

NJPN North West Justice & Peace E-Bulletin – February 2014

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The new monthly e-bulletin for the North West linked to the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) is proving popular with J&P activists and groups in the dioceses of Lancaster, Liverpool, Salford, Shrewsbury and Wrexham. The NW e-bulletin, a collaboration between the five dioceses, will focus on current campaigns, follow the J&P calendar and publicise local events. Please send any diary dates and brief articles by the first of the month for inclusion in the next bulletin to Anne O'Connor anneoc980@hotmail.com

RECENT NEWS

BISHOP OF SHREWSBURY DESIGNATES 2014 A YEAR OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

The Bishop of Shrewsbury has paid tribute to Pope Pius X and Pope Benedict XV for standing against popular opinion in their opposition to the First World War. Bishop Mark Davies invoked the Great War in a pastoral letter for Peace Sunday, 19 January, in the centenary year of its outbreak in 1914.

"Historians tell us that the whole train of events ... could have been broken at any stage, if there had only been a change of heart," he said. "I find it chilling to read accounts of how the Declaration of War in 1914 was welcomed with public rejoicing across Europe's cities, as the saintly Pope Pius X died broken-hearted at the unfolding tragedy. St Pius X, and his successor, Pope Benedict XV, appealed tirelessly for peace, but their pleas went unheeded."

The bishop praised Pope Francis' day of prayer and fasting for peace in Syria last September which, he believed, "contributed to the change of heart which saw nations seek again the paths of peace". He concluded "may... 2014 be a year to open our hearts to God's gift of peace; a year for us to be reconciled, to confess the sins which take peace away: a year to recognise the place of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation in our lives. May this anniversary which recalls the tragedy of a century ago serve now to turn our eyes in faith to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away our sins and grants us peace."

• Full text: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/pastoral-letter-peace-sunday-19-january-2014>

NEW JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION FOR SHREWSBURY DIOCESE TO ADDRESS KEY ISSUES

The Bishop of Shrewsbury has asked a newly-formed diocesan justice and peace commission to set up projects to address such issues as world peace, human trafficking, poverty and the ill treatment of the elderly. Bishop Mark Davies invited the Commission for Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility of the Diocese of Shrewsbury to find ways to translate theory on social justice into practical action that made an impact. In a homily at a Mass for the commissioning of the 10 members of the group, the Bishop also said that he want the work of the commission to be shared by the "whole diocese".

"I would like us to see this mission not as the concern of a few but the shared mission of all the faithful," he said during the Mass in the Evron Centre, Stockport, on Saturday 25 January. "I want us to identify projects to raise awareness and to take action year by year. I want us to co-operate with the other commissions and diocesan bodies in this mission. In discerning what our Holy Father calls 'the paths the Lord points out to us' I want us to consider our response to the continuing crisis in Syria; to human trafficking, so often highlighted by Pope Francis, together with the shameful treatment of the aged which seems to me to be closely linked to the discarding of the unborn." He continued: "The mission of our Children's Society for families in need, the plight of the addicted and the homeless are all areas of immediate concern which spring to mind."

The Mass came ahead of the inaugural meeting of the new commission, which will meet four times a year. The commission falls within the Department for the New Evangelisation and is chaired by Canon Philip Moor, the Vicar General and the parish priest of Holy Apostles and Martyrs, Wallasey. The meeting heard brief reports about ongoing justice and peace work in the Diocese, including the promotion of Catholic social teaching and the work of CAFOD, the Catholic Children's Society and the Wirral Food Bank. In his homily, Bishop Davies asked the members of the commission, who will serve initial three-year terms, to heed the practical example of Pope Francis himself.

• Full text: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/homily-feast-conversion-st-paul-commissioning-commission-justice-peace-social-responsibility-evron-centre-25th-january-2014>

CSAN CONGRATULATES ARCHBISHOP VINCENT NICHOLS AS HE IS NAMED CARDINAL

CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network) welcomed the announcement on 12 January that the Archbishop of Westminster, Vincent Nichols, will be made a Cardinal on 22 February. Helen O'Brien, CEO of CSAN, said "I am delighted to hear the news that Archbishop Vincent Nichols will be made a Cardinal by Pope Francis. On behalf of CSAN's charities, I would like to offer our congratulations and prayers. Archbishop Vincent Nichols has been an ardent champion of Catholic Charities in their work to tackle poverty and disadvantage. With these new responsibilities, I know he will continue in taking up Pope Francis' call to be a Church for the Poor here in the UK."

