

Archdiocese of Southwark
Commission for
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation



JPIC Update April 2012

Bank Holiday Monday - May 7th.

This years Annual Migrants Mass is being held at Westminster Cathedral, 10.30 am
A joyful occasion open to all. The Mass will begin with a procession of representatives from London's diverse communities, occupations and civic organisations. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Thomas McMahon, with a sermon from Bishop Pat Lynch.

HELP PLEASE: We have been asked to provide five welcomers. To volunteer your services please contact the office.

Can Catholic Social Teaching heal a broken world?

During Lent the Justice & Peace group from Holy Innocents, Orpington, held a series of talks organised by Clifford Longley with Michael Walsh, Rabbi David Katanka and Austin Ivereigh as other speakers. You can read the texts of the talks on their web site www.holyinnocents.org.uk/pages/latest.news.php or obtain printed copies from the office. The group held a follow up meeting "To remember what we learnt from the Lenten Talks on Justice" and we hope to have a report from that in our Summer newsletter.

Have you taken action and lobbied David Cameron?

Women and girls in the poorest countries spend up to eight hours each day walking to collect water. They are robbed of a chance to earn a living, go to school, or simply spend time together as a family. CAFOD are asking us to send cards and e-mails to our Prime Minister to call on him to lead the world in demanding clean water and safe sanitation for all. To get cards for your family, workplace or parish phone 0300 011 5680 or e-mail campaigns@cafod.org.uk. To send an e-mail go to www.cafod.co.uk/thirst.



Opportunities to make a personal difference in Palestine.

The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel (EAPPI) provides protection by presence, monitors human rights abuses, supports Israeli and Palestinian peace activists and advocates an end to the occupation. Applications are invited to be part of this programme in 2013, the closing date for applications is June 21st. The commitment would be for either 3 months or 4.5 months and a living allowance plus benefits is paid.

For more information and to download an application pack please visit www.quaker.org.uk/applyeppi

Our Summer 2010 newsletter had a full report from Josephine Goggin, who had been an accompanier in 2009. This can be downloaded from the newsletter archive on our web site.

The Basic Case - Making the case for Closing the Gap.

A new publication from Church Action on Poverty includes articles by 11 prominent Christians of different denominations. They explore different 'gaps' or examples of inequality, including the Tax Gap, the Pay Gap, the Price Gap, the Power Gap, and others. There is an emphasis on the constructive, positive solutions that are possible to correct these injustices.

Niall Cooper, Church Action on Poverty's National Coordinator, explains: "By giving, acting and praying together, we know that Christians can help make the UK a more equal society – one that will be happier, healthier, safer and fairer".

To read or download go to www.church-poverty.org.uk/news/closethegap/closethegapbasiccase. If you do not have internet access the office will be pleased to print and post you a copy.

A Final Thought

Mahatma Ghandi is said to have remarked that:

"The only people on earth who do not see Christ and his teachings as nonviolent are Christians"

Our Spring Assembly

Feed the Our World 

Saturday 19th May, The New Barn
Aylesford Priory

Speakers from CAFOD, World Development Movement,
Traidcraft and Medway Food Bank.

An opportunity to meet others involved in Justice & Peace
in the Diocese and exchange ideas.

Free - All Welcome. Tea & Coffee provided.

There is a café next door, or bring your own lunch.

There will be a coach running from St Peter's Woolwich (frequent trains
from Waterloo East and DLR). To book a place phone 020 8854 0359.

May 3rd - Lecture on Human Trafficking, Brentwood

7.30 to 9.00 pm in the Conference Hall, Cathedral House, Brentwood. Keynote speaker Sr Lynda Dearlove, RSM set up the centre "Women at the Well" and has also received awards for her work with trafficked women. To book a place please call 01227 265285 or e-mail davina@dioceseofbrentwood.org

May 12th - NJPN AGM and Networking Day

10.45 to 4pm at CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JB

The main speaker will be Paul Nicolson of Zaccheus 2000 Trust, who recently founded Taxpayers Against Poverty. Are you tired of being cited as an excuse to cut benefits to the poor? Come and discuss the positive reasons for paying your taxes, and learn about some of the various tax-related campaigns you can get involved in.

Plus: Meet justice and peace activists from around the country and hear from national agencies about their latest campaigns. All are welcome.

May 22nd 2012 – Voices from the Margins

Launch event for a new report on Faith, Hope and Love amongst people who are homeless by Revd. Gill College. 6.45pm at St Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, London EC2V 6AU

June 7th to 19th - Occupy Faith UK - Pilgrimage from London to Canterbury

This summer, a group of concerned citizens from all walks of life will come together to recreate an ancient journey in the hope of building a more equitable future. There will be 8 overnight stops hosted by local communities with 6 days walking. At the end of the walk there will be a three day conference, "Building a Just Society", with sessions for discussion being partly fed in through the Pilgrimage, but also with set sessions with academics, experts, social and economic policy makers. Further information at www.occupyfaith.org.uk or contact Tanya on 07813870783

July 20th - 22nd - Annual Justice & Peace Conference. Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick. "A New World Order? China Today and Our Response"

As China emerges on the world stage, we need a deeper understanding of its reality. This event seeks to raise awareness about its economic, environmental and military role in the world, and to understand about the Church in China and the culture of the Chinese people.

Details by post from NJPN, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX (Tel: 020 7901 4864) or at www.justice-and-peace.org.uk or from the Southwark office.