on the Government to support the Bill. **Please email your MP and ask them to come to the debate to back the Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill. It takes just two minutes. Go to <http://freeforgood.org.uk>**

For more information:

<https://www.antislavery.org/why-we-back-slavery-victim-support-bill/>

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Canonisation: 14th October

St Oscar Romero

The Clewer Initiative, the [Church of England's](#) campaign against modern slavery, and the Santa Marta Group, the [Catholic Church's](#) anti-slavery project have sponsored the **Safe Car Wash app** to allow the general public to engage with the problem. Download the free app onto your smart-phone and then when you are using a hand car wash, simply open the app and complete a short survey about the working conditions of the car wash.

COP 24 and the campaign for climate justice

On 5-6 December 2015 Storm Desmond deposited 14 inches (approximately 350 mm) of rain over the Central Lake District, causing disastrous flooding, including in Kendal. The Westmorland Gazette devoted the first dozen pages of its next edition to flooding stories. The next page contained the news that two members of the Lancaster Faith and Justice Commission (LFJC) Environment Group Fr Hugh Pollock, the parish priest in Kendal, and Dr Paul Kelly were about to attend the climate change conference in Paris (COP 21) to speak up for climate justice as part of a CAFOD delegation. A wonderful juxtaposition of news stories!

Exactly three years later, on 5 December 2018, a CAFOD delegation will be setting out for the COP 24 climate summit in Katowice and Krakow to put again the case for climate justice. The summit will assess countries' progress on the goals established at COP 21 and consider new targets (hopefully some might be binding this time). A member of the Environment Group will, again, be part of the CAFOD delegation. This time, Stephen Garsed.

It will not be his first time in Katowice and Krakow. He was there in 1978 to deliver two papers on the effects of sulphur dioxide air pollution on trees at an international forestry conference. One of the papers was on photosynthesis in pollution-affected trees. The ambient carbon dioxide concentration measured during his experiments was 335 parts per million (ppm). That was 55 ppm above the pre-industrial level of 280 ppm. It is now 407 ppm, a staggering 72 ppm rise since those experiments less than 40 years ago.

Also remarkable is the fact that climate change was not on the radar of most air pollution scientists at that time. The main problems were seen as sulphur and nitrogen oxides, ozone and particulates. Any pressures to cut fossil fuel use were based on the fear that we might run out of them - the 1973 oil crisis was still fresh in peoples' minds. Even the exceptionally hot and dry summers of 1975 and 1976 had failed to ring alarm bells. It was not until 17 January 1980 that the first story about the possible consequences of "the greenhouse effect" appeared in New Scientist magazine.

Our world has already warmed by more than 1°C above the pre-industrial mean and that warming is accelerating. We have ever increasing droughts, heatwaves and floods. They mostly affect poor people, particularly those already on the margins of survival. Climate change is both the biggest threat to CAFOD's development work and a major cause of its emergency appeals. Yet there remain rich and powerful bodies (as well as a US President) who promote a culture of denial and speak up for "business as usual". In contrast to these self-interests, CAFOD will be campaigning for radical cuts in emissions to protect the poor.

Over the last 40 years, therefore, our understanding of climate change has developed from being almost a scientific curiosity to the greatest threat facing humanity, both from its direct environmental effects and the knock-on political consequences as rising numbers of climate refugees fuel far-right rhetoric.

The urgency of this crisis would seem to demand the language of confrontation, but there is counter-intuitive view which reflects the language of Laudato Si. In this great Encyclical, Pope Francis speaks of love, joy and hope and of the need to leave a world fit for future generations. It is a vocabulary wholly alien to those whose timescale is the date for the next set of company accounts or the next election. It is also the language of the gospels to which we must always be true - and in being true to the gospels we will be empowered to be authentic voices for climate justice.

Lancaster Diocesan F&J Environment Group

From New Scientist 17 January 1980

GLOBAL WARMING - CLIMATIC CAUSE FOR CONCERN

A talking point at this year's annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was the likelihood of a warming "green-house" effect produced by a build-up of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

So far, most of the predictions about the consequences of this have been rather vague, accurately reflecting the deficiencies in present-day understanding of the mechanisms of climatic change. But a team at the Climatic Research Unit at the University of East Anglia UK has now come up with a more detailed scenario for a warmer world.

