

## NJPN North West Justice & Peace E-Bulletin – September 2014

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### DON'T NAME THE DEAD CHILDREN

Israel bans radio advert listing names of children killed in Gaza (*The Guardian* 24.07.14)

Don't mention the children.  
Don't name the dead children.  
The people must not know the names  
of the dead children.  
The names of the children must be hidden.  
The children must be nameless.  
The children must leave this world  
having no names.  
No one must know the names of  
the dead children.  
No one must say the names of the  
dead children.  
No one must even think that the children  
have names.  
People must understand that it would be dangerous  
to know the names of the children.  
The people must be protected from  
knowing the names of the children.  
The names of the children could spread  
like wildfire.  
The people would not be safe if they knew  
the names of the children.  
Don't name the dead children.  
Don't remember the dead children.  
Don't think of the dead children.  
Don't say: 'dead children'.

#### **Michael Rosen**

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### STOP ARMING ISRAEL

Nearly 2000 Palestinians have been killed in Israel's attacks on Gaza, the vast majority civilians, hundreds of them children. Homes and lives lie in ruins. Our government's response has been shameful. Worse than its silence is what it has done: continuing its political and military support for Israel, even as schools, hospitals and UN shelters have been targeted. Research by Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) has exposed the extent of the UK's arms sales to Israel - at least £47 million since 'Operation Cast Lead' in 2008-9, despite evidence that UK-supplied equipment was used in those attacks. CAAT supporters have sent thousands of emails to the Foreign Secretary, demanding that the UK stops arming Israel. The Government has confirmed it will now review all UK arms export licences to Israel.  
<http://www.caat.org.uk/>

### CALL TO STOP UK ARMS SALES TO OPPRESSIVE REGIMES

415 children killed in Gaza. 298 airline passengers shot out of the sky in Eastern Ukraine. Outrageously, the UK's still selling weapons - including bomb and missile parts! - to both Israel and Russia. But here's our best chance to stop it. Right now David Cameron's under intense pressure to suspend all arms licenses to both countries - a senior minister, Baroness Warsi, just quit, others are in open rebellion. He's announced a review and vowed to stop some arms sales to Israel if fighting resumes, but given his government's cosy relationship with mass weapons-makers like BAE systems he'll only commit to firm action if we give him no choice. Click here to stop sale of weapons that murder innocent families:  
[https://secure.avaaz.org/en/murder\\_made\\_in\\_britain\\_loc/?bctRKab&v=43825](https://secure.avaaz.org/en/murder_made_in_britain_loc/?bctRKab&v=43825)

## CHALLENGE THE ARMS TRADE IN THE NORTH WEST

10.30am - 5pm, Saturday 11 October, MERCi, Bridge 5 Mill, 22a Beswick Street, Ancoats, Manchester, M4 7HR.

Free to attend, with vegetarian sandwich lunch provided.

*"They have been supplying them, they have been supporting them, they have been providing them with succour.*

*They cannot deny their responsibility for the acts that these people are carrying out."*

New Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond was talking about Russian supplies to separatists in Ukraine. It's time the UK started to applying this logic to its own weapons sales.

We have witnessed the horrific impact of arming Israel as it attacks Gaza, and the repression in Bahrain and Egypt where UK weapons have been used to repress pro-democracy campaigners. It's time to take action. Join us for a day of workshops and explore how you can make a difference.

We've got an exciting agenda lined up:

- Arms dealers in our midst: a whistlestop run through of the arms trade around Manchester and where weapons made here end up.
- Stop Arming Israel: Israeli equipment used in Gaza in the 2008-9 conflict "almost certainly" contained UK-supplied components. Yet the UK has approved over £47 million in weapons sales to Israel since then. Find out more about the UK-Israeli arms trade and get ideas for action.
- Arming All Sides: find out about resistance to the arms trade during and after the First World War in Manchester, and how we can take action today.
- Arms to Renewables: Work for the future. Find out more about CAAT's new campaign to shift resources away from the arms trade and towards an environmentally sustainable economy.
- Learn more about the Campaign Against Depleted Uranium
- Gain skills and ideas for effective action, and share news about local campaigns

Email [events@caat.org.uk](mailto:events@caat.org.uk) to book your place. Kat Hobbs, Local Outreach Coordinator Campaign Against Arms Trade  
[www.caat.org.uk](http://www.caat.org.uk) 0207 281 0297

## WORLD'S TOP MUSLIM LEADERS CONDEMN ATTACKS ON IRAQI CHRISTIANS

Two of the leading voices in the Muslim world denounced the persecution of Christians in Iraq, at the hands of extremists proclaiming a caliphate under the name Islamic State. The most explicit condemnation came from Iyad Ameen Madani, the Secretary General for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the group representing 57 countries, and 1.4 billion Muslims. In a statement, he officially denounced the "forced deportation under the threat of execution" of Christians, calling it a "crime that cannot be tolerated." The Secretary General also distanced Islam from the actions of the militant group known as ISIS, saying they "have nothing to do with Islam and its principles that call for justice, kindness, fairness, freedom of faith and coexistence."

