

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



JPIC Update February 2014

Campaign to become a Fairtrade Diocese: With the Archbishop's blessing the Commission steering group have agreed that Southwark should seek officially to become a Fairtrade Diocese.

To achieve this we need to have over half of our parishes officially registered as Fairtrade Parishes. Those listed below have already achieved this recognition and, through CAFOD, are registered with the Fairtrade Foundation. Many parishes will, I am sure, be doing all that is required to become officially Fairtrade but will not yet have registered.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Addiscombe	Our Lady of Lourdes, Lee
St Peter, Bearstead	St Paul, Meopham
Our Lady of Dover, Buckland	St John Fisher, Merton
Holy Cross, Carshalton	St Teresa Child of Jesus, Morden
St Margaret, Carshalton Beeches	St James, Petts Wood
St Aiden, Coulsdon	St John the Baptist, Purley
St Paul, Dover	St Thomas of Canterbury, Sevenoaks
St Lawrence, Edenbridge	St Augustine, Tunbridge Wells
Our Lady of the Sea, Greenwich	The Sacred Heart, Wimbledon

The requirements are:

- To use Fairtrade tea and coffee after services and for all meetings for which the parish has responsibility.
- To move forward on using other Fairtrade products such as sugar, biscuits and fruit.
- To promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year, wherever possible, through events, worship and other activities.

There is a link document on the front page of our web site www.southwarkjandp.co.uk which gives full details and has an application form or forms can be posted on request. Please send completed forms to the Justice & Peace office at Cathedral House, Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7HY. Forms will then be passed to CAFOD who will arrange for the certificate of registration issued.

End Hunger Fast – a nationwide Lentern campaign to end hunger in Britain.

Archbishop Peter has been approached by this ecumenical and multi-faith organisation with a request that he promotes their campaign. End Hunger Fast is calling on individuals and congregations to undertake to fast during Lent as a witness to, and protest against, the realities of hunger in this country and the government policies which have brought about this situation.

We are the 7th largest economy in the world and yet it is reported that over 5,500 people have been admitted to hospital suffering from malnutrition in the past year. One in five mothers report regularly skipping meals to better feed their children and, when wages have stayed flat and food prices have risen by 30% in just five years many families are now just one unexpected bill away from empty food cupboards.

Many of us have done our bit by supporting and assisting in food banks but this is a moral crisis and the government must act to protect the half a million who go hungry in Britain. The campaign is therefore calling on the government to ensure:

- That the welfare system provides a robust last line of defence against hunger in Britain.
- That work pays enough for working people to provide properly for their families.
- That food markets function, promoting long term sustainability and healthy diets with no one profiting from hunger in Britain.

The culmination of the campaign will be a vigil in Parliament Square on the Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16th. There is more information at www.endhungerfast.co.uk

February 18th & 19th Christian Responsibility to Dalits and against Caste Discrimination.

A two day non-residential conference being held in Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral. 10am to 5pm each day. CARJ has been involved with VODI and others to seek to include caste discrimination under UK equality legislation. Speakers include Lord Bishop Richard Harries, Lord David Alton, Bishop Pat Lynch, Bishop Pete Broadbent and Bishop Sarat Chandra Nayak. Charge £10 per person per day.

February 24th - March 9th - Fairtrade Fortnight.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2014 will mark the launch of an exciting new stage of the Make Food Fair campaign that aims to transform the banana industry and ensure those at the sharp end of the supply chain, the millions of struggling banana farmers and workers, get a fair deal. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/pyu8eqs>



February 25th - Pax Christi (with reference to the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Led by Anne Dodds, UK Chair of Pax Christi. One of a series of open meetings to discuss aspects of the Catholic Church with reference to the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council, organised by the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham, at 7.30pm. A meal and refreshments will be served.

February 26th - Thinking Small in Private Sector Development

A panel discussion, jointly hosted by the Parliamentary Friends of CAFOD and Trade out of Poverty. Keynote speaker Rt. Hon. Alan Duncan MP, Minister of State for International Development. 4.30 to 6.00 at Committee Room 16, Palace of Westminster. Please RSVP to: mrussell@cafod.org.uk

March 3rd - 9th Climate Change Week

Climate Week is Britain's biggest climate change campaign, inspiring a new wave of action to create a sustainable future. Events are run by schools, businesses, charities, councils and many others. Your school or workplace can enter the Climate Week Challenge or your parish could run a Climate Week Swap event at which people can exchange clothes, books or children's toys. More information at www.climateweek.com

March 5th - Ash Wednesday Walk of Witness

Gather at 3pm in Victoria Embankment Gardens, Whitehall Section for a short procession to the Ministry of Defence. Liturgy will involve prayer, song and symbolic actions. More information at www.paxchristi.org.uk

March 7th - World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer)

Streams in the Desert, prepared this year by the women of Egypt www.worlddayofprayer.net

March 12th - Big Picture Seminar chaired by Des Wilson, Founder of Charity Shelter

Reflections based on over 30 years in campaigning and public affairs. At University of Greenwich from 5pm to 7pm. There is a link to book on our web site or contact the office for assistance.

Our 2014 Spring Assembly— "Solidarity with the Poor"

Saturday May 17th 10.30am to 4.00pm

at Holy Innocents Primary School Mitchell Road, Orpington BR6 9JT

Keynote Speakers Alison Gelder, Director of Housing Justice
and Liam Allmark, Head of Public Affairs for CSAN

All welcome

No charge

Tea & coffee provided but please bring lunch.