The importance of this study is that it pinpoints the way rainfall might change as the world warms; the scenario suggests that warming would bring drier conditions to most of the US, across Europe and over the great grain-growing areas of the USSR.

With present strains on world food markets, and the political repercussions of a massive purchase of grain by the USSR, it is difficult to see how a shift into the climatic regime sketched out in the latest scenario could be accomplished smoothly, from the viewpoint of the inhabitants of the regions affected.

In this context, the plea from the East Anglia team that its work highlights the need for more research should be taken as something more than the conventional obeisance from academics to the holders of the purse strings.

Just under a year ago, a meeting at the World Meteorological Organization's headquarters in Geneva highlighted the carbon dioxide problem as a major cause for climatic concern. Events since then have confirmed the accuracy of this assessment, and some idea of the specific problems involved is now emerging. And yet no serious effort is being made to curtail the destruction of our dwindling reserves of tropical forest, the main cause of carbon dioxide build-up in the past hundred years, or to require fossil-fuel power stations to scrub carbon from the gases they release.

EVERYONE should have access to good food

Call on the UK Government to fix Universal Credit to prevent more people going hungry



www.endhungeruk.org/universalcredit

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 it 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. We will deliver the petition to 10 Downing Street in the lead-up to the Autumn Budget in mid-November.

By then, we hope that many of the, literally, thousands of people who each week use, volunteer or donate to food banks and other food projects across the UK will have signed the petition.

In particular, we hope that during **End Hunger Week, from 13 to 21 October**, every church and foodbank in the UK will be asking people to sign the petition.

www.church-poverty.org.uk

Click the links below to find out more and take action.

Help us send a powerful message to the Prime Minister about Universal Credit: promote the petition in your foodbank, project or community



DOWNLOAD THE PETITION
click here



READ THE REPORT
click here

North West Cathedral Walks bring Hope to Christians in Iraq

Murcadha O Flaherty 20 September 2018

Walking up to 175 miles across north-west England and Wales, staff from a leading Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need, visited five cathedrals over five months to raise awareness of the suffering Church in Iraq. Finishing at Shrewsbury Cathedral on Saturday 15 September, ACN's North West Manager, Dr Caroline Hull and Bridget Teasdale, the region's Schools and Events Coordinator completed the five cathedral walks to help Christians persecuted for their faith in the Middle East.

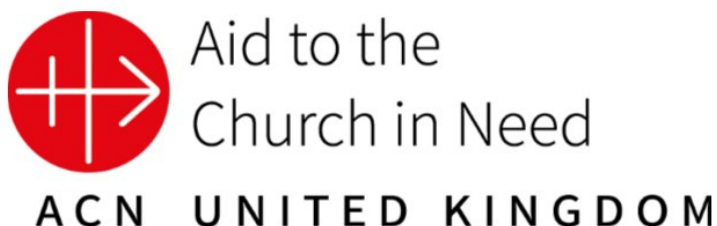
Thanking ACN benefactors for their support, Caroline said: "By applying St Augustine's adage 'Solvitur Ambulando - it is solved by walking', the charity's cathedral walks for Iraq have now raised just over £6,000 in sponsorship. We are so grateful for their prayers and for those of all who have supported us." She added: "All money raised by the walk will go towards the charity's work rebuilding Christian towns and villages in the Nineveh Plains where families were driven out by Daesh (ISIS). ACN has already provided more than £6.1 million (£6.9 million) towards reconstruction - and by this July 45 percent of Christian families who fled the extremists in the summer of 2014 had returned home."

Having walked through sunshine and rain, Bridget said: "The best bit about our walks was meeting bishops, priests, Sisters and lay people - they all welcomed us into their cathedrals, parishes and even their homes." She added: "Our time walking has led me to reflect upon and pray about the Christian people of Iraq... whenever I was feeling tired, or too warm, hungry or thirsty, whilst walking - I called to mind those in Iraq, and united my small struggle to theirs, through the power of prayer." Thousands of Iraqi Christians were driven out of Mosul and the surrounding region by Daesh had to walk more than 50 miles to Erbil to find safety.