Meanwhile, Turkey's top cleric, the spiritual successor to the caliphate under the Ottoman Empire, also touched on the topic during a peace conference of Islamic scholars. In a not-so-veiled swipe at ISIS, Mehmet Gormez declared that "an entity that lacks legal justification has no authority to declare war against a political gathering, any country or community." He went on to say that Muslims should not be hostile towards "people with different views, values and beliefs, and regard them as enemies." Their remarks come at a time when Christian leaders in Iraq have called on Muslim leaders worldwide to denounce the anti-Christian violence in the country. In the past decade, the majority of Iraqi Christians have either fled the country or taken refuge in the autonomous region of Kurdistan.

The declaration of a "caliphate" by Islamist militants in Iraq lacks legitimacy and their death threats to Christians are a danger to civilization, Turkey's top cleric, the successor to the last caliph's most senior imam, said. Islamic State, an armed group formerly allied to al Qaeda that has captured swathes of territory across Iraq, last month declared its leader, Ibrahim al-Baghdadi, "caliph" - the historical title last held by the Turkish Ottoman sultan who ruled much of the Muslim world.

"Such declarations have no legitimacy whatsoever," Mehmet Gormez, head of the Religious Affairs Directorate, the highest religious authority in Turkey, which, although a majority Muslim country, has been a secular state since the 1920s. "Since the caliphate was abolished ... there have been movements that think they can pull together the Muslim world by re-establishing a caliphate, but they have nothing to do with reality, whether from a political or legal perspective." Gormez said death threats against non-Muslims made by the group, formerly known as Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), were hugely damaging. "The statement made against Christians is truly awful. Islamic scholars need to focus on this (because) an inability to peacefully sustain other faiths and cultures heralds the collapse of a civilization," he told Reuters in an interview.

[http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2014/07/25/worlds\\_muslim\\_leaders\\_condemn\\_attacks\\_on\\_iraqi\\_christians/1103410](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2014/07/25/worlds_muslim_leaders_condemn_attacks_on_iraqi_christians/1103410)

## THE COST OF WAR IS MEASURED IN HUMAN LIVES

The cost of war is 'always a human person', the Bishop of Shrewsbury reminded the faithful at Requiem Mass for fallen of the Great War. The names inscribed on the memorials of the Great War should remind people that the cost of conflicts is always measured in human lives, the Bishop of Shrewsbury said. In a homily at a Requiem Mass for the fallen of the First World War, the Rt Rev Mark Davies reminded the congregation in Shrewsbury Cathedral that every casualty in war was "always a human person, a brother or sister, of ours. Each time we pass through the entrance of this Cathedral we pass the list of names, the memorial to the men of this parish who perished in the vast conflict which would touch almost every family," he said in the homily read on his behalf on Sunday by Canon Stephen Coonan, the cathedral dean. "The statistics of this First World War vary in their estimates but always defy imagination: some 20 million soldiers and civilians died violently; 21 million were physically wounded and an incalculable number were emotionally injured," the Bishop said. "The generation who survived the war would declare 'never again' but this first, global war was to be the cause of a second five times more destructive and followed by a 'cold war' which threatened all humanity with nuclear destruction."

Bishop Davies reminded the faithful of how Pope St Pius X strenuously opposed the Great War as "disastrous" at a time when millions across Europe cheered and celebrated when it was declared. "Pope Pius was asked by the warring parties for his blessing," Bishop Davies continued. "His response was emphatic: 'I will not bless war, I will bless peace.'" The 20th century then became, in the words of St John Paul II, "the century of tears", the Bishop said, and one which witnessed "violence and destruction on a scale never seen before".

Bishop Davies said: "It was surely in the minds of those who set up memorials in Shrewsbury and far beyond that a message be left for future generations by the words: 'lest we forget.' It is a message applied to the souls swept up in these conflicts who appeal for our prayer and it carries a moral message for the future. "The listing of names on the memorials of war challenges us still to recognise the person beyond the rank or number. In the Gospel Our Lord never saw anonymous crowds but each and every human soul. He 'took pity on them' St Matthew tells us. "In the tragic drama of the past hundred years it was the eternal value and dignity of every human person which was so often lost sight of. Today as we hear within the 24-hour news cycle of a Syrian refugee, a Palestinian child, a missing Israeli soldier we are invited in faith to recognise not a statistic but always a human person, a brother, a sister of ours."

The Requiem Mass was one of a number offered throughout the Diocese and the country to mark the first centenary of the outbreak of the First World War on 4 August 1914. Bishop Davies reminded the congregation that the Diocese of Shrewsbury is also marking the centenary with a Year of Peace and Reconciliation, recognising anew "how peace begins or is lost within the human heart". The Year of Peace, the Bishop explained was inspired by the call of Pope Francis to a day of prayer and fasting last September as the world stood on the brink of the escalation of the conflict in Syria into a major regional war. "Pope Francis invited us to open our hearts to a higher wisdom, a greater mercy and appealed to world leaders and all peoples to look deep into their consciences," Bishop Davies said. "And today as we offer this Requiem Mass for all the fallen of the Great War, for those listed on the memorial of our Cathedral and on memorials which stand across the earth we pray that we may not lack the wisdom, the light to recognise what makes for true and lasting peace."

