



Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

# Justice and Peace News

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Welcome to the Summer newsletter of the Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council. This newsletter will now only be available in electronic form. To be added to our email list, please send your details to

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Articles in this newsletter are as follows:

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- National Justice and Peace Conference, July 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018
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*I thoroughly enjoy putting together our newsletter, despite my limited computer skills. I really feel it's important that we try and communicate with each other to spread the good news of what is happening in our diocese around Justice and Peace issues, as well as expressing our concerns. It was wonderful when the Web Explorers group contacted us from the Birmingham Archdiocese to have an article included and I am sure many of us will be inspired by Angie's article.*

*So....please can I ask you to consider writing an article about Justice and Peace issues that are important to you or passing on a piece of news so we can share it with one another? It doesn't have to be long....even a few lines about an activity or advertising an upcoming event in your group, parish or partnership would be most welcome. I am hoping to get the next newsletter out in October.....so if you are planning a Justice and Peace activity during Advent, it would be a great time to advertise it. Let's inspire one another!*

- Please email me at [lizarchibald77@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizarchibald77@yahoo.co.uk) by September 30<sup>th</sup> with anything you would like included in the autumn newsletter.

# AGM/Study day: Community Organising for Catholics

About 30 people gathered together on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> at St Cuthbert's North Shields for the Annual General Meeting and Study Day of the Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council. The theme was Community Organising for Catholics and there was input from four speakers about their experiences of community organising.

They heard how a London Catholic Canon went into an East End pub and drew his walking stick along the pub bar knocking all the drinks down. The dockers were being paid in the pub and spending too much money on drink leaving their families in want.

The wives of the dockers had approached Canon Timothy Ring to ask him to get their husbands paid elsewhere. The employers refused so he took action. Those paying out the money went for the Monsignor. The dockers went for them. A melee resulted after which the dockers were paid elsewhere and families benefited.

Monsignor John Armitage told this story. Mgr Armitage comes from an East End family going back several generations.

He explained how Cardinal Manning helped bring the famous Dockers strike of 1889 to a satisfactory conclusion. The dockers were paid five old pence. They wanted a penny increase: the docker's tanner. Cardinal Manning negotiated with the employers and the strikers during the month-long strike in 1889. Monsignor Armitage helped London Citizens in their campaign for a Living wage for cleaners in such banks as HSBC and Barclays. The dockers had wanted a just wage. Today people want a Living Wage, he said.

John Battle, Director of Church Action on Poverty, is a member of Leeds Citizen and Leeds Poverty Truth Commission. "Citizens," he said, "is about developing deep hope. For politicians it's about survival not people. For 20<sup>th</sup> century New Testament scholars the New Testament is about hope." In his presentation, John Battle said Cardinal Manning's speech on the steps of a building in Manchester (they wouldn't let him inside because he was a Catholic) was the basis of *Rerum Novarum* the Papal encyclical by Pope Leo XIII in May, 1891 which laid the foundation for Catholic Social Teaching.

Sara Bryson, born in Cowgate and now Community Organiser for Tyne and Wear Citizens summarised the processes used by Citizens UK to develop community organising. The diocese is a strategic partner with Citizens. Sarah explained how the group after extensive conversations with people in Newcastle, Sunderland, North Tyneside and Durham are concentrating on three issues:

- Poverty
- Creating safer cities
- Mental Health

Michael Thompson, chaplain at St Thomas More school was the third speaker. He said pupils were concerned about mental health issues and spoke powerfully about their concerns and actions.

The day ended with the chairperson, Fr Chris Hughes' report on the work of the Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council, which oversees the diocesan's two refugee projects in Newcastle and Stockton among other activities.

The Newcastle Refugee project now has a paid project worker as the number using the project has increased. Further details are available on the diocesan website including the newsletter.

Fr Chris stepped down from the chair but will remain Head of the Justice and Peace Department. Liz Archibald was elected to the chair for the coming year.