Following the blessing of their boots by Bishop Paul Swarbrick of Lancaster in May, the pair walked 65 miles from Lancaster Cathedral to Salford Cathedral, the final few miles with Bishop John Arnold of Salford. In June, they walked 35 miles from Salford to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. With Archbishop Malcolm McMahon's blessing, they walked with ACN benefactors Tony and Lynne Glynn in July from Liverpool to Wrexham Cathedral in north Wales. On the final leg to Shrewsbury last Saturday, Bishop Peter Brignall of Wrexham accompanied them as far as the border with England.

Caroline said: "We've received wonderful hospitality from parishes, religious communities and ACN benefactors along our 175 mile journey. Our final night was spent with the Poor Clares in Ellesmere where Mother Carmel and the community provided us with warm beds, fantastic meals and generous sponsorship as well." Describing their "amazing and enriching experience", Caroline said: "Bridget and I have walked many miles together, through so many different landscapes with bishops, family and ACN benefactors. At the very heart of our experience has been a deep desire to show compassion for our brothers and sisters in Iraq. They truly need our prayers and our support." She added: "Walking ACN's North West Cathedral Walks for Iraq's Christians has been fantastic... many thanks to all those who prayed with us, walked with us and sponsored us."

- **To support ACN's NW Cathedral Walks for Iraq, please go to JustGiving:** www.justgiving.com/fundraising/walks4iraq
- **ACN's Annual North-West Benefactors' Mass** will be held on 6 October at Shrewsbury Cathedral, SY1 1TE, followed by refreshments. Mass starts at 12am.
- **Lancaster Thursday 4th October** at 7:30pm: Life Today for Christians in Iraq and Pakistan The Catholic Chaplaincy, Lancaster University LA1 4YW see poster & p.11



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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.

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



On the 26th September four protectors of our planet were sentenced to prison for their part in stopping the fracking industry, the first anti-fracking protesters to be jailed in the UK in nearly twenty years.

"This won't break us, we will come out stronger. Some may view us as victims, but we refuse to be victimised by this. The real victims will be future generations suffering preventable disasters caused by climate change. Our friends and fellow campaigners outside will continue to fight for a ban on fracking and for a just transition to a renewable and democratically owned energy system" - Roscoe, one of the Frack Free Four

Frack Free Four support Video: https://facebook.com/story.php?story.fbid=29956663754120&id=301820216584422&_rdr

More info on how to donate or send messages of support to the four at: www.frackfreefoursupporters.org

Government Consultation on "Permitted development for shale gas exploration" ends on 25th October.

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>



SCHOOLS

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COMPETITION**

2019

Are you a budding journalist?

We are looking for students (aged 15-18 inclusive) to write an article or make a video report that informs, challenges and raises important issues on the topic:

"The Challenge Of Climate Change"

Enter the competition! Two categories, writing and video.

Closing date for entries: 8th Feb 2019

The winning articles and videos will be announced in Columban media on the 15th March 2019.

Find out more at <http://www.columbancompetition.com/>



14th October 2018

A day of prayer and action

Prisoners' Sunday on 14th October 2018 is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children.

Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment.

At <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/prisonerssunday> you will find a number of resources which can be used to raise awareness and facilitate discussion of these issues in your local community.

Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to 'hold a hand out to'. But the gospel reminds us of our duties towards them, 'I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me' (Matthew 25:36) Pact's work embodies the Christian value of mercy and belief in the innate dignity of every human being. Through this campaign we ask you to engage with a core element of Catholic social teaching and put our faith into action.

Our theme this year '*Go Beyond*', reflects on the impact we have when, as a community, we work to build a platform from which those confined to the margins of society can have their voices heard. As we '*go beyond*' in our dedication, our belief, our common love, we offer fresh hope to those affected by imprisonment. We hope that you will join us in marking this day and thank you for your ongoing support.



Prayers for Prison Week

For families of prisoners: We pray for those loved ones who serve a hidden sentence as a result of the shame associated with having a family member imprisoned. In times of darkness we pray they are able go beyond the bonds of societal stigma and maintain positive relationships with their loved ones.

For those who work in the criminal justice system: Let us pray for those who work throughout the criminal justice system. May they continue to go beyond in their work towards creating a safer society and promote justice and mercy on the road to rehabilitation.

For victims of crime: May they be supported to go beyond their victimhood and find comfort in God's love. Teach us to be mindful of the impact of our actions on others. Lead us and heal us in your journey to new life and hope.