## LETTER FROM PEACE CAMPAIGNER RAY TOWEY

"Dear friends, you may be interested in my court outcome on 25 June when I went to Camberwell Magistrates court to "surrender" as I had been requested by a letter. After waiting 2 hours I was called to the courtroom. The judge said that if I didn't pay £200 I would have to go to prison for 7 days. I refused again and she said that she would give me 28 days to reconsider. I explained the nature of my so-called criminal damage. She said, did I want her to send me to prison? I said I wanted her to let me go free and I had important professional volunteer work to do in Africa and I had family responsibilities but I wanted the issue resolved. I offered to come back the next day. She said that I must reconsider over the next 28 days.

So I then left the court but as I was going down the stairs to the exit I was called back by the clerk of the court. I asked him why I should go back and he said it would be in my best interest. I went back and the judge smiled at me and said that she had now decided to give me one day in jail and I was to sit in the back of the court till lunch time and then I could go. I said thank you. At lunch when the court recessed she told me I could go and I said thank you again. She smiled as she left the court. So I got a symbolic one day in jail sentence by sitting in the back of the court for a short time. The judge has that discretion to give a one day jail sentence by making you sit in court for a few hours. It is rarely exercised. So I am a free man, till the next time, and I think I met a judge with a good heart who was respectful of a peace campaigner. There is hope, Ray."

*Ray Towey was an anaesthetist in Uganda. In April 2012 he was arrested with two others when he marked the walls of the Ministry of Defence with blessed charcoal as part of their Holy Week action against Trident. They were each found guilty of criminal damage, ordered to pay a fine and given an unconditional discharge. Ray refused to pay the fine.*

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## URGENT ACTION: ASK MPS TO SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BILL

Forty years ago we committed to investing 0.7% of our national income in UK aid. Four years ago all three major UK political parties said they would enshrine that commitment in law. On Friday 12 September, that promise could be fulfilled with the second reading of the International Development Bill. One click will add your name:

[http://act.one.org/act/international\\_development\\_bill?t=4&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=email&akid=5919.5753210.nQCzkB](http://act.one.org/act/international_development_bill?t=4&utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&akid=5919.5753210.nQCzkB)

The petitions reads: *Dear MP, Say you'll be there to support the International Development Bill.*

The Bill, proposed by Michael Moore MP, is the last opportunity for this government to keep its promise to the UK electorate and to the world's poorest people. The rules in parliament are complicated, but if 100 supportive MPs turn up, we've got a good chance of turning this long-held pledge into law. Will you ask your MP to promise to be there?

Saira O'Mallie, ONE.org [http://act.one.org/sign/international\\_development\\_bill/](http://act.one.org/sign/international_development_bill/)

<http://www.one.org>

## TOWNS AGAINST TAX DODGING

Your local council can play a powerful role in calling for tax justice, and you can play a powerful role in influencing them. Next year is the general election in the UK. If we can get every council to pass a motion saying they support cracking down on the tax dodgers, we can send a powerful message to all the political parties that communities want change. Your local council has to juggle resources to pay for the essential services in your community, while big companies get away with dodging billions. It's the same in countries like Zambia, where two out of three people live below the poverty line.

Many of your local representatives will be at party conferences in the autumn, where the main political parties will be deciding their priorities. Get your council on board by calling in them to pass a motion in support of the campaign, and show our leaders that people across the country demand change now.

[http://campaigns.actionaid.org.uk/page/speakout/townsagainsttaxdodging\\_councils?subsource=ACT1408ELC&source=AAL&utm\\_source=TATDemail&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=TATDlaunch](http://campaigns.actionaid.org.uk/page/speakout/townsagainsttaxdodging_councils?subsource=ACT1408ELC&source=AAL&utm_source=TATDemail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=TATDlaunch)

## SURVIVE-MIVA

**SURVIVE-MIVA** (UK Registered Charity No. 268745) is a Catholic lay Association which provides grants to fund essential transport for priests and religious bringing health care and pastoral support to remote communities in developing countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America. In 2013 we supplied 344 modes of transport to 12 countries. This total was comprised of 13 community health outreach vehicles; 38 motorbikes/mopeds; 2 boats / outboard motors; 1 auto-rickshaw and 290 bicycles. One of the transport grants made in 2013 was for £1,000 for the purchase of a motorbike for Christ the King Parish, Nelakondapalli, Andhra Pradesh, India where the Parish Priest is responsible for 8 sub-stations and 3 catechumen (new to the Faith) villages. Another grant of £23,300 funded a 4x4 vehicle for Nkuruba Health Centre, Kabarole, Uganda, which is run by the Daughters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, or Banyatereza Sisters. With the vehicle, the Sisters' work has grown to include regular village visits and open-air clinics, especially immunisation sessions for under-fives, the safe and timely transport of vaccines and medicines to all parts of their catchment area, and the early identification of common communicable diseases.