### **Veronica Whitty**



**Some members of the J and P co-ordinating Council at the AGM/study day in April**



### **Speakers at the AGM/Study day:**

**John Battle, Mgr John Armitage, Sara Bryson, Fr Chris Hughes, Michael Thompson**

# Web Explorers

*We welcome an article by Angie Morrell from*

*Web Explorers, St Charles Borromeo Church, Hampton-on-the-Hill. Angie has contacted us because she is keen to make links with other parishes who are interested in developing the use of the internet to promote the study of climate change.*

## **Web Explorers – St Charles Borromeo Church - and *Laudato Si***

### Finding out.

In 2015, CAFOD provided study materials for a course on *Laudato Si*, which enabled a group of people to find out through learning and discussion, what the papal encyclical was all about. Everyone had a concern about the way we treated our planet; about the way we lived in our own micro-environment, and about the greater issues in the world over which we seemingly had little influence. One of the most concerning questions was “What kind of a world will we leave for our future generations?” (*Laudato Si* #160). At the end of this course in 2015 suggestions were made on how to tackle some of the problems brought about by our careless use of world resources. One of these suggestions was to have a website to raise awareness on climate change, because most people agreed that a *lack of awareness* of what was happening to our world was a major issue. Two people from the CAFOD course determined to look further into the issue of websites and from this small beginning, Web Explorers came about. Two people grew to three, and the work began, in the village of Hampton-on-the-Hill, the home of St Charles Borromeo Church, in the Birmingham Archdiocese.

### Questions

There were so many questions to be answered about raising awareness of climate change – is it necessary to have a website? Why not use the parish newsletter? Aren't there too many climate change websites already? Isn't it just simpler to join in the work of an existing parish group? Despite these and other questions, the 'still small voice' was ever encouraging, ever prompting us to find out more about the issues, and how we might proceed.

This little group of three found their first task to be one of exploration, searching the internet to see whether the wider world was receiving the important messages contained in '*Laudato Si*', messages such as – that “we ignore the environmental impact, of our decisions, on nature itself” (#117). Even looking at local parishes, it was difficult to find anyone, at that time, who had a complete understanding of these serious issues. There was a growing recognition that a website guided by '*Laudato Si*' might be able to interest parishes as well as hopefully informing part of the wider world. We made online visits to many charities that were fighting poverty across the world - CAFOD being one which we knew was widely supported. As well as our giving to those in need, then, should we not also try to draw wider attention to climate change, just as *Laudato Si* has sought to address everyone (#3) on the planet?

## Web Explorers first aim

From small beginnings and much prayer, we were fortunate to be able to grow into a group, meeting on a regular basis, from which a website [www.sp4climate.net](http://www.sp4climate.net) would be developed. Ideas and inspiration came from the meetings, and these guided the design. What we were doing was to try to show to the world what 'Laudato Si' spelt out in detail – but we would use graphics, images, current news, short text blocks and other means available to websites, to illustrate what Pope Francis was telling everyone in his encyclical in May 2015.

One of our members accepted the responsibility for our 'prayer' page – [www.sp4climate.net/prayer](http://www.sp4climate.net/prayer) - concentrating on prayers for creation (#246). More recently we have included our 'downloads' page – particularly for busy people who do not have a lot of time to go through websites – [www.sp4climate.net/downloads](http://www.sp4climate.net/downloads) - this gives quicker access to some of our main sections. We are committed to providing news items as regularly as possible.

## Our second aim

From the beginning we have had two aims – the second is all about sharing what we have with others. Currently we are running a small workshop to show people how to build a website. We are fortunate in having two venues to carry out this activity – Saint Mary Immaculate (office) in Warwick, and a community café in Hampton Magna, both with Internet facilities.

## Future

We would love to hear (at our [website](http://www.sp4climate.net) ) from other people in other parishes who have an interest in making the Internet more widely acceptable to lay Catholics – for Pope Francis said – “The Internet is a gift from God” (2014), and we want to share with others the further use of this gift. (*Evangelii Gaudium* #120)

**Angie Morrell**



# Update from Refugee and Asylum Seeker project, Stockton

## Volunteers Needed!

Refugee Week at the Refugee and Asylum Seeker Project Stockton on Tees (RASPS) Drop In saw two successful sessions for our regular visitors and guests.

We celebrated our diversity with food made by our refugees and asylum seekers and a pool competition. Jolande Mace our English teacher a native from Holland points to the map to show just how many countries our refugees and asylum seekers come from.