For prisoners: We pray for those who are prisoners. Through reflection and understanding, may they be able to go beyond their sentence and see hope for a future without crime. Let us follow Christ's message and reach out so that his presence be known by those who seek him.

Ideas for Marking Prisoners' Sunday and Prisons Week
Hold a Prisoners' Sunday Service

Ask a member of Pact to speak at your Church .

Have a collection to enable Pact to support more prisoners and their families; Host an open discussion or prayer group to help create a community of understanding and welcome.

<https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/prisonerssunday>

<http://prisonsweek.org/>

History of Prisoners' Sunday

Prisoners' Sunday marks the first day of the ecumenical Prisons Week, a week of prayer which has been raising awareness of issues faced by those affected by the criminal justice system. Founded by Bishop Victor Guazzelli in 1975, for over forty years Prisons Week has prepared prayer literature to enable the Christian community to pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of prisons. For more information on Prisons Week click

<http://prisonsweek.org/>



IF YOU WANT A FAIR DEFINITION OF ZIONISM, IT'S BEST TO ASK A PALESTINIAN

Robert A. H. Cohen 6 September 2018

There are lots of good reasons to think the IHRA document, now adopted "in full" by Labour's NEC and by Labour MPs, is, well, a bit rubbish: the actual definition of antisemitism is not up to much; the illustrations are a legal mess; it appears to be having no impact on antisemitism in the (few) countries which have endorsed it and it's already being used to prevent open debate on university campuses

A recent article by Tony Lerman gathers together all of these points and more. It was short-term political expediency which drove this week's decision-making, necessitated by an ongoing high-stakes campaign of vilification that takes no prisoners. The Liberal Democrat Party has also fallen into line, no doubt realising that attempting to conduct a rational discussion over the merits of the IHRA burns up too much political capital. And now we read that the Church of England wants to adopt it sanctification of this document is going ecumenical.

But there's a further problem which should be reason enough to dump the whole IHRA definition, and its illustrations, in the rubbish bin. And it goes beyond the need to guarantee freedom of speech. The truth of the matter is, the Jewish community can no longer define 'Zionism', or indeed 'antisemitism', without the help of Palestinians.

I know what some people will be thinking. Surely, it's for the Jewish community, through its leadership, to determine what antisemitism is? What Zionism is? Surely, an oppressed people should have the right to define the nature of the oppression perpetrated against them? Hence the insistence that the Labour Party adopt, in full and without amendments or caveats, the IHRA definition and illustrations. That's what the Board of Deputies of British Jews has asked for. So surely, that's what it should get?

It's become a politically difficult task, if not impossible, to challenge this assertion of the right to define what's perceived as exclusively Jewish experience and terminology, especially at a time when identity politics rules our daily discourse. The President of the Board of Deputies, Marie van der Zyl, provided a good example of the accepted parameters of the debate in her statement welcoming the NEC's decision. "It is very long overdue and regrettable that Labour has wasted a whole summer trying to dictate to Jews what constitutes offence against us."

Similarly, the NEC's addition of a one-sentence free speech caveat was characterised by Simon Johnson, CEO of the Jewish Leadership Council, as driving "a coach and horses" through the antisemitism definition: "It is clearly more important to the Labour leader to protect the free speech of those who hate Israel than it is to protect the Jewish community from the real threats that it faces."

But this is a perspective devoid of historical context. It just doesn't work for the situation in which we as a Jewish community now find ourselves, and which our leaders have done so much to create. If defining 'antisemitism' has become, to a considerable extent, what can and can't be said about Israel and Zionism, then how can it be a question which only (some) Jews get to answer?

And if this is really all about the right to define your own oppression, then why does this rule not apply to the Palestinians? It's a bit like trying to define 'British colonialism' by only asking the opinion of a 19th-century British diplomat. Or praising 'American freedom and values' without acknowledging the experience of Native Americans or African Americans. It makes no sense because you only get half the story, half the lived experience (at most). The language and the ideas in question have more than one owner.

For more than 100 years, the history of the Palestinians and the Jews has been inextricably linked. Neither of us can understand our past or present condition without reference to the other. Neither people's story is complete without the other. Of course, our interlinked relationship is not one of equality. Our story is shared but the consequences of our entanglement are vastly different.