To make a donation or to find out more about the work of the Association and how you could support us as a volunteer Speaker, making appeals in Catholic Churches in your area, contact:- SURVIVE-MIVA, 5 Park Vale Road, Liverpool L9 2DG Tel: 0151 523 3878 E-mail: [info@survive-miva](mailto:info@survive-miva) [www.survive-miva.org](http://www.survive-miva.org) [www.facebook.com/SurviveMIVA](http://www.facebook.com/SurviveMIVA) [www.twitter.com/SURVIVE\\_MIVA](http://www.twitter.com/SURVIVE_MIVA)

## NEW CAFOD CAMPAIGN ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

CAFOD is taking action on climate change. In September CAFOD is launching a new campaign on climate change and sustainable energy. Why? Climate change is making it harder to end poverty. The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), considered the world's leading authority on the science has said it is extremely likely that humans are responsible for causing the majority of climate change. We all have a part to play in protecting creation.

*"Whether it is typhoons or floods destroying entire communities' livelihoods, or unpredictable seasons for farmers leaving millions hungry, climate change is undoing years of our work to improve people's opportunities." Sophie Dodgeon CAFOD's Head of Campaigns "But, in spite of the evidence, there simply isn't enough action on this issue from our leaders. It's time to expand our concept of love; to love not only our immediate family & friends, but our neighbours near & far, who are or will be affected by climate change. After all, we're in this together; one global family living on one earth belonging to one God, striving for one climate allowing us all to flourish. That's why we've named our campaign : "One Climate, One World".*

North West launch **One Climate One World** is on Saturday 20 September at the Quaker Friends' Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS, starting at 2pm and finishing at 5pm. Come and find out about the campaign. For info about the event and speakers and to book a place go to: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Events/North-West-launch-event>

There is the option to go to Mass at 5:15pm in The Hidden Gem, St Mary's, a beautiful small Catholic Church, minutes close by <http://hiddengem.catholicfaith.co.uk/home2.html>

## FOR THE LOVE OF...

The Climate Coalition is coming together to call for climate action for the sake of all the things that matter most. With more than 100 other organisations involved in the Climate Coalition, there's the potential for things to really kick off – but that won't happen without your help.

<http://www.theclimatecoalition.org/campaigns/love>

In September, world leaders will meet for a historic climate change summit in New York. On Sunday 21 September we'll march to Westminster ending with a huge group photo outside Parliament. Join us to show that we need action and ambition on climate change. To register for the march sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/march-through-london-for-climate-action-registration-12329621229?aff=eorg>

Get more info on the **For the Love of...** campaign and share the thing you love: <http://fortheloveof.org.uk/>

## CHRISTIAN AID HUNGER FOR JUSTICE WEEKEND 18 -19 OCTOBER

Over the weekend hundreds of churches nationwide will be urging their local MPs to tackle climate change, and praying for our sisters and brothers around the world. Christian Aid invites your church to join this initiative. Opportunities to hold a special service, create a prayer room or arrange a walk of witness. But whatever you do, please invite your MP along and challenge them to act. For more information visit <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/hungerforjustice>

## RESOURCES

### PEACEMAKING CALLS FOR COURAGE

Be encouraged! Great statement from the Japanese Bishops' Conference making the link from the First World War to wars of today, reminding us, "There is nothing more disastrous and foolish than war. We as human beings must at any cost never repeat the mistake of going to war." Peacemaking they say, "calls for courage, much more so than warfare. It calls for the courage to say yes to encounter and no to conflict: yes to dialogue and no to violence; yes to negotiations and no to hostilities; yes to respect for agreements and no to acts of provocation...all of this takes courage."

Read full statement here [http://www.cbcj.catholic.jp/eng/edoc/140703\\_2.htm](http://www.cbcj.catholic.jp/eng/edoc/140703_2.htm)

### NEW WORSHIP MATERIAL FOR CREATION TIME 1 SEPT – 4 OCTOBER 2014

- produced by Eco-Congregation Scotland. <http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/materials/creation-time/>  
<http://www.ctbi.org.uk/295>

### FAITH IN FOODBANKS? A RESOURCE FOR CHURCHES

produced by the Joint Public Issues Team of the Baptist Union, the Methodist Church, and the United Reformed Church with Church Action on Poverty. [www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/faithinfoodbanks](http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/faithinfoodbanks) 020 7486 5502 [enquiries@jointpublicissues.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@jointpublicissues.org.uk)

### PRAYERS FOR PEACE

An Interfaith Peace Service conducted in Blackburn Cathedral on a weekly basis (see diary page) while the crisis in the Middle East and Africa is so severe featuring prayers from the Christian, Jewish and Muslim traditions. [ifjc@talktalk.net](mailto:ifjc@talktalk.net)

### NOT ABOUT HEROES

On the occasion of the centenary of the First World War, award-winning Manchester-based Feelgood presents Stephen MacDonald's inspirational play *Not About Heroes* at the Lowry Theatre, Salford Quays from Sun 5 October - Wed 8 October

*"these poems are not about heroes, my subject is war, and the pity of war; these elegies are to this generation in no sense consolatory. They may be to the next ...!"* **Wilfred Owen**

