



Archdiocese of Southwark
Commission for

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

Newsletter – Summer 2015



Join CAFOD and The Climate Coalition at Speak Up For The Love Of... in London on Wednesday 17 June.

This will be a great opportunity to meet your MP and tell them about the things you love that you could lose to climate change.

To sign up for the event and get more information on the day go to www.cafod.org.uk

To contact your MP and ask them to meet you in Westminster on 17 June visit www.parliament.uk or www.fortheloveof.org.uk. Don't forget to let CAFOD your MP is coming!

From 1PM—4PM

10,000 of us will meet with our MPs in the streets around Parliament, all at the same time!

At 4:30PM SPEAK UP FINALE The day will round off with a rally outside Parliament. Inspiring speakers will join us to share the love – and we'll invite the new government and opposition parties to respond to the crowd.

This will be an inspirational day of action on climate change. It'll be a chance to tell the new government loud and clear that we all care about something that's affected by climate change – and we all support them in taking strong action to protect everything we hold dear.

It will be a day of great hope, a lot of fun, and a big step towards a better future. You'll have a chance to meet other people who care about the impact of climate change, including from your own area, to hear great speakers and to help build a safer world.

Politicians hear a lot from people who have an interest in keeping fossil fuels burning and our temperature warming. Let's make sure that, as they start out in a new parliament, they hear instead from the vast majority of us who want a cleaner, safer and more sustainable world.

For the love of the food on our plates and the people that grow it; the Arctic and the Great Barrier Reef; bluebells and butterflies; our children and grandchildren – we need to tackle climate change.

Climate change is the single biggest threat to the things we love, both here in the UK and overseas. But it is not yet irreversible! The solutions are here. There are many ways we can reduce the threats and work towards a better future. And coming up, there are some great opportunities to do just that.

Let's not lose what we love to climate change just because no one knew we cared.

As well as speaking to your MP, there will be:

An ecumenical service.

An interfaith moment to reflect our universal mandate to care for creation.

Craft activities for all ages.

A rally to celebrate, with music and celebrity speakers.

2015 is a crucial year in the fight against climate change. In December world leaders will meet to agree a legally binding and universal agreement on climate. We need to make sure it is the best agreement it can be.

Our government can take a global lead in these negotiations and we are looking to all our new MPs to show leadership on climate action for the entire time they represent us in Parliament.

SO GET ONTO THE CAFOD WEB SITE AND BOOK UP NOW!



CAFOD Parish Energy Audit Competition

Reduce your parish's carbon footprint with our energy audit competition. Link to the information and application form: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/One-Climate-One-World/Energy-audit-competition>

Vatican Conference on Climate Change

World leaders meeting at the Vatican for a conference on climate change have issued a final statement declaring that "human-induced climate change is a scientific reality" and "its decisive mitigation is a moral and religious imperative for humanity."

The statement says that humans have the technological and financial means, and the know-how, to combat human-induced climate change, while at the same time eliminating global poverty.

The conference, entitled 'Protect the Earth, Dignify Humanity: The Moral Dimensions of Climate Change and Sustainable Humanity' was organized by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, SDSN and Religions for Peace.

The final Declaration of Religious Leaders, Political Leaders, Business Leaders, Scientists and Development Practitioners calls on Political leaders of all UN member states have a special responsibility to agree at COP21 to a bold climate agreement that confines global warming to a limit safe for humanity, while protecting the poor and the vulnerable from ongoing climate change that gravely endangers their lives. The high-income countries should help to finance the costs of climate-change mitigation in low-income countries as the high-income countries have promised to do.

Climate-change mitigation will require a rapid world transformation to a world powered by renewable and other low-carbon energy and the sustainable management of ecosystems.

Immigration Detention by Jackie McLoughlin

Immigration Detention is the theme of a recent report by the all party parliamentary groups on refugees and migration. Sarah Teather (who retired as an MP in April) chaired the joint inquiry and presented the report at a packed launch event in Westminster. The UK is the only European country that detains immigrants without a time limit. The key recommendations are:

- A time limit of 28 days that anyone can be held in immigration detention
- Community-based resolutions should be used rather than detention
- Decisions to detain should be very rare and only to effect removal
- Women victims of rape and sexual violence and pregnant women should not be detained.

Many people do not realise that migrants can be detained with no end date in sight. They are not criminals, they are deprived of their liberty but they do not have any idea of when they will be freed. Evidence shows that mental health problems can be directly related to detention beyond one month (Dr Katy Robyant Helen Bamber Foundation).

Alternatives to detention used here are reporting and electronic monitoring. International best practice are community-based models focusing on constructive engagement rather than enforcement. The benefits include high levels of compliance and cost savings. Sweden has a case worker system, Australia has case management and in the US the Conference of Catholic Bishops conducts assessments of migrants in detention who may be suitable for release, and then support is offered in the community.

Detention Forum www.detentionforum.org.uk is a group of organisations concerned about our current immigration detention practice. At the recent AGM and conference people from around the country heard that there are more people in immigration detention than ever. A total of 3,483 people found themselves in immigration detention at 31 March 2015, an increase of 16% (492 people) since 31 March 2014 and the highest number of the last five years. Detention is harmful and expensive. The UK's practice of detention, and the lack of a time limit, has been repeatedly criticised by various national and international observers. Eiri Ohtani Co-ordinator of Detention Forum is speaking at the next meeting of the London Churches Refugee Network on Wed 29 July at the Diocese of Southwark, Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, off Borough High Street Southwark, London SE1 1HW. Refreshments and Registration at 5.30pm Presentations 6-8pm. Short walk from London Bridge station.