• Full text: <http://www.csan.org.uk/>

"A COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE WHICH KNEW NO BOUNDS": TRIBUTES TO PAUL GOGGINS MP

Following the sad news of the death of Paul Goggins MP on 8 January, CAFOD's Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bishop John Arnold, has paid tribute to the huge contribution Paul made to supporting and furthering CAFOD's work over the last two decades. While serving as MP for Wythenshawe and Sale East from 1997 and as a minister in the Labour government from 2003 to 2010, Paul gave his own time to help the most disadvantaged in society, both in Britain and overseas. He volunteered as an unpaid Board Member at CAFOD from 1998 to 2003, and co-founded the All Party Parliamentary Group Friends of CAFOD to champion our work supporting the poorest people in the world. He also served as Secretary of the All Party Parliamentary Group on poverty. Paul gave his time freely in support of CAFOD's work, travelling to the USA in 2002 to discuss development issues with members of Senate and Congress, and before that to Colombia in 1999 with our partner Caritas International, where he formed part of an international delegation that looked at the peace process, the impact of violence and human rights issues the country.

Bishop Arnold said: "Paul had a passionate commitment to justice which knew no bounds. His support for CAFOD's mission was exceptional and the energy, intelligence and sympathy he brought when he was working alongside the poorest communities was truly remarkable. Every day of his career, Paul was driven to help the most disadvantaged in society, and ensure that poverty was tackled wherever it existed. His commitment to helping others, anchored in his strong Catholic faith, served as an inspiration to us all during his lifetime, and that inspiration will live on in the years to come."

- Full text: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/News/UK-News/Paul-Goggins-Tribute>

Paul was CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY'S second National Coordinator, from 1989 until his election as an MP in 1997. He oversaw the development of Church Action on Poverty into a powerful voice for and on behalf of people experiencing poverty across the UK. This included establishing the Churches' National Housing Coalition in 1990 and overseeing the groundbreaking 'Local People National Voice' project, which for the first time sought to give a platform for the voices of people with direct personal experience of poverty to be heard on the local and national stage. This initiative culminated in the first National Poverty Hearing in Westminster Central Hall in 1996. Niall Cooper, Paul's successor and current Director of Church Action on Poverty, said: "Paul was a man of great personal warmth and deep conviction. His personal commitment to social justice and to championing the cause of people suffering from poverty and injustice both at home and abroad shone through in everything he did. Paul will be missed hugely by all those who knew him personally or who were touched by his work."

- Full text: <http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/news/paulgoggintribute>

MOVEMENT AGAINST XENOPHOBIA

The Movement Against Xenophobia is a new campaign, promoted by the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI) and its allies, aimed at countering the vicious anti-immigrant discourse of mainstream politics in the UK. They are currently in the process of building a coalition of organisations and prominent individuals to mobilise and inform people on the issues around immigration, particularly around the imminent Immigration Bill, the European Elections next year and the General Election in 2015.

- Read the full statement at <http://www.ekkleisia.co.uk/node/19947>
- Find out more at: <http://www.jcwi.org.uk/>
- Look too at: <http://www.hopenothate.org.uk/>

THE DRONES QUILT

This unusual patchwork quilt has been lovingly stitched in squares then sewn together into a long strip. The Drones Quilt is the inspiration of the ecumenical movement 'Fellowship of Reconciliation'. It has been designed to raise awareness about drones and remind the government that often, the victims of drone attacks are civilians, people like us who haven't asked to be involved in conflict. Each square of the quilt is made by someone like you, who writes their name and then the name of a civilian victim on a square of fabric. These are then sewn together to create a visual petition. The quilt restores humanity to those killed or maimed and reminds people that for every single victim of a drone there was a real person.