*Not About Heroes* is a timeless and uncompromising exploration of courage, of humanity and a moving celebration of an intense friendship forged through poetry and the power of words overshadowed by a terrible and all-consuming war. During the First World War, two of England's greatest twentieth century war poets met at Craiglockhart War Hospital. Siegfried Sassoon was a decorated war hero hospitalised after protesting against the continuing war. Wilfred Owen was a victim of shell shock and accused of cowardice. Returning to the front, Sassoon was shot in the head but survived. Owen went on to win the military cross, die in the trenches seven days before Armistice Day and receive posthumous fame as England's greatest war poet. Weaving their great poetry, letters, and autobiographical writings this emotionally powerful and often witty play tells the moving story of the friendship that transformed them both. Suitable for Schools.

<http://www.thelowry.com/event/not-about-heroes1>

## JUSTICE AND PEACE CALENDAR

### 1 September – 4 October Climate Time

A Season to celebrate and raise awareness of creation and the environment. As Christians we are inspired to be stewards of the earth, to conserve and protect God's creation and the earth's resources. By our actions, we can mitigate the effects of climate change stop the destruction of habitats and reverse the decline of species worldwide. The way we treat the earth today is already affecting the poorest and most vulnerable in the world and, in time, will affect us all. [www.greenschristian.org.uk](http://www.greenschristian.org.uk)

### 7 September Campaign Against Arms Trade Christian Network Day of Prayer

On Sunday 7 September, join Christians across the UK in prayer and action for an end to the arms trade. As Christians we are called to become peacemakers. As the death toll mounts in Gaza and we once again witness the devastating impact of weapons sales and militarism around the world, the CAAT Christian Network's annual Day of Prayer is an opportunity to reflect on what peacemaking means to us. It is a chance to engage our communities in prayer and action for positive alternatives to the arms industry. Resource pack containing suggestions on what 'swords into ploughshares' means for us today plus Pope Francis' recent reflection, prayers and hymns from: [events@caat.org.uk](mailto:events@caat.org.uk) [www.caat.org.uk/get-involved/christian](http://www.caat.org.uk/get-involved/christian)

### 14 September Racial Justice Sunday *Combating Human Trafficking*

An opportunity for us to focus our worship, prayer & action on racial justice by celebrating our human diversity; rejoicing in how far God's people have travelled together and recognising that there is much further to go both in the Church and in the world. The aims of RJS are to raise awareness and deepen understanding of the diversity of culture and experience in society and in the church; to become more inclusive, outward-looking and welcoming; to encourage all Christians to tackle injustice, not ignore it.

#### **Theme 2014: 'Combating Human Trafficking'**

Pope Francis has made the fight against Human Trafficking a priority in his papacy and has described human trafficking as "an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity". The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have developed a human trafficking project that aims to raise awareness of the scale of human trafficking and develop ways of countering this crime through the use of its global Catholic networks.

The project covers four key areas:

**Prevention:** Awareness-raising about the realities of human trafficking

**Pastoral Care in-country:** Pastoral and practical help to victims when they are apprehended by statutory authorities.

**Re-integration:** Support to help victims resettle into their host country or return to their home state if that is their desire and a secure possibility.

**Developing an International Network of Bishops' Conferences and Law Enforcement agencies:** Working with policing and prosecuting agencies to raise awareness of this heinous crime and to place victims at the centre of all combating human trafficking work.

The Trafficking Project has been training front-line church personnel, ethnic and hospital chaplains to become attuned to the signs and symptoms of human trafficking. This training is also available to parishes. Find out more at: [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

### 20 September – 5 October British Food Fortnight

Encourage family, friends and your School and Church Communities to follow the LOAF principles from Christian Ecology Link's Food Campaign - choose food that fulfils at least one of the following criteria: **L**ocally produced; **O**rganically grown; **A**nimal friendly; **F**airly traded. <http://www.greenschristian.org.uk/resources/loaf>

### 21 September Peace One Day - An annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence

The annual International Day of Peace (21 September) is organised by Peace One Day, a non-profit organisation that raises awareness of peace issues. Peace One Day was founded in 1999 by British documentary filmmaker and actor Jeremy Gilley, whose dedication and persistence resulted in a UN Resolution 55/282 nominating one day a year for peace and inviting organisations and individuals to commemorate the International Day of Peace through education and public awareness, and to co-operate with the United Nations in the establishment of the global ceasefire. Peace Day 2014 hopes to build on the achievements of 2013, reducing violence around the theme: *Who Will You Make Peace With?* Find out more about Peace One Day's 2014 campaign here: [www.peaceday.org/global-campaigns](http://www.peaceday.org/global-campaigns)

### 21 – 27 September World Week for Peace in Palestine & Israel

#### *When did we see you in prison? Theme - Child Prisoners*

An annual event to promote education, prayer and action for peace in Palestine & Israel. Each year 500-700 Palestinian children from the West Bank (between the ages of 12-17 years) are prosecuted in Israeli military courts after being arrested, interrogated and detained by the Israeli army or police. Young Israelis too can be imprisoned. 50 Israeli teenagers said that they will refuse to join the Israeli Defence Force because of the occupation of the West Bank (March 2014). [www.worldweekforpeace.org](http://www.worldweekforpeace.org) Resources for 2014 available from Pax Christi including a Prayer written by Palestinian Christian Church leaders in Jerusalem <http://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Jerusalem-Prayer-2014.pdf>.