One side has rights and national self-determination. The other side is denied those same things in the name of Jewish security and Jewish national sovereignty. In short, one side has been empowered by dispossessing the other.

The Palestinians have even become caught up in the telling of the Holocaust. Successive generations of young Jews have been taught to see Israel, as it's currently constituted, as the only rational response to our 20th-century catastrophe. The Palestinians are seen as attempting to thwart that response.

It's this entanglement of narratives and the need to defend Israel's legitimacy that have led to the muddle, the confusion and the deliberate politicisation of 'antisemitism' as a concept.

Cont. From p.7 And, by contrast, it's led to the spiritualisation of 'Zionism' so it has become not a political project but an expression of Jewish faith. All of this has forfeited our right to independently define our oppression without consulting the victims of our new faith in Jewish nationalism.

The meaning of 'antisemitism' and 'Zionism' is no longer ours to determine alone. These words, and most importantly the experiences they bring with them, now belong to the Palestinian people too.

To get beyond this, we as a Jewish community, need to confront Zionism's past and present. We need to rethink Jewish security in a post-Holocaust world. We need to build broad coalitions to tackle all forms of discrimination. That must include antisemitism from the left, and more often the right, which uses anti-Jewish myths and prejudices to promote hatred of Jews for being Jews. And that includes those who use anti-Jewish tropes to critique Israel.

Above all though, if we want to be serious, rather than tribal, about a fair definition of Zionism, we need to ask the Palestinian people what they think and believe and feel about it. And if they tell us "Zionism is a racist endeavour" we'd better pay attention. The Jewish High Holidays are coming up. They are a time for reflection and repentance as an individual Jew and as part of a Jewish community. I doubt we'll see much sign of reflection or repentance on the question of Israel/Palestine. The denial is too deep. The fear of 'the other' is too great. The emotional layers of self-preservation are too many.

Not all Jews can or should be held responsible for what's done in the name of Zionism or the actions of the State of Israel. That's antisemitism. But all Jews ought to feel obligated to speak out against the discrimination, ill-treatment, and racism carried out in the name of protecting Israel. To me, that's Judaism. And if you don't see the discrimination, ill-treatment and racism – then read more books, listen to more Palestinian voices, open your heart. But whether we choose to face into it or not, our relationship with the Palestinian people will remain the single most important issue facing Jews and Judaism in the 21st century.

To my Jewish readers, 'Shana Tova!' A good New Year! May our names be written in a 'Book of Life' that is filled with love and justice for all who call the Holy Land home.

Robert Cohen and his blog is Writing from the Edge <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/writingfromtheedge/>

Director Pax Christi UK

The British section of Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace and a membership organisation, is seeking a Director to be responsible for developing, implementing and coordinating the work of Pax Christi and taking forward its strategic plan to 2022 and beyond. Applications on a job share basis will be considered.

Are you an effective communicator across diverse audiences, with deep knowledge and understanding of Christian peacemaking? Can you think creatively and strategically and make clear decisions? Do you work well in a team, enabling others to make the best of themselves? Do you have budget and line management experience? Do you have an ability to respond to national and international demands of peacemaking? The post holder will be a committed Catholic.

This could be the job for you. The salary will be in the range of £38,000 to £42,000 and is a permanent position with a six month probationary period.

The role will involve significant UK and some international travel and working outside core hours. Start date February 2019

See: <http://paxchristi.org.uk/about-us/work-for-us/>

Administrator—National Justice & Peace Network

15 Hours per week, from 1 January 2019 Due to the retirement of our current post holder, NJPN seeks to recruit an Administrator to support the work of the Network: arranging meetings; networking with members and partnership organisations; developing effective communications between members and the wider public; co-ordinating the Annual Conference, guided and supported by the Executive Committee of NJPN.

A good knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching and an understanding of Church organisations is required. Some travel within England & Wales will be necessary. Although the NJPN office is in London, some flexibility is possible with regard to the place of work.