- Find out more at: <http://www.for.org.uk/act/drones-campaign/>

MARPLE CHURCHES TOGETHER J&P GROUP have arranged for it to be displayed at the United Reformed Church, Hibbert Lane Marple from March 22 until March 25th. We hope to arrange various activities such as reflections, prayer etc. • For times of opening contact Marian Thompson 0161 427 7254

NATIONAL J&P CONFERENCE CALLED TO LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS 18 - 20 JULY 2014

Organised by NJPN Executive Committee with Christians Aware and Vincentians in Partnership. A conference to: empower lay people to accept the responsibility of their baptism; provide an opportunity to bring our life experiences and relate them to our baptismal call; be a celebration of life and a renewal of vision. Speakers Sarah Teather MP; Mary Colwell; Gemma Simmonds CJ; Clare Dixon; Chair: Rev Ruth Gee. The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Booking forms now available from: NJPN, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. Tel 020 7901 4864 email admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

JUSTICE AND PEACE CALENDAR

20 FEBRUARY UN WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

For the United Nations, the pursuit of social justice for all is at the core of our global mission to promote development and human dignity. The General Assembly proclaimed 20 February as World Day of Social Justice in 2007, inviting Member States to devote the day to promoting national activities in accordance with the objectives and goals of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly. Observance of World Day of Social Justice should support efforts of the international community in poverty eradication, the promotion of full employment and decent work, gender equity and access to social well-being and justice for all.

<http://www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday/>

24 FEBRUARY – 9 MARCH FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: *Stick with Foncho to Abolish Unfair Bananas*

More than 1.2 billion Fairtrade bananas are now sold in the UK each year. That's one in every three bananas we buy. Despite this, there's still a serious problem at the heart of the banana business – the price we pay for bananas. We must act now to deliver a fair deal to all banana farmers and workers.

The chosen slogan for this year's Fairtrade Fortnight is "Stick with Foncho to Abolish Unfair Bananas." Foncho is a banana farmer from Cienaga in Colombia. This Fairtrade Fortnight, he's coming to the UK and he's on a mission to make bananas fair. Before Foncho's co-operative Coobafrio was certified as Fairtrade, Foncho often struggled to make ends meet - it was a hard life. But since becoming Fairtrade, Foncho receives a fair price for his bananas, which means he can afford to care for his loved ones and send his daughter to college. We need to act now so that all banana farmers and workers get a fair deal.

www.stickwithfoncho.org.uk

FAIRTRADE FOUNDATION www.fairtrade.org.uk

TRAIDCRAFT www.traidcraft.co.uk

3 – 9 MARCH CLIMATE WEEK

Culminating in a week of activities and events, Climate Week seeks to promote ways to live and work more sustainably to combat climate change and create together a more sustainable, low-carbon future.

www.climateweek.com

Let us be protectors of Creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.

Pope Francis

The Be-attitudes

Blessed are those who use low-energy light bulbs for theirs is the light of God's wisdom.

Blessed are those who travel by train for their lives are on God's track.

Blessed are those who choose a car with low fuel consumption for they are in God's fast lane.

Blessed are those who insulate their homes for theirs is the warmth of God's love.

Blessed are you when you put yourselves out to use energy from renewable sources, for you have kindled the flame of the future.

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5 MARCH ASH WEDNESDAY

For the past 30 years peace activists have gathered on Ash Wednesday at the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall in an act of non-violent resistance and repentance to nuclear war preparations. The UK alone has 225 nuclear weapons and the Royal Navy boasts a proud record of over 40 years of uninterrupted nuclear deterrence, as at least one of the four Vanguard-class submarines is on patrol at any time.

www.paxchristi.org.uk

7 MARCH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: *Streams in the Desert*

The annual Women's World Day of Prayer (now known simply as the World Day of Prayer) speaks with the voices of women from all parts of the globe. Each year a different country takes a turn to present the material.

Prepared this year by the women of Egypt we are asked to reflect on our Christian role of being a 'stream in the desert' for those who experience spiritual 'drought'. We are invited to think about our own lives and where we recognize streams in our own deserts; places and moments where God is actively at work and to reflect on times when we, like the Samaritan woman, have gone to the well looking for one thing and then discovered Christ offering

us what we never expected. We will come not only to learn what this spring of living water is, but how we can, like the Samaritan woman, carry it back to our communities. To see the transformation that can happen when we share our stories of encountering the living God.