## 27 September World Tourism Day *Tourism and Development in the Community*

Tourism has experienced continued growth and deeper diversification to become one of the fastest growing economic sectors in the world. Modern tourism is closely linked to development and includes more new destinations for tourists. Tourism has become one of the major players in international commerce, and represents at the same time one of the main income sources for many developing countries. Mexico will be the global host for the 2014 World Tourism Day. [mexicotoday.org/.../mexico-host-world-tourism-day-September-27-2014](http://mexicotoday.org/.../mexico-host-world-tourism-day-September-27-2014) This year's theme is *Tourism and Development in the Community*. [www.wtd.untwo.org](http://www.wtd.untwo.org)

## 3 October CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

[www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

## 4 October Feast of St Francis of Assisi

[www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk)

St Francis offered a way for everyone to share his radical life of simplicity and loving service of God and neighbour. Pope Francis explained his choice of name, saying: 'For me, he is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation ... How I would like a Church which is poor and for the poor'. So, in the name of Francis, we too are encouraged in a radical commitment to the Gospel.

### ***Prayer of Franciscan conservation***

*Living God,*

*where there is waste, let us bring recycling;*

*where there is recycling, let us bring reuse;*

*where there is reuse, let us bring sustainability;*

*where there is sustainability, let us bring justice;*

*where there is justice, let us bring love.*

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## 10 October World Homeless Day

On 10 October each year millions of people around the world mark World Homeless Day to draw attention to homeless people's needs locally and to present opportunities for the community to get involved in responding to homelessness, while taking advantage of the stage that an 'international day' provides. [www.worldhomelessday.org/](http://www.worldhomelessday.org/)

Housing Justice is the national voice of Christian action to prevent homelessness and bad housing. [www.housingjustice.org.uk](http://www.housingjustice.org.uk)

## 10 October World Mental Health Day: Time to Change

Mental health problems are common - but nearly nine out of ten people who experience them say they face stigma and discrimination as a result. This can be even worse than the symptoms themselves. Time to Change is England's biggest programme to challenge mental health stigma and discrimination, run by the leading mental health charities Mind and Rethink Mental Illness. These two charities work together, combining their knowledge, skills and expertise, in the biggest attempt yet in England to end the discrimination that surrounds mental health. [www.time-to-change.org.uk](http://www.time-to-change.org.uk)

## MEDIA REPORTING ON SUICIDE

Sue Baker, Director of Time to Change said: "The tragic loss of Robin Williams reminded us that anyone, anywhere can be affected by mental health problems, no matter what walk of life they come from. As more details emerged we hoped the media would spare unnecessary graphic details from their reports. Unfortunately this didn't happen. We were disappointed to see the front pages of many tabloid newspapers included explicit information. What's more, it certainly did not adhere to guidelines on reporting suicide and self-harm. There is evidence that shows reporting on suicide, particularly with graphic details, can lead to copycat acts and serve as a trigger for those contemplating taking their own life. We would encourage all media outlets to use our guidelines or those of the Samaritans. For media outlets that are unsure of what to say and whether they're saying the right thing, we have a media advisory service that can give advice to journalists about whether their content is appropriate to use." [www.time-to-change.org.uk](http://www.time-to-change.org.uk)

Paul Farmer, Chief Executive of the mental health charity Mind, echoed these comments and added: "We're disappointed by reporting and headlines in many newspapers which contravene good practice set out by Samaritans guidance and Mind's own advice.. It is important to note that some media coverage has been sensitive and this should be welcomed as we know that exposure for these issues can prompt people to seek the support they need as well as help to reduce the stigma around mental health problems. Mind is the leading mental health charity in England and Wales. We're here to make sure anyone with a mental health problem has somewhere to turn for advice and support." [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

*Alastair Campbell writes:* The *Time to Change* campaign exists to try to change attitudes to mental health and mental illness so that we can break down the stigma and taboo that still attaches itself to this issue, and directly creates discrimination and violence against the mentally ill, whilst simultaneously fostering the myth that the mentally ill are more likely to be violent than the rest of the population. Part of the work we do is to visit companies and get them to commit to the Time to Change pledge as employers, and thereby commit to improving their own understanding of mental health, and their support for their staff's mental health needs and well-being. We do this not from the touchy feely side of life, but from the hard-headed economic case that they invest so much in the training and salaries of their staff, so why would they put them at risk through risking their mental health, or write them off as so many do because of one episode of mental ill health.

In the past year or so, along with Sue Baker, Time to Change chief executive, Paul Farmer of Mind, and Paul Jenkins of Rethink Mental Illness, I reckon we have covered most of the big banks and financial services employers, and some have made real change for the better. All employers can sign up, and I urge you to visit the *Time to Change* website to find out more. In the meantime thanks to all who have supported the campaign so far and thanks in advance to those who will see and hear what is happening on World Mental Health Day, and join the growing campaign for better understanding, services and treatment for the mentally ill.