Salary: £26,227 pro rata (including London allowance) Closing date for applications: 5 pm Monday 15th October 2018

Further details: Download the Application Pack from our website: www.justice-and-peace.org.uk

Or contact Kevin Burr (Company Secretary) Email: kevin@the-burrs.co.uk Tel: 07947 773 106



Mark Wiggin from Caritas Salford gives a flavour of the day at St Philip Neri Church as part of the Parallel Programme of the Congress. Organisations collaborated to explore a sacramental theology of creation – ‘on the altar of the world’. The event explored the Eucharist through prayer and reflection with themes of caring for creation, reconciliation, forgiveness and peace.

Meditation with Pax Christi ICON of Reconciliation

Pat Gaffney and Ann Farr from Pax Christi introduced the ICON and lead a 30 minute reflection at the start and end of the day. This beautiful ICON depicts images of peacemakers from Eastern and Western Christianity as well as stories reflecting peace and reconciliation from the Old and New Testaments. The Pax Christi ICON of peace was available all day. The central figures in the icon are Joshua and Esau meeting in reconciliation, their feet trampling on a sword to signify a rejection of conflict and war.

Inter-generational panel of women discussing peace-making in families, in our country and globally

The panel of women included Emma Atherton, Ella Holliday and Carol Burns, facilitated by Pat Gaffney of Pax Christi. The intergenerational conversation between women involved in work for peace, explored both the work and their motivation. Young people are looking for meaning and purpose and the conversation was rich in both.

Emma found inspiration through her parents involvement in justice and peace work and had chosen to work for a charity focused on social justice. The greatest threat to peace: individualism.

Carol's early formation was the second Vatican Council that invited the laity to discern the signs of the times. Brought up with the threat of nuclear war, Carol was motivated towards solving conflict and making church



communities; people of witness and prayer are her role models. The greatest threat to peace is fear and the fear of the other.

Ella Holliday through school (St Bede's Lytham) and work opportunities is involved in Journalists for Peace and Cafod's Share the Journey campaign. The action group at school on a Friday lunchtime and listening to Mohammed a refugee and his story inspired her: people with lived experience can be a role model to help others share and experience and empathise. Greatest threat to people is false knowledge and the media.

Fr Tom Cullinan led a reflection on the Eucharist

Lancashire Sanctuary Homes Project are partnering with Refugees at Home, a UK based charity aiming to connect those with a spare room their home with asylum seekers and refugees in need of accommodation.

The project is looking to find a home for every refugee and destitute asylum seeker.

They are looking for volunteers to: host, visit homes, administer the Lancashire hub and spread the word.

Sign up with Refugees at Home www.refugeesathome.org

Keep in touch with Lancashire Sanctuary Project:

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www.facebook.com/LancashireSanctuaryHomesProject



LANCASHIRE SANCTUARY
HOMES PROJECT

Formation for mission – Gaudete et Exsultate

– making it real in dark times

**Prayer, reflection and discussion with
Kathryn Turner**

-member of the Bishops' Conference Spirituality Committee and founder of Wellspring which offers spirituality and prayer resources.

Saturday 17 November 2018

10.00am – 3.00pm

**Xaverian Missionaries Spirituality Centre
169 Sharoe Green Lane, Preston, PR2 8HE**

Please bring a packed lunch.

Tea and coffee are provided.

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

ACTA - A Call to Action



St Wilfrid's Live Simply Project Talks

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

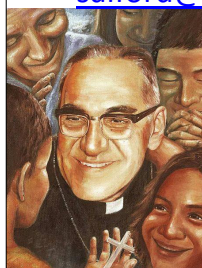


Romero Mass and Celebration

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.romerotrue.org.uk Romero News

<http://www.romerotrue.org.uk/news/saints-together-romero-news-22>

"With Faith in Mind" invites you to....

"MORE TEA VICAR?"

**Identifying & addressing the stresses and strains
facing church leaders and workers in mission.**

Wednesday 10th October Thornton Methodist

Church 5-7pm

60 Victoria Road E, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 5HQ



**"With Faith in MIND" is a
collaborative programme between
Lancashire MIND &
Churches Together in Lancashire**

To Book a place:

By phone: 07919 438413

Email: antonmuller@ctlancashire.org.uk

Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/more-tea-vicar-tickets-50489801355>

This event will provide resources and materials to support all those that attend with information on the local provision and support for mental health issues in Blackpool and the Fylde. There will be details on free training on Mental Health and Suicide First Aid.

