

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



JPIC Update November 2011

**Make a Will: Make a Difference this November**

Many of us know we should write or update our will but somehow we manage to put it off. Now is the perfect time to take action as, at the same time, you can give a donation to the Will Aid charities and help many thousands of children, families, older people and whole communities in the UK and around the world to build a better life.

Will Aid is the UK's most enduring and successful charity will-making scheme. Throughout November 2011 the scheme offers the chance to have a basic will drawn up by a professional solicitor and give to charity instead of paying the solicitor's usual fee. The suggested donation is £85 for a single Will, £125 for mirror Wills or £40 for a codicil or change to a previous will. There are more than 1,300 generous solicitors all over the UK waiting to take your appointment. You can find someone local to you at [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk) or by phoning 0300 0300 013.

Their website also has a good deal of information on wills and inheritance issues as well as a useful will planner to help prepare your will. Make a will and make a real difference today. By giving generously to reflect the solicitor's time and expertise, you can help us beat last year's fantastic total of over £1.5 million raised for the Will Aid charities.

Will Aid is an annual fundraising campaign involving nine of the UK's leading charities: ActionAid, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, Age UK, NSPCC, Save the Children, Sightsavers, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (N. Ireland). The money raised is shared by the participating charities.

**"Leadership for Social Change"**

CARJ Urban Network has announced details of a six month training programme for Activists, Future Leaders and Trainers, addressing issues of Race, Caste, Religion and Social Class. Jointly sponsored by CARJ, Voice of Dalit International (VODI) and Maryvale Institute, Birmingham, the course could be useful for those working in the public or voluntary sector, community groups or faith based organisations.

Beginning in January 2012, it will convey a Maryvale FE Certificate and Diploma. Some bursaries may be available. Further information and registration from: VODI, ICG House, 301 Station Approach, Greenford, London UB6 0AL. Tel. 020 8813 2380 or [vodi@vodintl.org.uk](mailto:vodi@vodintl.org.uk)

**STOP THE TRAFFIK** **UN.GIFT**  
PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE BOUGHT & SOLD Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking

***Didn't get tickets for the Olympics?  
This is your opportunity to take part!***

Stop the Traffik are looking for volunteers and communities to take part in a project to raise awareness about human trafficking. GIFT box is a giant box that looks like a present. Promises of exciting opportunities entice people to the box, however once inside it's a different story. The stark reality of human trafficking is revealed. We need your help to ensure the GIFT box installations are in the right places throughout London during the games, and are staffed to engage as many people as possible. We want people to know what human trafficking is and what they can do about it.

There are 3 ways to get involved:

**Host a GIFT box:** we are looking for venues to host a GIFT box. We would love to hear from you whether you are a church, a school, a company, or you know somebody who has a piece of land in a strategic location suitable for a GIFT box. We want the boxes to be able to be seen from a distance, be accessible by foot and within easy distance of a transport hub.

**Become a GIFT box Olympics Volunteer:** we need volunteers at every GIFT box during the Olympics to engage others in what they can do to prevent human trafficking. You can volunteer with a group such as your friends, community group or work colleagues, or you can get involved as an individual.

**Sponsor a GIFT box:** over half of the boxes have already been sponsored. If you would like to sponsor one, some, or all of the remaining boxes, please get in touch as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received.

***Christmas Campaign to save UK FairTrade businesses and prevent loss of livelihood for 3rd World producers.***

Please buy (at least) one £5 Fairtrade Christmas present this year.

If every UK adult spent £5 on a Fairtrade gift this would raise an extra £233m according to a 2010 survey by the Telegraph.

Shop at your local Fairtrade or Oxfam shops or buy from Traidcraft, Divine or the Co-op.

**November 19th - National J&P Network Open Networking Day, What are the Christian Alternatives?**

10.30 - 4.00 p.m. at CAFOD Offices, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB  
Come and join in an open discussion forum to seek the Christian alternatives in response to the economic crisis. The discussion, chaired by Maria Elena Arana, will be led by John Battle with contributions by Pat Gaffney (Pax Christi), Paul Morrison (Church Action on Poverty) and Ellen Teague (Columban JPIC, Chair of NJPN Environment Working Party), but you all are invited to put your ideas on the table. A crisis is also a time of opportunity, to see how things could be different – don't miss this chance to formulate our response and seek a way forward. *Details on the website:*  
[www.justice-and-peace.org.uk](http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk)

**November 20th - Prisoners' Sunday Prison Advice & Care Trust (PACT)** [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk)

**November 20th to 26th - Inter-Faith Week**

- Strengthening good inter-faith relations at all levels
  - Increasing awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society
  - Increasing understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs
- [www.interfaithweek.org](http://www.interfaithweek.org)

**December 4<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto: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).

**December 5th - Pax Christi Annual Advent Peace Service.**

7.30 at St Aloysius Church, Euston.  
Followed by alternative Christmas Market in Maria Fidelis school hall.

**December 10th December, Human Rights Day / Vigil for Shaker Aamer**

10am-1pm, opposite Downing Street. Shaker, who is from Battersea, is the last UK resident in Guantanamo Bay, and has been imprisoned for nearly 10 years. He has never been charged with anything, has been cleared for release for some time, and yet is still there. He is currently on hunger strike. If you would like to attend, have any ideas, would like to offer a speaker/performer, or would like to work with SSAC in any way please contact Save Shaker Aamer Campaign (SSAC) [ssac.contact@gmail.com](mailto:ssac.contact@gmail.com)

Our web site [www.southwarkjandp.co.uk](http://www.southwarkjandp.co.uk) now has information about the modules given at our Training Day on 10th September and a brief report, with pictures, of our Autumn Assembly. A full report on the Assembly will be sent out with the Winter Newsletter.

The Autumn Assembly hosted the book launch of *The Catholic Social Conscience: Reflections On Thought And Action*, a collection of writings edited by Francis Davis and Keith Chappell. There are chapters written by the editors as well as by Erik Borgman (Tilburg), Ellen Van Stichel (Leuven) and Gerald Grace (London) not to mention survivors of Soviet persecution and those at the coalface of charity leadership and community activism. It is the sort of thing that will appeal to academics in theology and religious studies who want to inspire their students and undergraduates, to charity leaders looking for new ideas and those in parishes who want something more than a bland reassurance that 'Catholic social teaching is the Church's best kept secret'. The book is available on line from Amazon and probably from more reputable organisations as well. Normal price is £12.95.

**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.*



**2012 DATES**

**10th March - Justice & Peace Training Day in Amigo Hall**

**19th May - Our Spring Assembly**  
**New Barn, Aylesford Priory**