

Shrewsbury Diocese J&P E-Bulletin – January, 2012

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1. J&P Calendar & Contacts – 2012 find attached. This was previously circulated with the December E-Bulletin.

2. Lobby the Prime Minister as part of CAFOD's *Thirst for Change* campaign through its website www.cafod.org.uk/take-action/thirst-for-change .

According to CAFOD:

In developing countries, women and girls spend an estimated 40 billion hours every year collecting water. Every 20 seconds a child dies from diseases caused by dirty water and poor sanitation. Half the girls who drop out of primary school in sub-Saharan Africa do so because of poor water and sanitation. One in eight people around the world don't have access to safe water. The average person in the world's poorest countries uses 10 litres of water every day for their drinking, washing and cooking. The average person in Europe uses 200. About one third of the world's population suffer from diseases linked with dirty water.

Send off to CAFOD for some action cards for your family, workplace or parish 0300 011 5680 campaigns@cafod.org.uk .

3. Pray that the barriers which separate people from one another are broken down enabling communities where all may flourish.

Father, we thank you that Jesus came to break down barriers.

He did not see the migrant or the settled, the housed or the homeless, the employed or the unemployed;

He saw and loved the person.

Forgive us when we put up barriers between ourselves and others; help us show love to all without constraint.

Help us, your church, to build communities without barriers, where all are valued because all are made in your image.

In Jesus' name, Amen

produced as part of **Poverty and Homelessness Action Week 28 January – 5 February** This year's theme **Breaking Barriers** explores the barriers between people that fill our world. Resources are available at www.actionweek.org.uk .

4. Attend War on War: A Talk and Discussion by Bruce Kent. Organised by the Justice and Peace Group of St Alban's and St Edward's Macclesfield with the support of HOPE in North East Cheshire. Wednesday 29 February. Romero Centre, All Hallow's Catholic College, Brooklands Avenue Macclesfield SK11 8LB 7.30 pm.

5. **Hear** from Angela Gilmore gilmorea@btinternet.com from Holmes Chapel, who has offered to speak to interested groups about her experience on the **Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel**. She was in the hugely complex city of Jerusalem from September to December last year.

6. **Take a Step in 2012 Plan for Fairtrade Fortnight** 27 February – 11 March Resources available from www.fairtrade.org.uk. Last year a church made a great display of some of the many fairtrade items now available: clothing, foodstuffs, beverages... It's still a really good way to introduce people to justice and peace issues.

7. **Events and information welcomed** We aim to collate and distribute this E-Bulletin around the middle of each month and welcome any contributions you might have.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

I have been asked to publicise:

JANUARY

Friday 20 CAFOD Quiz 7.30 p.m. at Our Lady's Parish Centre Ellesmere Port.

18 – 25 We will all be Changed Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2012. This year the booklet of prayers and services for each day of the week includes "Go and Do" ideas from Christian Aid for follow-up actions. Booklet downloadable from www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

Local programme includes Joint Ecumenical Service in Chester Cathedral, Sunday 22nd, speaker Mgr Cormac Murphy O'Connor, previously Archbishop of Westminster.

Wednesday 25 Launch of parish *Livesimply* campaign at Our Lady & St Oswald's, Oswestry.

Thursday 26 Holocaust Memorial Day - South Shropshire Faiths Forum - Reflection and Prayers - 7.00 p m, The Pilgrim Centre, Dale Street, Craven Arms

Friday 27 Holocaust Memorial Day: Speak up, Speak out Resources, information, and advice www.hmd.org.uk

Saturday 28 Marple Churches Together Annual Sponsored Walk for the Wellspring in Stockport. Starts at 10.00 a.m. at The Holy Spirit Church Marple and walks around all 13 churches in the area (about 8 miles) More details and sponsor forms from Marian Thompson (0161 427 7254) marianet@tiscali.co.uk

28 Jan – 5 Feb Breaking Barriers The theme of Poverty and Homelessness Action Week 2012. www.actionweek.org.uk

Monday 30 India's Dalits: human trafficking & slavery Talk by Malcolm Egner of the Dalit Freedom Network UK. 5.00-6.00pm in the Best Building (Dept of Geography & Development Studies) University of Chester. www.dfn.org.uk.

Monday 30 Holocaust Memorial Talk, Wellington. Ben Helfgott, born in Poland, survived the Concentration Camps and came to England at 15 as an orphan and represented Britain as a weightlifter in the 1956 and 1960 Olympic Games. He will talk about his life that he describes as 'Triumph over Adversity'. New Arts Centre, New College, King Street, Wellington, TF1 1NY at 5.30pm,

FEBRUARY

Sunday 5 Poverty Action Sunday Breaking Barriers www.actionweek.org.uk

Wednesday 8 Dialogue Project: monthly meeting to promote open dialogue between people of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish faiths. 10.00 – 1.00. Healthy Inclusion, Unit C18, Stanlaw Abbey Business Centre, Dover Drive, Ellesmere Port, CH65 9BF. 0151 355 4008.

Tuesday 7 Marple Churches Together Peace Vigil with the Pax Christi Icon, Holy Spirit, Leigh Avenue, Marple SK6 6DF. Time: 7.45 pm. Contact Marian Thompson (0161 427 7254).

Saturday 11 *National J&P Network Open Networking Day: Building a Culture of Peace*: a year long opportunity building on the World Peace day message 2012 - Educating young people in justice and peace. Speakers: Pat Gaffney & Rosemary Read. Holy Cross Priory, 45 Wellington Street, Leicester LE1 6HW. 10.30-4.00. [www](#).

Venue:

Friday 17 *CAFOD Quiz for Connect 2 Ethiopia Project* 7.30 p.m. at Our Lady's Parish Centre Ellesmere Port CH65 8BY.

Monday 20 World Day of Social Justice n.org/esa/socdev/social/intldays/IntlJustice/

Friday 24 *Student Focus on Kenya* 6th Formers & staff from Chester Catholic High School recount their experiences and impressions of their 2011 expedition to Kenya, including voluntary work in school and villages. Tutor Richard Ives will also look at plans for a visit to Borneo in 2013. 7.30pm in St Columba's Hall, Plas Newton Chester CH2 1SA. Further details 01244 350323.

Feb 27 – Mar 11 Fairtrade Fortnight: *Take a Step in 2012* www.fairtrade.org.uk Watch out for local events.

Wednesday 29 *War on War*: A Talk and Discussion by Bruce Kent, Macclesfield. See above.

Thursday 26 Trinity Church Newport - *A Heartfelt Creation* Led by Chris & John Polhill, members of the Iona Community

MARCH

Friday 2 Lent Fast Day

Saturday 24 *CAFOD 50th Anniversary celebration event* at St Teresa's , Green Lane, Wilmslow SK9 1LD from 10.00 – 3.00.