See more at: <http://www.alastaircampbell.org/blog/2013/10/10/time-to-change-gathering-momentum-an-appeal-to-employers-on-world-mental-health-day/#sthash.0cwYLSbt.dpuf>

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sept-4 Oct** Climate Time. As Christians we are inspired to be stewards of the earth, to conserve and protect God's creation and the earth's resources. [www.greenchristian.org.uk](http://www.greenchristian.org.uk)
- 2** The Justice and Peace Association (Caritas, Diocese of Salford) working to promote justice and peace matters in the diocese of Salford, regular bi-monthly meeting at 7.00pm in the Servite Priory, 500 Bury New Road, Salford M7 4ND. New members always welcome. Enquiries 'phone Jean on 0161 792 9771. Email [faithandjustice@ymail.com](mailto:faithandjustice@ymail.com)
- 7** Campaign Against Arms Trade Christian Network Day of Prayer. Resources: <http://caat.org.uk/events>
- 10** CAFOD West Cumbria Meeting St Joseph's Parish Centre, Cockermouth 7-8.30pm
- 10** Universal Prayers for Peace Interfaith Service 10.30am Blackburn Cathedral BB1 5AA [lfjc@talktalk.net](mailto:lfjc@talktalk.net)
- 13** Lancashire Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride. Info: [www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/Lancashire](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/Lancashire) [pjlumsden58@gmail.com](mailto:pjlumsden58@gmail.com) 0792 9270753
- 14** Racial Justice Sunday: 020 8802 8080 [www.carj.org.uk](http://www.carj.org.uk)
- 17** Universal Prayers for Peace Interfaith Service 10.30am Blackburn Cathedral BB1 5AA [lfjc@talktalk.net](mailto:lfjc@talktalk.net)
- 19** CAFOD Quiz for CAFOD's Connect 2 Ethiopia projects organised by Ellesmere Port LPA J&P Group 7.30 pm Our Lady's Parish Centre. Fee £3 for adults £1 for children which includes interval refreshments. Teams are welcome or join a team on the night.
- 20** Churches Together in Cumbria Celebrating Together "Border Spirit" 2 days after Scottish referendum. What does it mean to live in a border-crossing county? What lessons for Christian unity? 10-4pm Trinity Church Centre, Barrow LA14 5HT Info: Ruth Harvey [rctic@phonecoop.coop](mailto:rctic@phonecoop.coop) 0740 363 8339
- 20** CAFOD Campaign Launch in Manchester One Climate, One World Saturday 1-4pm. It's hoped as many as possible from around the five dioceses in the NorthWest can come along. Starts at the Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS. Speakers from CAFOD plus an invited MP as it coincides with the Labour Party Conference also taking place. Info at: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Events/North-West-launch-event>
- 20** NJPN Open Networking Day 10.30am - 4pm, St William of York, Forbury Road, Reading, Berks RG1 3HW including presentation by the CAFOD group, St John Bosco parish on Becoming a LiveSimply Parish [www.justice-and-peace.org.uk](http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk)
- 20** *Palestine – Time for Action* North West Kairos Training Day Stockton Heath Methodist Church, Walton Rd, Stockton Heath, Warrington, WA4 6NL 10am-4pm. Bring and share lunch. Please book by email so we can know numbers and link people from the same area together for travel. John Logan 01942 214656 [logan-j@btconnect.com](mailto:logan-j@btconnect.com)
- 20** North West launch *One Climate One World* is on Saturday 20 September at the Quaker Friends' Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS, starting at 2pm and finishing at 5pm. <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Events/North-West-launch-event>
- 20** *The Word of the Lord* - a diocesan day for readers and all involved in working with scripture 9.30-4.30 at LACE Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA. Keynote talks and workshops led by Fr Denis McBride CSsR and Dr Marian Tolley with opportunities for prayer and worship. Booking is essential as places are limited. Bookings must be accompanied by a cheque (payable to 'RCAOL') or made online <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Courses-Events> Please book as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday 10 September. For more information please contact Jonathan Mercer: [j.mercer@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:j.mercer@rcaol.co.uk) 0151 522 1040
- 20 Sept - 5 Oct** British Food Fortnight Encourage family, friends and your School and Church Communities to follow the LOAF principles from Christian Ecology Link's Food Campaign - choose food that fulfils at least one of criteria: Locally produced; Organically grown; Animal friendly; Fairly traded. <http://www.greenchristian.org.uk/resources/loaf>
- 21** International Day of Prayer for Peace. Each year the World Council of Churches calls churches and parishes to observe the International Day of Prayer for Peace. 21 September is also the United Nations-sponsored International Day of Peace (next item) <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/events/international-day-of-prayer-for-peace>

