

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



JPIC Update October 2011

Religions Journeying towards

Justice & Peace

On Thursday 27th October the Pope intends to hold a Day of reflection, dialogue and prayer for peace and justice in the world. He will travel to Assisi to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the historic meeting, called by Pope John Paul II, which gathered representatives of Christian communities and world religions for a Day of Prayer for Peace.

The day will take as its theme: Pilgrims of Truth, Pilgrims of Peace. Every human being is ultimately a pilgrim in search of truth and goodness. To the extent that the pilgrimage of truth is authentically lived it opens the path to dialogue with others, excludes no one and commits everyone to be a builder of peace.

For this reason, as well as representatives of Christian communities and of the other principal religious traditions, some figures from the world of culture and science, men and women of good will, are also being invited to walk along the path of dialogue.

A simple lunch, shared by the delegates will be followed by a period of silence for individual reflection and prayer. In the afternoon all present will make their way towards the Basilica of St Francis and, in the shadow of the Basilica, the day will conclude with a solemn renewal of the joint commitment to peace.

On the previous evening the Holy Father will preside over a Prayer Vigil at St Peter's and Archbishop Peter has asked that the Catholic faithful in Southwark join him in praying at this time for the many around the world who do not know peace.

Help Please

I am attending a national meeting of J&P Field-workers next month and have been asked to give feedback on our experiences with the *LiveSimply* parish award scheme. If your parish has taken up this scheme or is considering taking up the scheme I would love to hear from you.

The prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Training Day Report

The training day held in the Amigo Hall on 10th September was generally considered to have been a great success by the 60 or so who attended.

There is a good deal of information about the content of the four workshops on our web site. There were "Starting a Parish Group" led by Tricia Zipfel, "Reinvigorating a Group" led by Rosemary Read, "Encouraging Area Groups" led by Phil Kerton and "Involving Youth in J&P" led by Fr Martin Poulson and James Trewby.

Encouraged by how well the day went and the generally most positive feedback from those who attended we plan to run another training event, probably in March next year. If there are any areas you would particularly like to see covered please let us know.

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I have been invited to be part of a Social Justice Formation Group. As part of the group's work I have been asked whether there are any formal Catholic Social Teaching initiatives taking part in our diocese. Again I would love to hear from you if you have any information.

October 27th - The Economic Development Resource Centre at the University of Greenwich invites you to a free event.

As the UK struggles towards economic growth, its towns, cities and neighbourhoods are grappling with the difficult issues of how to develop and regenerate in times of austerity and change. Recent approaches and tried and tested methods are not working – this event unpicks this problem and explores innovative, dynamic methods of bottom up economic development and regeneration. 17:30 - 19:30 at Hamilton House, Greenwich. This event is free, but booking is essential as places are limited. For further details and to register your place, please visit the [conference website](#).

October 29th - First steps to sustainability.

At Bore Place, Chiddingstone, Kent from 10am to 4pm. Organised by Shrinking the Footprint and hosted by Common Work the day will feature local, regional and national speakers on the environment and theology as well as practical guidance on how to green your church. The aim of the day is to share best practice and promote further action within the region. The lunch will be sourced from and cooked at Bore Place. The afternoon will focus on case studies and discussion of sustainable building, green technology and adapting your lifestyle. Delegate rate £25.

October 29th - Campaigns Against the Arms Trade National Gathering.

This year's event will share the latest information on the UK's scandalous weapons sales and how to stop them. 10am-4.30pm at Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL. More information at www.caat.org.uk

November 3rd - Urban Mission Forum 2011 - Chaos, Divisiveness, Hope

Come and help shape the future of urban mission in the UK: strategic decision makers and planners of churches, agencies and networks, sharing their experience and working together with input from engaging and powerful speakers. 10.15 to 4.00 at St John's, Stratford E15. email dawn@unlock-urban.org.uk with 'UMF booking' in the subject line or go to www.urbanmission.org.uk/urbanmissionforum

November 5th - Launch of Olympic "100 Days of Peace"

At St Bonaventure's School, Forest Gate, E& 9QD from 10.00 to 4.00. Come and see how your parish can be involved in the Olympic and Paralympic Games. All are welcome, bring food to share.

November 13th - Prayers for World Peace on Remembrance Sunday

South London Interfaith Group event at Guru Har Rai Sikh Gurdwara, 58 Lower Marsh Lane, Kingston-upon-Thames KT1 3BJ 1.00 to 2.30 followed by Langar (food).

November 13th - Remembrance Sunday Lecture

Development and Disarmament: the kindest cut of all. 2pm at the Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1. Speaker: Sir Richard Jolly Organised by the Movement for the Abolition of War. www.abolishwar.org.uk

November 17th - ECCR open debate Vulnerable Workers, Trafficking, Pornography and the Economics of Exploitation: London 2012 and beyond

The global economic downturn has led to increased exploitation of vulnerable workers, including those working in the U.K. The pending London Olympic year brings these issues into sharp focus. What are the threats and opportunities presented by London 2012 regarding vulnerable workers, living wage, trafficking, sexual exploitation and human rights and labour? 4.30-6.15 p.m. at Friends House, Small Meeting House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. All welcome. Entrance is free. To book a place, email helen.boothroyd@eccr.org.uk; or phone 07503 931172

December 4th - Christian Aid Santa Run London

Hundreds of fun runners will descend on Greenwich Park dressed as Santa. They will all be strolling, jogging or running 5K to raise money for good causes. You could be part of the fun by joining Christian Aid runners at the Santa Run London register for just £25* per person (minimum sponsorship £50 per person). For further information contact Cat Goldson: events@christian-aid.org 0207 523 2077 (*Includes a FREE Santa Suit and Christian Aid running vest, plus fantastic festive fundraising support from a member of Christian Aid staff).

Sunday 15th January - Peace Sunday
The theme for 45th World Day of Peace message by Pope Benedict XVI is:
"Educating Young People in Justice & Peace"

Resource materials will be available from Pax Christi or from the office.