We are proud to say, we are welcoming community that offers friendship, help and advice as well as English lessons and games. We have a social area where everyone can relax and enjoy each others' company.

Our co-ordinator Frances Groves has been part of RASPS since its beginning as have several of the volunteers. We do however need MORE VOLUNTEERS. We would welcome anyone who feels that they might have a few spare hours to join our growing community. Contact Rachel Wing at [rachel.wing@ntlworld.com](mailto:rachel.wing@ntlworld.com) for more information

**Rachel Wing.**



## Update on the Justice and Peace Refugee Project, Newcastle

The number of refugees and asylum seekers entering the UK peaked in the mid-2000s and has been falling steadily since. However, the numbers arriving in the North East has increased markedly over the same period. The reasons for this were identified in the *Guardian* newspaper in April 2017. The paper reported that almost five times as many asylum seekers live in the poorest third of the country as live in the richest third. This is as a consequence of a change of policy in 2012 by the Government, which saw the contracts for housing asylum seekers privatised. These contracts, and the reduced money the private companies were given to execute them, inevitably meant that they sought to procure cheap housing in less well-off parts of the country.

The consequences of this can be seen at the project. Typically, we have been signing on between 20 and 30 new clients every month. However, more recently, this has increased considerably and in January 2018, we signed up 70 new clients. We also lose people as they either receive permission to stay or get moved elsewhere or return to their home countries. In the past eighteen months, the net increase has been over 100 and the number of food items which we distribute annually has increased from almost 70000 to over 100000. In the same period, the amount distributed to destitute asylum seekers has increased from £25000 per annum to well over £40000. Consequently, the project is coming under increasing strain and it has now reached the point where demand is no longer being met by the donations.

If you can support the project by donating food, please do so. Financial donations are also very welcome, either by cheque (made out to DHN Destitute Asylum Fund), cash or direct debit. We also welcome standing orders. If you wish to pay by standing order, you can download a form from the diocesan website. Just go onto the RCDHN website, click on departments, then on Justice and Peace and you will find the standing order form along with a gift aid declaration. We would like to thank all our supporters and volunteers....without you this project would not be possible.

Cheques and standing order forms can be posted to: John Dowling, Justice and Peace Refugee Project, Our Lady of Lourdes Deaf Centre, 2 Summerhill Grove, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 6EE

The project is open Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays when food donations can be dropped off during its opening hours, i.e. 11am to 1.45pm.

**John Dowling, Project manager**

# CATHOLIC WORKER

The Catholic Worker Movement began simply enough on May 1, 1933, when a journalist named Dorothy Day and a philosopher named Peter Maurin teamed up to publish and distribute a newspaper called "The Catholic Worker." This radical paper promoted the biblical promise of justice and mercy. Grounded in a firm belief in the God-given dignity of every human person, the movement was committed to nonviolence, voluntary poverty, and the Works of Mercy as a way of life. It wasn't long before Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin were putting their beliefs into action, opening a "house of hospitality" where the homeless, the hungry, and the forsaken would always be welcome. Over many decades the movement has protested injustice, war, and violence of all forms. Today there are some 228 Catholic Worker communities in the United States and in other countries around the world.

In the UK, Catholic worker groups are currently active in Glasgow and London where they offer hospitality and support to marginalised groups such as homeless people and destitute asylum seekers. Just outside of London, a Catholic Worker Farm houses and supports women and children that have nowhere else to stay. The London and Glasgow communities are also actively involved in campaigns against the arms trade and militarisation. All work is undertaken on a voluntary basis although sometimes community members might take on paid employment in another field in order to support a House of Hospitality.

Since the beginning of the year, a group of people in the north east – mainly Catholics - have been meeting to discern the possibility of establishing the Catholic Worker movement in the region. In April at St. Antony's Priory, Durham, 13 people of all ages and backgrounds gathered for a morning event to reflect on the aims and objectives of the movement and to discuss possibilities. A variety of options are currently being explored, from establishing a residential community in an unused presbytery to community environmental projects (one of the visions of Peter Maurin was the idea that people would grow their own food) as well as more focused campaigns against the arms trade.