Lighthouse (formerly Phillipi Counselling Trust) will be joining us on the night to talk to people about the support they have on offer. We will also be joined by a CLC who will have resources available on the night.

Community Leader - L'Arche Preston

Salary: £32,714 - £33,420 Click [HERE](#) for full details including how to apply.

Administrator - St Catherine's Hospice Preston

Salary: £17,182 Location: Preston [to apply](#)

Aid to the Church in Need

Life Today for Christians in Iraq and Pakistan
7:39 –9:30pm on Thursday 4th October
at Catholic Chaplaincy Centre Lancaster University LA1 4YW

The event will feature talks by each of our international guests for the suffering Church.

Invited speakers include:

Sister Luma Khudher OP from the Nineveh Plains in Iraq;
Archbishop Habib Jajou, Chaldean Archbishop of Basra,
and **Fr Mani Yousaf** National Director of Pakistan's Justice and Peace Commission.

Each guest will speak for around 20 minutes with time at the end for questions.

Afterwards light refreshments will be available there will be a chance for individuals to chat with our guests. Entrance is free and there will be a retiring collection for ACN's work around the world.

ACN literature and trading items will be available—including our ever popular Christmas cards!

Poster attached

Cumbria Churches' Dementia Conference



The third annual Dementia Conference of Churches Together in Cumbria will be held on

Saturday 17 November 9.30am to 3.30 pm at Carver Uniting Church, Lake Road, Windermere LA23 2DB.

The conference gives opportunity to hear directly from someone living with the diagnosis of dementia, to learn of the progress of the dementia-friendly churches project in Cumbria, and to receive an update on the present state of play in dementia research.

Speakers will include the Revd Lucie Lunn and the Revd Richard Teal and, from outside the county, Hilary Doxford, a member of the World Dementia Council, and Colin Capper, Head of Research Development and Evaluation for Alzheimer's Society.

Everyone is welcome. Please contact Emma Brown ebctic@outlook.com to book your place. Tea and coffee available; please bring your own packed lunch

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



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>

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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

War and Peace 2018

Do join us for afternoon tea and cake on
Saturday 10th November 2018
4.00 – 6.00 pm

Methodist Hall, Station Road, Bentham

Meet Ali Moegalli from Yemen. Ali will talk to us about the war that is raging in Yemen, its causes and what life is like for his family and all those who still live there.

Enjoy listening to songs Celebrating Peace, Calling for Justice, some of us will have learned at a singing workshop during the day.*

Organised by the Bentham Area Refugee Group set up in 2015 in response to the human catastrophe that is the war in Syria.

Since then, refugees have continued to be driven out of Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries torn by war and its after effects.



Free entry, donations welcome

Details of the event and the singing workshop from annieligan@cooptel.net.

*Another harmony singing workshop with Helen Lyle from Sheffield, learning songs Celebrating Peace, Calling for Justice 10.00 am – 3.30 pm in Methodist Hall, Station Road, Bentham

More info & to book a place, ring Annie on 015242 64886 or email annieligan@cooptel.net

Events & Opportunities for Awareness Raising

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| October | Black History Month www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk |
| 4th October | ACN talk Lancaster University Chaplaincy see p.4 & 11 |
| 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 |
| 10th October | With Faith and Mind Thornton see p.10 |
| 13-21st October | End Hunger Week http://endhungeruk.org/churches/ |
| 14th October | Canonisation Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome www.romerotrue.org.uk |
| 15th October | Bats Talk at St Wlilfrid'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 |
| 11th November | Remembrance Sunday |
| 11-18th November | Inter Faith Week www.interfaithweek.org |
| 17th November | Cumbria CT Dementia Conference 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 11 |
| 17th November | NJPN Open Networking meeting Romero House London |
| 17th November | Church Action on Poverty Conference Manchester |
| 17th November | Formation for Mission Tabor Preston see p.10 |
| 18th November | World Day of the Poor www.csa.org.uk |
| 28th November | Red Wednesday Aid to the Church in Need http://acnuk.org/red-Wednesday-2018 |
| 1st December | World Aids Day |
| 10th December | UN Human Rights Day |
| 18th December | International Migrants Day |
| 30th December | Sunday Worship led by Sarah Teather JRS Radio 4 8am-10am |

“ 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