

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



JPIC Update ~ July 2014

Assisted Dying Bill - Please write to a member of the House of Lords

The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18th July to any Peer to tell them your views: House of Lords, Houses of Parliament SW1A 0PW. For more information, including details of how to write to or e-mail a Peer, visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18TH JULY

St James, Petts Wood - Southwark's first LiveSimply Parish

Applicants must undertake three substantial actions, covering each of the headings of 'Living Simply', 'Living Sustainably', and 'Living in Solidarity with People in Poverty', and at least six other complimentary actions must be demonstrated, plus indications that the programme is sustainable. The parish LiveSimply team set their own targets and must show good outreach to the whole congregation. Led by Roger Wright the Petts Wood team were assessed on 20th June and passed with flying colours.

A plaque will be presented when Archbishop Peter visits the parish on 13th July as part of its 75th anniversary celebrations. The award recognises the ways a parish can make a difference in its community and the world, with a commitment to live more simply and sustainably and to stand in solidarity with the world's poor.



The parish LiveSimply team.

For more information on the work of the St James' team see: <http://www.stjamespettswood.org> Find out more on the Simply award at: <http://www.livesimplyaward.org.uk> or contact the office for an information pack.

Our congratulations go to Sarah Thorley who was awarded an MBE, in the Queen's Birthday Honours, for Services to inter faith relations in South London'. Sarah has performed outstanding service for South London Inter-faith, organising many events including 15 annual South London Inter Faith Walks from 1997 until 2011, the coordination of the 12 walks in different boroughs on a single weekend in July 2012, just before the London Olympics and, the exhibitions at Southwark Cathedral and City Hall during 2013.

The Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) has published a report on the impact of low-skilled migration on the UK economy. Depending on which newspaper you read this is either devastating to our economy or shows little impact. From a skim through the report my view is migration, particularly from within the EU, has been beneficial overall but the report does emphasise the plight of many migrant workers who are effectively trafficked into the country and forced into work by gangmasters with no regard to their welfare or legal rights. The full report is at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/migration-advisory-committee-research>

Alternatives to Amazon?

Many of us would like to boycott Amazon due to their tax avoidance and staff treatment issues but where?

www.hive.co.uk is one good alternative which allows you to shop on line but then either have your books delivered, or arrange to be collected from your local bookstore so you can also give them your support.

www.globalseesaw.co.uk is an ethically run social business that seeks to make a difference, especially to women exploited by human trafficking and prostitution. All profits are reinvested to bring greater change.

www.madecloser.co.uk makes it easy for people to buy a wide range of goods made near to them supporting the growth of local businesses and reducing air miles.

ANNUAL JUSTICE & PEACE CONFERENCE

18 - 20 July 2014

Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire DE55 1AU

‘Called to Life in All its Fullness:

accepting the implications of our baptism’

A conference to empower lay people to accept the responsibility of their baptism, provide an opportunity to bring our life experiences and relate them to our baptismal call, be a celebration of life and a renewal of vision. A family friendly event with special programmes for children and for young people

Speakers: Gemma Simmonds CJ - Sarah Teather MP - Clare Dixon - Mary Colwell

Chair: Rev Ruth Gee

For a late bookings contact Southwark JPIC office or phone NJPN: 020 7901 4864

July 30th - Jewish and Christian approaches to social action

An evening of dialogue and discussion with input from Francis Davis and Rabbi Natan Levy. Aimed at younger adults from Jewish and Christian backgrounds but open to all ages and all faiths, and none too. 6.30 pm at St Ethelburga's 78 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AG

August 4th – Silent Vigil at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square

12.00 - 14.00 with the message 'War no More-War Never Again' to mark the anniversary of start of first World War. There is also a call for silent vigils in city/town centres at this time across the country
<http://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/first-world-war-peace-plans/>

August 4th - Vigil Liturgy – The dying of the light

10 to 11pm in Rochester Cathedral. Prayers and Reflections commemorating the outbreak of war. During the weekend there will be a 'countdown to 11pm – A 'peace and war' installation on the Pulpitum Platform in the cathedral nave along with remembrances, memorabilia, lights and graffiti sprays of the alliances of nations and powers leading to war.

August 6th - Hiroshima Remembrance Service, Aylesford Priory

For the past 29 years the Kent Justice & Peace Group have organised a commemoration service 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 a return to The Priory for refreshments. All are most welcome.

"Remembering the past, we commit ourselves to the future." (St John-Paul II, at Hiroshima).

August 6th & 9th August, Annual Pax Christi stall/vigil for Hiroshima & Nagasaki

Outside Westminster Cathedral. On 6th August from 10.00 to 5.00 with prayers at 11.30am and 3.00pm.

On 9th August from 10.00 - 1.30 pm with prayers at 11.30am.

If you can help please contact Pax Christi 020 8203 4884

August 9th - Franz Jägerstätter annual memorial service.

6.00pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel of Ease, Horseferry Avenue, Victoria, London SW1P 2EF (walking distance from Westminster Cathedral). Followed by annual Nagasaki Day interfaith peace walk to Battersea Peace Pagoda.

October 18th - Our Autumn Assembly

10.30 to 4.00 in Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral

This year's Assembly is being organised in collaboration with CAFOD and will mark the launch of their Climate Change campaign in Southwark.

Workshops are planned on various aspects of our work for Justice and Peace and on CAFOD's campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of climate change.

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