The Egyptian committee wrote the March 2014 service at a time of great hope, just after the Arab Spring. One of the oldest civilisations in the world, Egypt has long been home to Coptic Christians. Since the uprising in 2011 there has been conflict between religious groupings. Political change affects individual lives and we pray with the women of Egypt for peace.

www.worlddayofprayer.net

22 MARCH WORLD WATER DAY: *Water and Energy*

Water is a basic requirement for all life, yet water resources are facing increasing demands from, and competition among, users. In 1992, the UN General Assembly designated 22 March of each year as the World Day for Water. The annual International World Water Day provides a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. World Water Day 2014 will be coordinated by the United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on behalf of UN-Water. Water and energy are closely interlinked and interdependent. Energy generation and transmission requires utilization of water resources, particularly for hydroelectric, nuclear, and thermal energy sources.

www.unwater.org/worldwaterday

www.wateraid.org.uk

Living water

We are connected in creation by water which gives us life.

Tides move in our blood, and on distant shores

our kindred lift their heads in the salt air

and scan the horizon for a trace of our mark on the earth.

Let our marks be gentle.

Let us respect the sacredness of water

which moves between us as a blessing from the hand of God.

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24 MARCH ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO

Before he was appointed Archbishop of El Salvador in 1977 there were few signs that the conservative Bishop Romero would challenge the status quo and speak out on behalf of the poor. But seeing his friends and colleagues murdered and their killers protected transformed his views. Romero became a prophetic 'voice for the voiceless,' ceaselessly calling for an end to the repression. On 24 March 1980 he was shot dead whilst saying Mass. More than 30 years on, Romero's voice continues to be strong – an inspiration not just to the people of El Salvador but to all those who seek justice.

www.romerotrue.org.uk

Many would like the poor to keep on saying that it is God's will for them to live that way.

But it is not God's will for some to have everything and others to have nothing. That cannot be of God.

Oscar Romero

- Order a copy of *Oscar Romero and the Nonviolent Struggle for Justice* by John Dear SJ. Available from the Pax Christi office price £2.50 www.paxchristi.org.uk

29 MARCH EARTH HOUR 8.30pm: *UNITING PEOPLE TO PROTECT THE PLANET*

In the UK alone we consume three times our fair share of the planet's resources. The World Wildlife Fund's (WWF) Earth Hour is the single, largest, symbolic mass participation event in the world. Born out of a hope that we could mobilize people to take action on climate change, Earth Hour now inspires a global community of millions of people in 7,001 cities and towns across 152 countries and territories to switch lights off for an hour as a massive show of concern for the environment and invites us to take positive steps to reduce our carbon footprint.

<http://earthhour.wwf.org.uk/about-wwfs-earth-hour>

31 MARCH CND SCRAP TRIDENT TOUR

Pax Christi is supporting the Scrap Trident Tour - with Bruce Kent as speaker - which is being launched on 31 March. Please contact Pat Gaffney coordinator@paxchristi.org.uk if you can host/arrange a meeting. (See diary dates on page 6 for events already organized and check the Pax Christi website regularly for more info www.paxchristi.org.uk)

4 APRIL UNITED NATIONS' MINE AWARENESS DAY

The United Nations' International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is observed on April 4 each year. The day aims to raise awareness about landmines and progress toward their eradication. The term 'mine action' refers to a range of efforts to clear landmines and explosive remnants of war and to mark and fence off dangerous areas. It also includes assisting victims, teaching people how to remain safe in a mine-affected environment, advocating for universal participation in international treaties related to landmines, explosive remnants of war and their victims, and destroying landmines stockpiled by governments and non-state armed groups. The UN works together with countries to find and destroy these devices.

www.un.org/en/events/mineawarenessday/

"The United Nations is strongly committed to mine awareness and mine action throughout the world. On this International Day, we reaffirm our commitment to a world free from the threat of mines and other remnants of war."