- 21** Peace One Day - An annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence. Peace Day 2014 hopes to build on the achievements of 2013, reducing violence around the theme: *Who Will You Make Peace With?* [www.peaceday.org/global-campaigns](http://www.peaceday.org/global-campaigns)
- 21-27** World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel. Theme *Let my people go!* with a special focus on Child Prisoners – peace postcards available from Pax Christi [www.paxchristi.org.uk/campaigns](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/campaigns). Background info and resources from World Council of Churches: <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/events/world-week-for-peace-in-palestine-israel>
- 24** Universal Prayers for Peace Interfaith Service 10.30am Blackburn Cathedral BB1 5AA [lfjc@talktalk.net](mailto:lfjc@talktalk.net)
- 25** CAFOD Fylde Meeting Holy Family Parish Centre, Warton 7-8.30pm
- 27** World Tourism Day [www.wtd.untwo.org](http://www.wtd.untwo.org)

## OCTOBER

- 1** Universal Prayers for Peace Interfaith Service 10.30am Blackburn Cathedral BB1 5AA
- 2** CAFOD Preston Meeting Thursday, at Holy Family Parish Centre, Ingol, Preston: 7-8.30pm
- 3** CAFOD Harvest Fast Day [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)
- 4** Week of Action against Drones <https://www.caat.org.uk/events/>
- 4** St Agnes Church, Darmonds Green, West Kirby, CH48 5DU half day conference 11 am - 2.30 pm on *Pope Francis's Vision for the Church* (Evangelii Gaudium). Speaker Brian Davies, who, after a career in adult and Higher Education and as CAFOD's former Head of Education, has been involved in Justice and Peace activities and reflections on *Evangelii Gaudium* around the country. The event is free and includes tea and coffee. Please bring your own lunch. [mgmaccocook@aol.com](mailto:mgmaccocook@aol.com) 0151 625 6512.
- 4** Scientists for Global Responsibility Conference *Living Within Environmental Limits: From Science to Practice* 10am-4:30 pm Halton Mill, (part of the award-winning eco-development) Mill Lane, Halton Lancaster LA2 6ND. To find out more & book a place go to: <http://www.sgr.org.uk/sites/sgr.org.uk/files/Programme-provisional-2014.pdf>
- 10** Priory Lecture "Faith in Britain Today" The Rt Hon. Baroness Sayeeda Warsi, (previous) Minister of State for Faith and Communities 7.30pm at Priory Church of St Mary, Priory Lane, Lancaster LA1 1YZ Admission (including light refreshments) £5
- 10** World Homeless Day [www.worldhomelessday.org/](http://www.worldhomelessday.org/) [www.housingjustice.org.uk](http://www.housingjustice.org.uk)
- 10** World Mental Health Day [www.time-to-change.org.uk](http://www.time-to-change.org.uk)
- 11** CAAT Manchester Campaign Day 10.30am-5pm, MERCi, Bridge 5 Mill, 22a Beswick Street, Ancoats, Manchester, M4 7HR. We have witnessed the horrific impact of arming Israel as it attacks Gaza, and the repression in Bahrain and Egypt where UK weapons have been used to repress pro-democracy campaigners. It's time to take action. Join campaigners from across the North West for a day of workshops, and explore how you can make a difference. Contact [events@caat.org.uk](mailto:events@caat.org.uk) to let us know you'd like to come! <https://www.caat.org.uk/events/>
- 11** International Day of Action on TTIP (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership) <http://www.nottip.org.uk>
- 11** Peace History Conference London: 020 3397 3019 [abolishwar.org.uk/info.php?p=12](http://abolishwar.org.uk/info.php?p=12)
- 17** CAFOD Quiz Night (see notice for 19 September)
- 17** International Day for Eradication of Poverty [www.unmeditation.org/](http://www.unmeditation.org/)
- 18** *Dignity or Slavery – does work still work for the Common Good?* Salford Justice and Peace Assembly, 2pm at Holy Cross College, Manchester Road, Bury, BL9 9BB. Speaker: Paul Donovan. Paul will address issues such as zero hours contracts, low pay, trade unions etc in the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching.
- 18-19** Christian Aid Hunger for Justice weekend <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/hungerforjustice>
- 19-25** National Ethical Investment Week's Good Money Week campaign to let people know they have sustainable and ethical options in their financial decisions. Good Money Week brings together Advisers, Charities and Churches, Financial Organisations, NGOS, Faith Groups and Community Groups [www.neiw.org](http://www.neiw.org)
- 19-26** One World Week *Living Differently* [www.oneworldweek.org](http://www.oneworldweek.org)
- 19-26** Week of Prayer for World Peace: 020 8968 4340 [www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.com](http://www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.com)

## NOVEMBER

- 14** CAFOD Quiz Night (see notice for 19 September)
- 27** 'Friends of Sabeel UK' Advent Reflection Day. Bishop Richard Llewellyn will speak about *Kairos Britain, a Tent of Nations* and reflections from his time as an Ecumenical Accompanier. Luther King House, Manchester. Contact John Logan 01942 214656 [logan-j@btconnect.com](mailto:logan-j@btconnect.com)

## DECEMBER

- 7** Shrewsbury Diocese J&P Commission Annual Advent Reflection Wistaston Hall Sunday afternoon

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