A further meeting (food and sharing of thoughts) of exploration will be held at Minsteracres on Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup> between 3 and 8pm. Anyone interested is most welcome. A national gathering facilitated by the Birmingham based priest Fr Martin Newell will also be held at St Thomas Church Hall in Darlington in September. This will be attended by the aforementioned established groups, people from the north east and we will also be welcoming people interested in developing the movement from Kent and Edinburgh.

Further information available from Phil Watson – [Philip.Watson@tees.ac.uk](mailto:Philip.Watson@tees.ac.uk) and Adam O' Boyle [adam.oboyle@googlemail.com](mailto:adam.oboyle@googlemail.com)

**Phil Watson**





Back in 2000, I was visiting Quarry Bank Mill in Cheshire, which is managed by the National Trust. I went on a guided tour and when the guide spoke of the conditions that young apprenticed children had to endure in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, I was almost brought to tears listening to his description of their miserable lives. How anyone could have allowed this, I thought to myself at a time when people prided themselves on being considered members of a “Christian Country”

Then I thought....am I any better? What conditions do the people who make my clothes have to endure?

Some time after this, I discovered a great group called Labour Behind the Label. I also had the opportunity to attend one of their workshops at the National Justice and Peace Conference. This organisation works to empower people employed in the global garment industry. What I love about them is that they have loads of practical ways you can make a difference.

Many of us will remember the terrible collapse of the Rana Plaza factory on April 24<sup>th</sup> 2013, in Bangladesh resulting in the deaths of 1,134 people, with over 2,500 people suffering injury. Labour Behind the Label took action, along with other organisations, to demand compensation was paid out to the people who suffered in that terrible event. But more than that, they have continued to campaign for companies to sign up to the Bangladesh Accord to improve workers' conditions. One aspect of this campaign was to get supporters to take on a week of action. One day we had to ring up customer services and ask why they hadn't signed up, the next post a message on Facebook and so on. Within the week both Sainsbury's and Debenhams had bowed to the pressure and signed the Accord. Without leaving my front room I had been able to make a (small) difference!

Please check out their webpage, [labourbehindthelabel.org](http://labourbehindthelabel.org). If you “like” them on Facebook you will also get regular updates about their campaigns and ways you can join in.

**Liz Archibald**



***Sara Bryson, Community organiser for Tyne and Wear Citizens writes:***

**Key dates for us at the moment.**

Mental Health Action team meets Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 6.30-8pm Quaker Meeting House, Gosforth

Safer Cities Action Team Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 6.30-8pm Newcastle Central Mosque

Free School Meal, Fair Change Action team meets Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 9.30-11am at Children North East

Living Wage Action Team meets Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 6.30-8pm

Mental Health Assembly will take place at Newcastle Civic Centre 22<sup>nd</sup> November, tickets now available from Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tyne-wear-citizens-mental-health-assembly-tickets-47277143208>

2 day training will be delivered in September (flyer to follow)

Anyone interested in a free place can contact me [sara.bryson@citizensuk.org](mailto:sara.bryson@citizensuk.org)

People can keep up to date by following us on Twitter or Facebook

@tynewearcitizen or Tyne & Wear Citizens on facebook



**Associate Community Organiser**

We are delighted to be recruiting a **second full time Community Organiser** for Tyne and Wear CITIZENS. This exciting role will be responsible for extending our diverse alliance into Sunderland, and will support members across the alliance with our emerging campaigns. This is an initial nine month post, in the newest chapter of CITIZENS UK. Please find below the job description and more details of the role. To apply please send a CV and covering letter explaining why you are interested and suited to the role to: [sara.bryson@citizensuk.org](mailto:sara.bryson@citizensuk.org) by 5pm on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Interviews will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in Sunderland.



### **Associate Community Organiser – background information**

Tyne and Wear Citizens is the newest local alliance of Citizens UK, formally launched in November 2017 after 3 years work building relationships, listening to local people and identifying the first priorities for action that will make a real difference to people's daily lives. With 25 member institutions, active hubs in Newcastle and Durham, and a growing membership across the region, our action teams are working on three priority areas:

- Poverty – increasing the number of Living Wage employers in Tyne and Wear; working to ensure children in receipt of Free School Meals access their full allocation.
- Safer Cities – Working with all regional transport providers to develop a hate crime policy and training on hate crime for drivers.
- Mental Health – Launched a Citizens Mental Health Commission with three public hearings and a Mental Health Assembly in November 2018.