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Message for the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, 4 April 2013

14 APRIL GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION ON MILITARY SPENDING UK

On 14 April, the Global Day of Action Against Military Spending, CAAT, Pax Christi, War on Want, CND and others are joining together to protest against the UK Government's prioritization of military spending over public services and welfare. Our military spending is a massive £39 billion each year, the fourth highest in the world. The 55,000 arms trade jobs in the UK are subsidised to the tune of £700 million a year. Yet 56,000 NHS jobs are expected to be lost as a result of public sector cuts. The replacement of Trident nuclear weapons is expected to cost £80 billion over the next 40 years. But vital public services are cut: £20 billion NHS "efficiency savings" by 2015; £4 billion a year Social housing; £2 billion a year Sickness benefits; £150 million so far Mental health services and £200 million so far Youth services. It's time to shift priorities. There are alternatives: the huge subsidy currently paid to the arms industry could be redirected towards renewable energy and energy saving measures, allowing diversification and conversion of the arms industry and enabling public resources to tackle a huge cause of human insecurity – climate change. Find out more and take action on 14 April.

<http://demilitarize.org.uk/call-to-action/>

18 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY

To choose the road to discipleship is to dispose oneself for a share in the cross.

It is not enough to believe with one's mind; a Christian must also be a doer of the word, a wayfarer with and a witness to Jesus.

This means we never expect complete success within history.

It also means that we must regard as normal the path of persecution and the possibility of martyrdom.

The Challenge of Peace, par. 276

RESOURCES

UK COMMON RIGHTS PROJECT

Housing Justice have produced four short films showing eight homeless people who share something of their stories and the struggles they have faced to access the basic necessities of life – shelter, food, water and sanitation – on the streets of Britain. These challenging testimonies are part of the **UK Common Rights Project**, which takes as its starting point the UN Declaration of Human Rights, and they are ideal to show in your church or homelessness project during Action Week.

- The film and more information can be seen at www.commonrights.org.uk.
- DVD (£5) or film plus report (£10) from Housing Justice info@housingjustice.org.uk 020 3544 8094

'50 WAYS TO CLOSE THE FOODBANK'

The campaigning group Together for the Common Good www.togetherforthecommongood.co.uk has sent a link to a novel protest song inspired by Paul Simon's 1975 hit '50 ways to leave you lover'. '50 ways to close the foodbank' is written and performed by Canadian volunteers who began helping at a foodbank in 1990 and are shocked to find they are still needed 22 years on. The song is part of a campaign to make obsolete the charity food banks they themselves helped to create and sustain.

- Watch the video '50 Ways to Close the Foodbank' <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3Vujbjmz6k>
- read an article about the group by The Guardian's Patrick Butler <http://www.theguardian.com/society/patrick-butler-cuts-blog/2013/may/28/poverty-50-ways-to-close-a-food-bank-uk>

LENTEN PRAYER LEAFLET

- Download a 2-page prayer leaflet with daily reflections for Lent from www.jp-shrewsburydiocese.org.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

14-16 Conference *Peace, Power, and Protest: Prophets for a New World* jointly hosted by the Student Christian Movement and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Main speaker Rev Inderjit Bhogal OBE, leader of the Corrymeela Community and leading theologian. <http://movement.org.uk/events>

15 9.30am - 12.30 *'The Joy of the Gospel'*: The Justice through Faith group invite you to an introductory look at Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium* at The Catechetical Centre, St Richard's, Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale, WN8 8BX

15 NJPN Networking Day St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ 10.30am to 4pm *Life Under Occupation* Speaker Trisha Griffin, former Ecumenical Accompanier in Palestine/Israel admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

18 7-9pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, Portico Lane, Portico, Prescot, L34 2QT Liverpool Archdiocese J&P Commission invite you to join them for an evening of reflection on how we remember WW1 with the film *"Days that shook the world - Christmas truce."* The first in a series.