News from an Ecumenical Parish J&P Group

Bearsted: The Group had just issued its annual report to parishioners – a long-standing and useful tradition. Some highlights are listed here. The group holds monthly open meetings (bar August). Current active members are three Catholics, two Methodists and an Anglican. The year has been busy, and all have continued their commitment to working for human rights and justice and combating poverty. Lenten hunger lunches move around the churches.

Homeless People & Poverty. The various churches donate food and run coffee mornings to help finance a variety of charities, including the Maidstone Day Centre and the Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter. A member monitors articles on housing issues in the local press and noted a recent report that there had been an eight fold increase in the number of families living rough in Maidstone – 243 families in 2013/14 compared to 31 in 2009/10.

Action for Powerless People. Christmas cards were sent from people in all churches to Prisoners of Conscience. The group is concerned that FGM still continues in states where it has supposedly been ended.

Supporting families and children in developing countries. Traidcraft sales continue to raise a steady income, especially at Christmas. A Charity stall sells goods donated by parishioners, raising £200 to supplement the £286 Lenten appeal for *Missio*, to help train priests in Cambodia. Individuals sponsor children in Uganda.

Christian Aid. The bi-biennial collection raised £4457.63, including Gift Aid.

Appeals. The Lenten and Harvest CAFOD Fast Days raised £240 and £279, respectively. The Advent Appeal for the Winter Shelter raised £781, to which £248 was added from the Christmas Card Appeal.

Newsletter. Throughout the year a member has supplied J&P Group information including details on appeals, Fairtrade Fortnight, Christian Aid Week and CAFOD updates. The local parish magazine has received articles on Christian Aid's Lenten scheme "Count Your Blessings", Christian Aid Week, the Climate Coalition, Action Aid, CAFOD, "Hunger For Justice" campaign, and the Anglican "Advent Hope" Service.

Annual Justice & Peace Conference 17 - 19 July 2015

"The Things That Make for Peace"

*Exploring the real threats to human security
and how we can work together to build a more peaceful world.*

At Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

Booking forms from NJPN, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX 020 7901 4864
or admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

Job Opportunity - Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Office Co-ordinator, Southwark

The JPIC office at the Diocese of Southwark is looking for a new co-ordinator. Based at Cathedral House in Westminster Bridge Road this job is responsible for all the administration associated with the promotion of JPIC issues. This will include servicing all diocesan groups in their JPIC work through research, presentations and the production of materials; maintaining the JPIC database and website; producing the JPIC newsletter and other reports; liaising with and promoting associated bodies and networks and arranging conferences and other events. This is a part-time job, for around 22.5 hours per week. Actual hours/days are flexible and will include some evening and weekend work. Salary £27,000pa to £30,000pa, depending on experience, pro rata for part-time hours.

The ideal candidate will have a deep, personal commitment to the principles of Justice and Peace and a sound knowledge of social teaching in the Catholic Church. They will be fully competent with general office IT systems such as databases, email and Word. In addition they will be confident working with the minimum of supervision and able to demonstrate both initiative and creativity.

If you would like to apply, please email your CV to sarah.wood@finance-rcdsouthwark.org by the closing date of 19th June 2015.

Please note that we can only accept applications from candidates who have current permission to work in the UK.

June 8th to 13th - Grief to Grace, Healing the Wounds of Abuse

A 5-day psychological and spiritual programme for anyone who has suffered degradation or violence through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. www.griefftograce.org

June 18th - Climate Change, a Wake Up Call

In the week of the mass lobby of Parliament the Forest Hill Justice & Peace group invite us all to a talk given by Dr Nick Cotton whose recent book "Climate Change - a wake-up call" has just been published. 7.30 at St George's Church, Woolstone Rd, SE23 2SG

June 26th - Vigil of Prayer for Victims of Torture

As in previous years the UK Branch of Action by Christians Against Torture will join with Christians around the world to keep a Vigil of Prayer on 26th June 2015. The website sponsored by ACAT France <http://www.nuitdesveilleurs.fr/-Welcome,2-> has additional resources for prayer and meditation. Action by Christians Against Torture - UK <http://www.acatuk.org.uk>

June 27th – CAFOD Southwark Summer Pilgrimage

Come and join us for a walk in the Kent countryside to pray and reflect on the beauty of God's creation and how we can care for it.

From: St Francis de Sales Church, Church Road, Hartley, DA3 8DW

12 noon: Simple soup lunch

1pm: Set off on 3-4 mile pilgrimage on pathways via St Mary's Fawkham and All Saints Hartley. There will be stops for prayer and reflection along the way.

4pm: Return to St Francis de Sales for tea and cake

5:30pm: Opportunity to attend Holy Mass at St Francis de Sales.

Nearest station Longfield, just 30 mins from London Victoria, 15 mins from Bromley South, lifts from station can be arranged.

To book a place, please contact the CAFOD Southwark Office on 020 8466 9901

or email: southwark@cafod.org.uk ALL ARE WELCOME! Please bring your family & friends.

Lifts to prayer stops will be available with the stewards for those who are less mobile.

July 4th - Evangelisation Seminar 2 - "Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord" Spreading the Good News through Justice & Peace.

10.00 to 1.00 at St Francis de Sales Church Hall, 26 Larkhill Lane, SW4 6SP (close to Stockwell tube station, free parking). Open to all. No charge but please book through Centre for Catholic Formation ([020 8672 7684](tel:02086727684) or office@ccftootingbec.org.uk)

August 8th - Peace Trail Walk

A guided walk along the Central London Peace Trail with Bruce Kent and Valerie Flassati from 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 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.

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