The attached sheet from our Annual Meeting in December 2017 gives you some idea of our activity since we founded.

We are part of the Citizens UK wide growth project, focussing on Sunderland, and our new Associate Organiser will work to increase our membership and develop a dynamic, self sustaining alliance in the City. Our Community Organiser, Sara Bryson, and our PACT (Parent and Child Together) worker form a local team, supported by a Senior Organiser, Carina Crawford-Rolt, who has been working with us since 2014 to develop Citizens in the Region. They are supported by our local Leadership Group, which meets approximately every 6 weeks to review progress.

We are looking for an Associate Organiser for an initial period of 9 months (subject to funding, we would hope to extend the post for a further period). The person appointed will be eager to get stuck in and learn 'on the job', supported by the Citizens UK Guild of Organisers. One of the early things you will do – if you haven't already – is to attend the Citizens UK six day training programme.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Sara Bryson on 07980106042 for an initial conversation. We may be able to consider offering the post as a secondment opportunity, and other flexible arrangements may be possible. Applicants should send a CV and covering letter explaining why they are suited to the role to [sara.bryson@citizensuk.org](mailto:sara.bryson@citizensuk.org)

Applications must arrive not later than 5pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

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**Job Description: Citizens UK Associate Community Organiser – Tyne and Wear**

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**JOB TITLE:** Associate Community Organiser – *Tyne and Wear*

**ACCOUNTABLE TO:** Citizens UK Trustees > Tyne and Wear Citizens Leadership Group > Tyne and Wear Citizens Community Organiser

**RESPONSIBLE FOR:** To build, support and develop Tyne and Wear as a broad based community organisation of diverse mediating institutions and trained leaders capable of acting together in the public arena for the common good.

This role will be based in Sunderland but working for the broader Tyne and Wear Citizens alliance through its campaign action teams.

**SALARY SCALE:** £24,133 - £28,038 per annum (potential of pro rata and salary may be reviewed depending on experience and track record)

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**MAIN DUTIES**

- To raise the income (local membership dues, strategic partners and Foundations) needed for Tyne and Wear Citizens.
- To undertake between ten and fifteen one-to-one meetings a week and build a network of power relations which give energy, accountability and succour to Tyne and Wear Citizens.
- To recruit and expand the institutional membership of Tyne and Wear Citizens and broaden the geographical base, working primarily in the Sunderland Citizens UK ‘Growth’ area, and then across the region.
- To provide leadership training for new and existing member groups and their leaders.
- To organise and lead regular Retreats and training sessions for Tyne and Wear Citizens, and the Citizens UK Network.
- To work with the Citizens Network on UK-wide residential training and any UK-wide campaigns, which develop across the Network.

- To assist the Tyne and Wear Citizens Leadership Group with actions and campaigns, and to develop their skills and capacity as effective institutions.
- To organise public assemblies and actions, as and when necessary.
- To write reports for the Citizens UK Lead Organiser and ensure that Tyne and Wear Citizens operates legally and constitutionally as both a Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee.
- To keep informed and well-briefed on relevant local and national political developments etc.
- To represent Citizens UK cogently and coherently both, in writing, and verbally.
- To handle own administration efficiently and develop administrative systems which ensure the smooth running of Citizens.
- To develop Citizens UK as the primary 'First Sector' Civil Society institution in the UK and its leaders as major power players in all strategic decisions.

## **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

- At least one year employment track record of successful organising or equivalent career (essential).
- Evidence of further and continuing study, and investigation, including a possible professional qualification (desired).