18 Friends of Sabeel Uk (North West Region) *On the way to apartheid?* Discussion with film and other resources 10 for 10:30-3: 30pm Farnworth Methodist Church, Derby Road, Widnes WA8 9JX. Bring and Share Lunch. Worship and prayer. Palestinian sales table, foods, crafts and literature. Further information: Susan Murphy 0781 618 1850

18 Friends of Sabeel Uk (North West Region) *Bethlehem: Hidden from View* Documentary film featuring interviews with local Palestinian Christians talking about their lives behind the separation wall, under occupation followed by time for questions and discussion. 7 pm for 7:15-9 pm. Free entry. Serpentine Road Family Church, 100 Liscard Rd, Wallasey CH44 0AA. Palestinian crafts, foods, Fairtrade Olive oil, Bookstall. Details: Susan Murphy 0781 618 1850

20 Newman Association *Food and Faith* talk by Steve Atherton at St Helens, Crosby 7pm.

20 *The UK Gold* Film The Ucheldre Centre, Millbank, Holyhead, Anglesey, LL65 1TE, at 8pm www.theukgold.co.uk

20 St Andrew's Shifnal *Forget Me Not*; monthly resource for people with dementia and their carers; worship, reflection, resources, all within the context of a lovely afternoon tea. 3pm, third Thursday each month, in church.

21 CAFOD Quiz Night Our Lady's Parish Centre, Ellesmere Port Town Centre at 7.30pm. (**not** 17 Feb as wrongly stated in previous bulletin)

27 *The UK Gold* Film St Mary's Centre Chester (CHANGE OF VENUE from Grosvenor Museum) 7.30pm. Christian Aid NW's David Hardman contributing to after-film discussion. Chester Fairtrade Steering Group www.chesterwdf.org.uk

24 February-9 March Fairtrade Fortnight www.fairtrade.org.uk

MARCH

7 World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) *Streams in the Desert* prepared this year by the women of Egypt www.worlddayofprayer.net

8 One Hour Vigil of Concern 12 Noon Heysham Nuclear Power Station on the third anniversary of the nuclear incident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant *Have we learned from Fukushima or could it happen here?* Gathering at Friends Meeting House Lancaster at 10am for briefing and refreshments. Transport available from the Meeting House to Heysham. Further details: Mo Kelly Lancaster Quaker 01524 389911

20 *A poor church for the poor: Romero's witness to the joy of the gospel* Martin Maier SJ Hope University L16 9JD Liverpool at 7pm. Organised by J&P with the Romero Trust. Details 0151 522 1080 s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk

21 CAFOD Quiz Night (see notice for Feb 21)

22 Archbishop Romero Anniversary: Mass at 12 noon, followed by presentation by Ann Wilson who recently visited El Salvador. St Mary's, Duke Street, Denton, Manchester M34 2AN

22 Action Against Poverty in South Lakeland 9.30am for 10am-4pm St Thomas Kendal Cumbria LA9 4QG. Opened by Tim Farron MP. Main speaker Niall Cooper National Coordinator of Church Action on Poverty. Donations welcomed. Tea & Coffee provided. Workshops: The Elderly Caught in Debt; Disabilities; The Food Bank; Rural Poverty; Homelessness. Please register: 01539 740605 ctikd@hotmail.co.uk Organised by Churches Together in Cumbria

23 Liverpool Archdiocese J&P Commission's 34th Annual Romero Mass, St Anne and St Bernard, Overbury St, Liverpool L8 2TY. Speaker Steve Atherton 0151 522 1080 s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk Hospitality after Mass.

23 Romero Memorial Mass at St Mary & St James Church, Snow Hill, Scorton, Preston PR3 1AY 10:30am

29 Evening of Poetry & Music featuring readings by Trevor Dennis and music led by Adrian Rushforth 7.30-9.30pm St Mary's Handbridge, Overleigh Road Handbridge Chester, CH4 7HL www.chesterwdf.org.uk

31 Start of CND Scrap Trident Tour with Bruce Kent as speaker. Details Pat Gaffney coordinator@paxchristi.org.uk

APRIL

28 *Time to Scrap Trident* Speaker: Bruce Kent 7pm St Wilfrid's Parish Centre 1 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3JJ 5 minutes walk Preston Railway Station. Contact: Lancaster Faith & Justice Commission St Bernadette's Parish House, Bowerham Road, Lancaster LA1 4HT tel: 01524 383081 or email: lfjc@talktalk.net