

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



JPIC Update August 2012



The Pax Christi Peace Icon is coming to Southwark.

As part of our Hundred Days of Peace celebrations the icon has been touring around parishes in the London dioceses. It will be arriving in Southwark on Friday 17th September at Aylesford Priory where it will remain until September 14th.

The programme is then:

14th -21st September, Oratory of St Francis de Sales, Hartley
21st -28th September, St Peter the Apostle, Woolwich
28th September - 5th October, St Edmund of Canterbury, Beckenham
5th - 12th October, St John the Baptist, Purley
12th - 19th October, Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth
19th - 28th October, St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

At 3pm on Sunday 28th October there will be a mass in St George's Cathedral with Archbishops Peter Smith and Vincent Nichols and other Bishops followed by an exhibition of the events held during the Hundred Days of Peace in the Amigo Hall and a handover of the Olympic peace legacy to the Brazilian community. All are most welcome.

All aboard for Tax Justice - The Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty Tax Justice Bus is coming to Southwark.

According to Church Action on Poverty, tax dodging is big business in the UK. Government figures show that £35 billion is lost every year to tax dodging - more than the amount the Government is cutting from public services. Christian Aid estimates corporate tax dodging costs developing nations at least \$160 billion annually, that's one and a half times the global aid budget.

Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty are asking people to sign a postcard, or an online petition, calling on David Cameron to use his global leadership to end financial secrecy so tax dodgers have nowhere to hide.

For Christians who want to support people in the world's poorest countries, but also help with the poverty they see on their doorstep the Tax Justice Bus tour presents an opportunity to do both. Tax dodging is a global problem, and tackling it would have benefits for everyone. So step aboard the Tax Justice Bus www.christianaid.org.uk/tax-bus gives more information. The local programme is:



Thursday 13th September Afternoon event 4-6pm 35-41 Lower Marsh, **Southwark**, SE1 7RL
Friday 14th September 3.30-6pm **Teddington** Methodist Church, Stanley Road, TW11 8TP
Friday 14th September 7.30-9pm **Streatham** United Reformed Church, 388 Streatham High Rd, SW16 6HX
Saturday 15th September 9.30-10.30am **Bromley** Coach Park, Churchill Way, BR1 1RH (next to Theatre)
Saturday 15th September, 3.30-5pm **Tonbridge** Methodist Church, Higham Lane, Tonbridge, TN10 4GT
Sunday 16 September, 1-3pm St Mary's Church Hall, **Dover**, CT16 1BY
Sunday 16 September, 3.30-5pm Christ Church University campus, North Holmes Rd, **Canterbury**
Meet at the Chapel at 3.30 for a slice of cake. 4-5 bus in the Blue car park, Gate 1, North Holmes Rd
Sunday 16 September, 6.30-8pm St Luke's Methodist Church, **Rochester**, ME1 2BQ
For further details about any of the event, call Kate Parr on 020 7523 2376 or email KParr@christian-aid.org

A Christian Initiative for Peace with Justice and Equality in the Holy Land.

Ashray is the UK Support Group for Archbishop Elias Chacour's Peace Initiatives, Educating for Peace in the Holy Land. As the Melkite Greek Catholic Church Archbishop of Akko, Haifa, Nazareth and all Galilee Elias Chacour is noted for his efforts to promote reconciliation between Arabs and Israelis and is an advocate of non-violence. There is more information about his work for peace at <http://www.ukashray.wordpress.com/>

September 6th - Heart Gives Unto Heart Catholic Internet Radio

Bishop Paul Hendricks will host a Fund-raising Pre-launch Party at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral from 7-9 pm. Tickets £10 each, includes finger buffet and glass of wine. Listen to live music and meet the HGUH team. More information from 020 8995 7093 or www.hguh.co.uk

September 8th - Mass of Thanksgiving in honour of the Paralympic Games 12:30pm in St George's Cathedral. All are most welcome. Formal invitations to attend are available from the office.

September 10th – The Cost of Peace. Violence or the Non-Violent Jesus?

Nobel Peace Prize nominee, internationally acclaimed author and peace activist, Fr John Dear SJ is visiting the UK to speak on the non-violent teachings of Jesus and the universal search for peace. 7pm at the London Catholic Worker, 49 Mattison Road, London, N4 1BG. For more information please visit Myddelton Grange web-site: www.myddeltongrange.org.uk or www.johndear.org

September 10th - A World Free From Wars, Want and Fear

The 2012 Annual Erskine Childers Lecture: Building Momentum for Peace. 6:30pm – 8:30pm at Hilton London Euston, 17 - 18 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0HT. Keynote Speaker: Jan Pronk, Former Minister of Development, Netherlands, a Deputy Secretary General of UNCTAD and Assistant Secretary General of UN. The meeting will explore ideas, strategies and solutions for preserving peace and achieving a just and fair world. To book a place e-mail Vijay Mehta - vijay@vmpeace.org or contact our office.

September 20th - Poverty, Politics and Justice Day

Vincentians in Partnership invite you to come along to find out what YOU can do to campaign on behalf of the most vulnerable. Westminster Central Hall, London from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm. Excellent speakers. Workshops include Caritas Social Action Network and Close the Gap campaign. Just £10 including lunch. More information and booking forms at www.vip-gb.org/events or through our office.

September 23rd - "Children's Mystery Walk"

A guided walk along the London peace trail, starting at 11am from Friends House, Euston Road, NW1

October 6th to 13th – Ground the Drones: week of action.

Over the past years Britain, the US and Israel have used armed drones in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia, Yemen, Libya and Gaza. Drones have become the new way to wage war. While politicians and military commanders argue that these new weapons enable armed strikes to be targeted and precise, there are numerous, reliable and corroborated reports of civilian casualties. But perhaps the greater concern is that drones make war more likely. For more information and resources see: www.dronecampaignnetwork.org.uk or e-mail info@dronecampaignnetwork.org.uk



September 16th

Heart Gives Unto Heart Catholic Internet Radio will begin broadcasting.

Run entirely by volunteers who live all over the UK, Heart Given Unto Heart will make and broadcast a wide range of enjoyable programmes to appeal to all Catholics. Their Mission is to celebrate our Catholic Faith by broadcasting, on the internet, a radio station with a wide mix of interesting and original programmes which showcase the creative talent within our community.

More information at www.hguh.co.uk or to get involved phone 020 8995 7093.

3rd NOVEMBER - OUR AUTUMN ASSEMBLY

How to promote Peace and Justice in the Year of Faith
10.30 to 4.00 in Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, SE1

We are delighted to be able to welcome
Christopher Jamison OSB as our keynote speaker.