## **ABILITY**

- Organised; able to prioritise, plan and manage their time to achieve results.
- Committed; willing to make the sacrifice of their personal time for the common good.
- Credible and, apparently, assured with those that hold power, and those that do not.
- Rational above emotion in thought, yet able to empathise with feelings.
- Intelligence; capable of strategic thinking and yet having the ability to identify details.
- Articulate; able to construct and deliver speeches.
- Energetic; able to work long hours without losing coherent thought or optimism.
- Inspirational; able to inspire others to take action.
- Delegation; able to develop ideas, but let go of ownership to allow institutional leaders to lead.
- Understand and practise the elements and disciplines of organising (recruit, listen, take action, evaluate).

## **EXPERIENCE**

- Experience of leadership and management of staff/ circumstances
- Experience of risk taking to create a project/ situation/ event that illustrates your values
- Experience of raising money
- Experience of setting up a new, or consolidating an existing project
- Clear evidence of campaigns won and people developed

## **ATTITUDES AND VALUES**

- A passion for justice
- A good sense of humour
- A positive enthusiasm for working with people from diverse backgrounds
- An interest in, and experience of politics and public life

- Able to work in a team
- Willingness to work within accountable relationships
- Self-motivated and adaptable

## **TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Organiser will be appointed by, and accountable to the Citizens UK Trustees through the Citizens UK Executive Director and Citizens UK Lead Organiser.

The working week is thirty-seven hours and some unsocial hours are inevitable. There are twenty-five days holiday a year, plus public holidays. Citizens UK operates a contributory pension scheme for its employees in conjunction with The Pensions Trust. This scheme is flexible and can normally be adjusted to fit with employees' needs/ previous employment etc. Citizens UK contributes ten per cent of the salary to the pension and the employees five per cent. Staff are entitled to an unpaid eight-week sabbatical every five years.

Through the Guild of Community Organisers, staff have access to workshops, seminars and mentoring, which Citizens UK offers. Most of which happen in London. As well as regular meetings and training with other Organisers connected to Citizens UK, again mostly in London. Support for, and the professional development of the Organiser is a priority for Citizens UK. Considerable time and resources are invested into the apprenticeship of new Organisers, and potential Organisers.

Citizens UK is committed to developing the career of the Organiser in the UK, and therefore is keen to appoint staff who see this job as a career and who may be prepared to move to organise with Citizens UK in another city/ area in the UK in the future.

Citizens UK affiliates with the USA-based Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) who supports over sixty similar 'Peoples Organisations' across the USA. Links are also being developed with similar organisations in Germany, Australia and South

***It is not too late to book! Highly recommended!***

## **National Justice & Peace Network 40th Annual Conference**

Organised in partnership with  
Apostleship of the Sea,  
Church Action on Poverty,  
Housing Justice,  
Prison Advice and Care Trust

**Friday 20 - Sunday 22 July 2018**

The Hayes Conference Centre  
Swanwick, Derbyshire

Information and booking forms available at:  
[www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/](http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/)

**Or for more information contact:**

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### **'In the Shelter of Each Other the People Live'**

***How do we build a church and a society with the marginalised, the excluded and the most vulnerable at its heart? What does 'home' mean for those who are homeless or struggling to keep a roof over their heads, for those who have fled their homes, for those who are rejected or don't 'fit in'? And for the comfortable and secure, is it a space to defend or to open in welcome? Can we recognise that it is only in relationship with each other and with the earth that we share that we can all be truly 'at home'?***

#### **SPEAKERS**

**Rev Al Barrett** is Rector of Hodge Hill Church, a C of E-URC ecumenical partnership in east Birmingham. He lives on a diverse outer estate on the edge of the city, and has been involved in a journey of community-building there, with friends and neighbours, for the last 7 years. He writes and teaches a bit, blogs irregularly [www.thisestate.blogspot.com](http://www.thisestate.blogspot.com), and recently finished a PhD, seeking to develop 'a radically receptive political theology in the urban margins'.

**David McLoughlin** teaches at Newman University. He is a theological resource person for Caritas Europe, CAFOD, Pax Christi, the J&P network and various groups of Religious. He is a founder member of the Movement of Christian Workers and an active member of their Birmingham revue of life group for 30years. He explores the relationship between theology and everyday life and offers radical readings of the Bible for Christian activists.

**Sarah Teather** has been Director of Jesuit Refugee Service UK since January 2016. She served for 12 years as MP in North West London. She stood down in 2015 and worked with JRS International, visiting refugee projects around the world, before taking up her present post.

