

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



JPIC Update ~ July 2015

Pilgrimage to Paris leading up to December's UN Climate Talks

Now's the time to sign up for phase 1 of 'Cycle to Paris', the English leg. This will leave Westminster Cathedral on August 29th and arrive in Newhaven on August 31st taking 3 days and stopping at churches and schools to discuss our responsibilities in stopping climate change, and telling people that their actions matter.

We want the Paris talks to achieve something effective and important to slow down and even halt climate change. Pope Francis stressed that we must dialogue with everyone. Here is a chance to get out on the road to meet whoever we can in the months leading up to the UN Climate Talks.

The route will cover 100 miles over the North and South Downs. It will cost £100 for accommodation, food and the support van, plus rail fare home from Newhaven. The Dieppe to Paris leg will take place first week in December.

Sign up today! Download the application form and send it back with your deposit. <https://westminsterjp.wordpress.com/category/all-events/events/justice@rcdow.org.uk> or contact the office.



**Win an
energy audit
for your
parish**



Would your parish like to shrink its carbon footprint, care for creation and those most vulnerable to climate change and save money at the same time?

The winning parish receives a free personalised energy assessment, worth up to £1,800, from energy experts B:SSEC. This advice could help:

- cut your church's electricity bill by up to quarter
 - shrink your carbon footprint by reducing your energy use by up to 15%
 - make your buildings brighter, warmer and more efficient
- ...keeping your coat on at Mass could be a thing of the past!

"As parish communities, we want to be known as people who care for God's Creation and for our neighbours near and far. This competition gives us an opportunity to take practical action to be good stewards of what we have been given." – Bishop Declan Lang.

The competition is open to all Catholic parishes in England and Wales. Five runners-up will receive a free energy monitor. Closing date: 28 August 2015. An application form can be downloaded from www.cafod.org.uk/energycompetition or requested from our office.



Karma (Fairtrade) Cola

Did you know that the word 'cola' comes from the cola nut, the original source of flavouring for the popular fizzy drink.

These days, most cola flavouring is artificial, but a New Zealand company 'All Good' decided to go back to the source of the nut – Sierra Leone in West Africa – and Karma Cola was born.

Karma Cola's motto is 'drink no evil'. So, unlike other colas, their recipe uses the cola nut grown by the Mende and Temne people in Boma, Sierra Leone, combined with Fairtrade and organic cane sugar and Fairtrade vanilla.

This month Waitrose has started stocking Karma Cola – so why not pop down and try out some fair fizz for yourself? Find your nearest stockist and their other fairtrade drinks at karmacola.co.uk



The Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility, ECCR, has signed on to the campaign launched by SHAREACTION to expose the inconsistency between companies' clean words on climate action and dirty lobbying being done on their behalf by trade associations. The goal is to get companies to step up to their alleged environmental beliefs and stop funding the lobbyists who are working against those ideals. ShareAction says that money from savings and pension funds is being used to invest in companies who finance these trade associations, and is asking savers and investors to challenge companies on their climate position, and speak out against the obstructive lobbying which is undermining climate action. <http://shareaction.org/clean-words-dirty-lobby>

August 6th - Hiroshima Remembrance Service, at Aylesford Priory

For the past 30 years the Kent Justice & Peace Group have organised a commemoration service in the Choir Chapel at Aylesford Priory to mark the anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bombs in 1945. Starting at 8.20pm with a simple service of prayers and readings, followed by a short walk to the river where flower petals are strewn, and then return to The Priory for refreshments. All are most welcome to join in prayer that, as Pope Francis urges, the world's nations find less violent ways to resolve conflicts and succeed in eliminating all nuclear stockpiles.



July 29th - London Churches Refugee Network - Indefinite Detention

At the Diocese of Southwark, Trinity House, Chapel Court off Borough High Street, 6pm to 8pm. 5.30 for refreshments. People are imprisoned for long periods of time on an indefinite basis. The Fast Track system is an aspect being challenged by Detention Action. The theme will be led by Jerome Phelps, Director of Detention Action assisted by Eiri Ohtani co-ordinator of the Detention Forum. There will be a Panel for Discussion and a Question and Answer Session.

August 3rd to 17th - Peace Icon

The Pax Christi peace icon and a peace display will be in St Patrick's Chapel, Westminster Cathedral. Contact Pax Christi if you would like to host the icon in your parish or school.

August 6th and August 9th

To mark the anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Pax Christi will have a stall / prayer time outside Westminster Cathedral on both days. Prayers at 11.30 and 3.30

August 8th - Peace Trail Walk

A guided walk along the Central London Peace Trail with Bruce Kent and Valerie Flassati of the Movement for the Abolition of War. Meet at Ghandi's statue on Tavistock Square at 10.30. The trail ends at the Imperial War Museum between 1.30 and 2.00. You can drop out earlier if you need to. Free event but please e-mail info@abolitionofwar.org.uk with names and a contact number. Bring your own lunch.

August 9th - Commemoration Service for Blessed Franz Jagerstatter

6.30pm at Sacred Heart Chapel, Horseferry Road, SW1P 2EF. Followed by the interfaith peace walk from Westminster Cathedral to the Battersea Park Peace Pagoda followed by Floating Lantern Ceremony at sunset. All welcome. (Details: Venerable Nagase, Tel: 020 7228 9620).

August 15th - National Thanksgiving Mass for the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero

The Romero Trust, in conjunction with St George's Cathedral Southwark, is organising a Mass at 12.30pm. It is hoped Cardinal Cormac will preside and Bishop John Rawsthorne preach. The Mass will be followed by a reception event in the Amigo Hall. It is an especially appropriate date as it is the 98th birthday of Archbishop Romero and St George's has his relic inside the Romero Cross erected there in 2013. Everyone is welcome.

WELCOME to Kenneth Roberts who will shortly be taking over from Terry Brown as our JPIC co-ordinator and thanks to everyone from Terry for your support and enthusiasm for our work over the past 6 years. I am sure you will make Kenneth most welcome.