

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



JPIC Update ~ January 2015

Statement: The Faiths Forum for London sends its deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones of those murdered in the brutal criminal act that took place in Paris on the 7th January 2015. The Forum joins the many voices in London of all faiths and none who express solidarity and stand against this cold-blooded murder. Nothing can justify this barbaric crime which is against all principles of faith.

The criminals who attacked and killed the innocent people, sought to divide us. We will not be divided, we are stronger united. In London community relations and inter faith engagements are strong but they can never be taken for granted – we will not be bystanders, we champion love and hope against hate.

As we embark on 2015 the Faiths Forum for London will be investing in fostering greater Collaboration between faith and non faith groups. Leonie Lewis & Paul Wright (Co-Chairs of the Faiths Forum for London)

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Green Christian is the new name for Christian Ecology Link, the Christian environment charity.

The charity has changed its name so that people will more easily understand its work in supporting a positive Christian response to the environmental crisis.

“Our new name has been chosen because it expresses what we are, a community of Green Christians offering insights into ecology and the environment to Christian people and churches” said Paul Bodenham, Chair of Green Christian. “Christian Ecology Link was formed in 1982 before the word Green was in common use to represent ecology and environmental issues. Including Green in our new name communicates the issues at the heart of our mission to help reconcile Church and creation.”



Green Christian is an interdenominational UK Christian organisation for people concerned about the environment. www.greenchristian.org.uk

Humanitarian Support in Winter Weather

Several Southwark parishes have collected goods to help some of the 2000 plus migrants currently sleeping rough in bitter winter weather Calais. The Kent-based initiative, 'Seeking Sanctuary', is organising basic humanitarian assistance through Faith Communities and Community organisations in partnership with the aid agency 'Secours Catholique'. Goods are taken to Calais at regular intervals, as required.

They are seeking warm clothing such as Men's trousers, jeans and tracksuits (especially sizes 32 and 34); Woolly hats and scarves; Waterproof jackets; Trainers and other footwear. Also: Toiletries; Blankets; Waterproof sheeting. They are additionally looking at developing up to 1000 'his' and 'hers' basic survival kits, each containing simple toiletries, including sanitary towels, razors, as required, as well soap, flannels and possibly a small towel. The items are stored in Deal prior to being taken to Calais and can be delivered there, taken on a day trip to Calais, or arrangements can be made to meet halfway to collect them if this is helpful.

For further information, contact Ben Bano on 07887 651117, or email migrantsupport@aol.com

Planning for the General Election

In the run up to the election many local church and inter-faith groups organise hustings in their area to enable those interested to meet and question their candidates at first hand. Christians in Politics have launched Show Up at : <http://www.christiansinpolitics.org.uk/showup/> This is full of useful resources and information.

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland how to run a hustings page: <http://www.ctbi.org.uk/483/>. Has not been updated for 2015 at the time of writing but I understand it will be shortly.

And can we all vote?

With changes in legalisation many have dropped off the electoral role www.aboutmyvote.co.uk gives information about how to register. Please encourage all to make sure they are registered to vote.

January 24th - Prayer and Protest to Wrap Up Trident

St Martin-in-the Fields, Trafalgar Square. 11.00am Join members of Christian peace groups at St. Martin's Dick Sheppard Chapel for a liturgy in preparation for the "Wrap Up Trident" demonstration in Westminster. Leaving St Martins at 12.30 to join the main event outside the Houses of Parliament.

January 30th - A concert in memory of Paul Goggins

At St John's, Smith Square, SW1P 3HA in aid of the Cardinal Hume Centre.

Programme includes the Mozart Requiem and Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4. Tickets £40, £20 and £15 from 0707 222 1602 or on-line at www.sjss.org.uk

January 31st - The Gandhi Foundation Multifaith Celebration

2.30pm at the London Interfaith Centre, 125 Salisbury Road, West Kilburn, London NW6 6RG 'Caring for the Future of People and Planet'. Keynote Speaker: Dr Ursula King

Please register with william@gandhifoundation.org to aid refreshment planning.

January 31st - Arundel & Brighton Justice & Peace Assembly

Taking Action - in solidarity with immigrants, migrants, refugees and people on the move.

Speakers: Sara Teather MP, Rev Fr Terence Bateman, Louise Zanre.

Contributions from Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group and Brighton Voices in Exile.

10am to 4pm at DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP for more information or to reserve a place 01293 651164 or e-mail: ruth.gerun@babnet.org

February 17th - CARJ Urban Network: Restricting Payday Loans, Supporting Credit Unions.

12 to 5 in London (venue to be confirmed). For further information please contact: CARJ Urban Network, 9 Henry Road, London N4 2LH (020 8802 8080) info@carj.org.uk

February 19th - Network for Peace AGM

Friends House, 173 Euston Road, NW1 2BJ. More information at:

<http://www.networkforpeace.org.uk/category/>

February 28th - Children's Society: How Strong is your Faith in Politics?

9.45 to 4.30 at City Temple, London, EC1A 2DE a day of conversation on faith and politics organised together with Christian Aid and Greenbelt. A chance to discuss how people's faith influences their political lives, the role of religion in public life and how we can campaign for change. Dr Rowan Williams will open the day and there'll be many more interesting speakers to share their insights. £15 including lunch, concessions available. Tickets from: <http://childrenssociety.org.uk/faithinpolitics>.

February 28th - UK Faith Communities – Progress towards a world free of nuclear weapons. 11am to 4pm at Friends House, Euston Road NW1 2BJ. A free seminar on nuclear disarmament, run by Religions for Peace in partnership with Quaker Peace & Social Witness, the Joint Public Issues Team, ICAN and SGI-UK. The day is designed to provide information for religious leaders and communities. Do register your interest soonest, as spaces are limited, by e-mailing

David Horner - dvdhorner@googlemail.com or calling 07825-189263

Please note that our office will be closed from 22nd January until 11th February.
E-mails should be answered during this time but there maybe delays in doing so.

– Music Workshops for the St Joseph the Worker Mass.

February 28th at St Teresa's, Merton

April 24th at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral

The workshops will be run by Frances Novillo. To book a place please contact the office (details below). The workshop will be focusing primarily on singers - of all abilities and ages - but would any interested exceptional instrumentalists please contact francesnovillo@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07714 204201

May 4th (Bank Holiday Monday) - Mass in honour of St Joseph the Worker

In St George's Cathedral with principal celebrant Archbishop Peter Smith. Come and join workers, migrants and civic leaders in a joyous morning of reflection and celebration in support of all Migrant Workers. Please arrive by 10.30. There will be a buffet lunch afterwards sponsored by The Tablet as part of their 175th anniversary celebrations..