**John Grogan MP**, a Catholic, was elected in 2017 as Labour MP for Keighley and Ilkley, having previously been MP for Selby before boundary changes abolished the seat. He is committed to issues of social justice and peace, voting against Trident renewal.

**The Conference will be chaired by Housing Justice**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr Colum Kelly, Apostleship of the Sea port chaplain for Immingham.

**PLUS**

**\*Just Fair Market Place\* \*Workshops\* \*Festival\***

**Programmes for Children and Young People**

**This is a fabulous, national event. Booking forms can be found on the NJPN website. Email [lizarchibald77@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizarchibald77@yahoo.co.uk) if you wish to discuss.**

# What's Coming Up?

**Saturday June 30th 1.30 pm, Christian Muslim pilgrimage.** Women come together from the two faiths but all women are welcome of any faith or none.  
The event is at 1.30 at the shrine to Mary at the bottom of Reid Park Road where it borders on Jesmond Dene. Any further information please contact Veronica <veronicawhitty@hotmail.com> or Tel.0191 263 0920

**Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup> 3pm-8pm Catholic Worker Movement at Minsteracres** An opportunity to explore the possibility of setting up a Catholic Worker movement in the north east.

Contact: Philip.Watson@tees.ac.uk or Adam O' Boyle adam.oboyle@googlemail.com

## Events calendar from the NJPN website

### JULY

**4 Independence from America Day: Menwith Hill, N. Yorks**

**themhac.uk; mail@caab.corner.org.uk**

**6-8 Green Christian Retreat, A Heart for the Earth: Minsteracres, Northumberland:**

**greenchristian.org.uk; 0845 459 8460**

**8 Sea Sunday: apostleshipofthesea.org.uk; 0207 901 1931**

**12 Prison Advice & Care Trust AGM: London:**

**prisonadvice.org.uk; 0207 735 9535**

**20-22 Annual Justice & Peace Conference: Swanwick, Derbys:**

**justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference; 0207 901 4864**

**23-27 Christians Aware Summer School: Listen to India:**

Launde Abbey, Leics: **christiansaware.co.uk; 0116 254 0770**

**24-27 Knights of St Columba Young People's Seminar: Leeds**

**ksc.org.uk; 0141 883 5700**

### AUGUST

**6&9 Anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki:**

**christiancnd.org.uk; 0207 700 4200;**

**paxchrist.org.uk; 0208 203 4884**

**24-27 Greenbelt Festival: Boughton House, Northants;**

**greenbelt.org.uk; 0207 329 0038**

### SEPTEMBER

**1 Feast of Care for Creation**

**1 Sept-4 Oct: Creation Time:**

**justice-and-peace.org.uk/category/resources**

**8 NJPN Gathering and Open Event** during the Eucharistic Congress: St Philip Neri Church, Liverpool. Details to be finalised. Check **justice-and-peace.org.uk; 0207 901 4864**

**16-23 World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel:**

**oikoumene.org/**

**21 World Peace Day: un.org/en/events/peaceday;**

**peaceoneday.org; 020 7456 9180**

**23 Fellowship of Reconciliation Peace Sunday:**

**for.org.uk;/peacesunday/; 01865 250 781**

**29-5 October Good Money Week: goodmoneyweek.com**



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5 CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

10 World Mental Health Day: [who.int/medicalcentre/events/annual\\_world\\_mental\\_health\\_day/en/index.html](http://who.int/medicalcentre/events/annual_world_mental_health_day/en/index.html)

14 Prisoners' Sunday: [prisonadvice.org.uk](http://prisonadvice.org.uk); 0207 735 9535

14-20 Prisons Week: [prisonsweek.org](http://prisonsweek.org)

14-21 Week of Prayer for World Peace:  
[weekofprayerforworldpeace.com](http://weekofprayerforworldpeace.com); 0208 968 4340

17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty:

[unmeditation.org/october.cfm#idep](http://unmeditation.org/october.cfm#idep)

21-28 One World Week: The World is Changing—How About Us?  
[oneworldweek.org](http://oneworldweek.org)



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