

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



JPIC Update Easter 2011

Help the planet, help a neighbour and make a few quid for yourself (or a charity of your choice).

Nearly half of Britain's homes are not insulated adequately according to the Department of Energy and Climate Change. Loft insulation can save up to £175 pa on heating bills, cavity wall insulation up to a further £135 pa and, of course, the work will significantly reduce the carbon footprint of the home.

British Gas will not only provide free loft and cavity wall insulation they will pay £50 to anyone who refers a person to them who is in receipt of pension credit, certain income related benefits or child tax credit and has an income of less than £16,190. The referred customer will also receive £50 once the work has been carried out. Neither you nor the beneficiary needs to be a British Gas customer to qualify and you can refer as many eligible people as you like.

Phone the British Gas insulation team on 0800 975 1195. You will need to be with the person you are referring, or they can phone and give your details.

The LiveSimply parish award.

I was delighted to attend a meeting at St Augustine's, Tunbridge Wells where Maria Elena Arana from CAFOD spoke with her usual eloquence about the *LiveSimply* award and those present agreed that their parish would immediately start working towards obtaining the award. If there are other parishes seeking the award or considering doing so I would love to hear from you. A full pack is available from the office.

Practical Engagement in Justice & Peace.

Maria Elena was also one of the four workshop facilitators at our Training Day on October 10th. The day was very well received with 100% of those completing evaluations saying they would be interested in attending future similar events. Slides from all four presentations are on the front page of our web site.

Resources section of our web site.

A start has been made on updating the resources section of our web site, www.southwarkjandp.co.uk. Mike McLoughlin kindly provided a draft for a pulpit presentation which will be most useful for anyone seeking to start a parish group, this can be found in the "Resources for Groups" section. There is also a link to a very useful collection of "Resources for Young People" put together by Shrewsbury J&P.

Any thoughts or constructive suggestions about other materials, particularly for this section of the site, would be most welcome.

The Olympics are coming...

and a dedicated team have been working to promote 100 Days of Peace which will be celebrated in churches, schools and communities around the capital.

50 days before the start of the games a peace vigil will be held in St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square from 10pm on Friday 8th June until noon on Saturday 9th; the time will be divided into hourly slots with different styles. From there the Pax Christi peace icon will begin a tour round parishes in the three London dioceses. On 27th October, 50 days after the end of the Paralympic Games, there will be a mass in St George's Cathedral where a paper copy of the icon and the legacy of peace will be passed to the Brazilian community.

As for the time between - well it's up to you in our parishes and schools to organise events to celebrate this opportunity. An Events Planning & Resource book has been produced, paper copies are available from the office or you can download the booklet and find plenty of useful information at www.peacelegacy.org.uk

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.

Other Events to Promote

***NJPN Annual Justice & Peace Conference.
"A New World Order? China Today and Our Response".
Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, 20 -22 July 2012.***

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.

Speakers include: author Xin Ran, on the reality of women in China; John Baptist Zhang, a priest working to promote dialogue, reconciliation and co-operation; Martin Palmer, Secretary General of the Alliance of Religions and Conservation; Li Bingqin, of the London School of Economics.

There will be a programme of activities for children and young people, and a 'Just Fair' with information and resources from many organisations.

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

Things to do

This summer, 20 years on from the Rio Earth Summit in 1992, government representatives from around the world, including Nick Clegg, will meet at a 'Rio+20' summit to discuss sustainable development.

Over the past two years, as part of the African and Big Climate Connection, local groups around the country have been building up connections with each other through lobbying their MPs. The Rio Connection will be a chance to build on this grassroots movement.

Local networks are planning Rio-themed events with their MPs ranging from simple lobby meetings, to themed football tournaments and local carnivals!

These events will connect global and national sustainability issues with those in their community, inspire new people to talk about sustainability, and encourage our politicians to sign up to a sustainable future.

CAFOD are working with Stop Climate Chaos to lobby our government and make sure they are "on message" You can sign up for events and get more information at www.rio-connection.org

Dates for your diary

May 7th - Annual Migrants Mass, this year at Westminster Cathedral, 10.30 am
Stewards required, to volunteer please contact the office.

May 12th - NJPN AGM and Networking Day
10.45 to 4pm at CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JB