



Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

# Justice and Peace News

## Winter 2019

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*Welcome to the Winter newsletter of the Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council, which we hope you find varied and interesting.*

Articles in this newsletter are as follows:

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***We regularly update our webpage on the Diocesan website. This can be accessed by going to our page on the [Diocesan website](#).***

We are in the process of organising the AGM for May 2019 and our annual mass for Justice and Peace. You will be contacted as soon as the details are finalised.

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# Celebrating Peace Sunday

Pax Christi has issued some superb downloadable resources to be used in parishes or in groups. They can be accessed at: <http://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/peace-sunday/>

They include resources for giving talks, resources for use with children and much more.



Fr. Chris Hughes, Head of the Justice and Peace department writes:

On January 1<sup>st</sup> Pope Francis issued his annual world message for Peace. In it he said 'Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The 'house' of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our 'common home': the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate.'

Peace Sunday will be on Sunday 20 January 2019, where the theme will be 'Good politics serves peace'. We are reminded that being peacemakers and praying for peace is central to our call as missionary disciples.

# The work of St. Bede's School, Lanchester Chaplaincy Ambassadors.

*As many of us already know, lots of our Catholic schools are actively involved in Justice and Peace work. Back in December I was invited to St. Bede's School, Lanchester to hear about the work of their chaplaincy ambassadors.*

*I was delighted to accept the invitation to go along to school to hear of their work. It was an uplifting experience for me, and I hope I gave the young people a sense of belonging to a wider Justice and Peace movement with our Diocese. It was a really wonderful experience listening to their words and witnessing their commitment and compassion and would like to thank the school chaplain, Mrs. Kirstie Hutchinson for inviting me along.*

*I would like to share with the presentation which the young people delivered, which I am sure you will find as inspiring as I did. (Liz Archibald)*

Our first project was the **ShoeBox appeal**

We challenged each Tutor Group to put together a shoebox for a girl and boy, this meant that we would send 100 shoeboxes. We talked about the shoebox appeal in assemblies and once the shoeboxes were ready to be collected we went to the various form rooms, collected the boxes, brought them back to the Chapel and sorted through them. Some of the students and their families put shoeboxes together at home and added them in with our boxes, some families sent donations of hats, scarves, gloves, or toiletries. This meant that any boxes that had items missing we could then top them up. We sent 136 shoeboxes and a number of boxes of donated items.

During the Mission we were involved in a number of activities.

Parishioners were invited to come into school each day and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We divided ourselves in to teams and we were responsible for meeting and greeting our Parishioners and taking them to and from the Chapel.

During the Mission week there were a number of workshops that students could get involved with dance, drama and music. The workshops led to a Liturgy as part of the family night celebration. Some of us took part in the dance workshop which led to our involvement in the family night. Some of us helped Kirstie on the evening meeting and greeting our parishioners and serving them tea and coffee.

Following the Mission and the message that the Mission brought, 'God's Unbroken Love', the ambassadors were inspired to put the words in to actions. The season of Lent gave us a new opportunity to keep the spirit and the message of the Mission high profile. This led to our next project.

## **Supporting Food4U**

As a school community we have been involved with the local food bank for a number of years. Each year the school community have been asked to bring in food items that we would donate. We've always tried to do an Autumn/Advent food collection and have always asked, where possible, if families could donate a luxury Christmas item; chocolate biscuits, Christmas Puddings, Christmas cakes, mince pies, etc. Once again the school community rose to the challenge and a number of car journeys later our food was delivered in time for Christmas. Kirstie invited Cath Welford, who is a volunteer at Food4U and also a Parishioner to come and talk to us about Food4U and why it's so important to have foodbanks available.

Cath gave us a lot of information and we were delighted that we had made a difference. We asked Cath if there were any items that they needed; we'd packed a lot of pasta and 100's of tins of beans, all useful, but we wanted to know if there were any gaps. Cath told us that washing products were very low; washing powder, washing up liquid, shower gel, soap.

Kirstie came up with Washday Wednesday and during Lent we asked students to donate washing products, which we collected from Tutor groups each Wednesday. Just before we finished for the Easter holidays Cath came and collected the items.

As a school community each year group has a charity that they fundraise for including CAFOD, Great North Air Ambulance, St. Cuthbert's Care, MacMillan Nurses and projects funded by the SVP.

In September we invited representatives from each of those charities to come to a special lunch where we handed over a cheque for £500 to each charity. We asked the representatives to tell us how our money would be used. Emma Bell was the representative for the SVP, she spoke to us about the Blackfriars project, they have a hostel for homeless people, a café, a foodbank. Emma's presentation stood out and we invited her to come and talk to us again about how we could become more involved. The SVP Blackfriars project is our new project for this year, some of us are going to go with Kirstie and visit the project, hopefully help out in the coffee shop, have a tour of the hostel and then, as we did with our projects last year, inspire the whole school community to get involved.

**St. Bede's School, Chaplaincy Ambassadors**



**St Bede's**  
Catholic School  
& Sixth Form College  
Lanchester

***David Cross, Community Participation coordinator writes:***

Thank you to all our friends and supporters who have helped to ensure that CAFOD can continue to support our sisters and brothers overseas who have faced a multitude of issues during this last year ranging from natural and human made disasters ranging from hurricanes and earthquakes through to conflict and war. All these things have a major impact on the poorest people around the world. Without your help and support we couldn't possibly reach so many people with aid and support. Here at CAFOD we believe that nobody should be beyond reach.

Thank you also to everyone who did so much to promote and participate in our Share the Journey Campaign. Over 70 parishes and many schools around the diocese held 'Share the Journey' walks and / or campaign card signing events.



Watch out for our next Climate Change campaign which will be launched around March 2019 called 'Our Common Home'. If you want to keep active on our campaign issues then visit: [cafod.org.uk/climate](http://cafod.org.uk/climate) If you haven't already, then why not sign up to be one of our Campaign Volunteers? You will receive our regular Campaigns Update Newsletter along with all the information you need to get involved and make a real difference. Why not encourage people in your parish to become campaigners too?

**Head of CAFOD's Latin America, Caribbean & Mozambique Programme to Visit Newcastle Thursday 17 January 2019**

Lent 2019 will soon be upon us. CAFOD's Lent Fast Day preparations will be getting into swing in the New Year. Clare Dixon, CAFOD's Head of Latin America, Caribbean and Mozambique programme will be visiting us on Thursday 17 January to speak about CAFOD's work in El Salvador. Clare has vast experience of our work in these countries. Our evening with Clare will begin with a shared meal from 6.30pm. The meeting will begin proper at 7.00pm. The venue is St. Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle NE15 7PY. Please do come along and join us. If you can, please bring a little something for our shared table.



**Making a New Year Resolution?** Let your resolution be to become a voice for the voiceless. Sign up as a CAFOD Member of Parliament Correspondent and make sure your MP is aware of the issues of Justice, Poverty, Peace and Reconciliation facing our sisters and brothers in developing countries. You can sign up at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/How-to-Campaign/Get-to-know-your-MP>. **Go on, do it today, you know you want to!!**

**Do you have a few spare hours a month?** If so we can use your time to help us to tell others about the work of CAFOD and the difference the support of our Catholic Communities is making to the lives of our sisters and brothers overseas. We have many, many volunteering opportunities available. Become part of a great team. Visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Volunteer-with-us> to find out more.

***Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.***

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### **CAFOD Climate Champions Scheme**

The Climate Champion scheme is an opportunity for young adults (18-35) interested in development, climate change and sustainability issues to get clued up on climate change and on how to take action.

We'll ask them to participate in a few campaign moments in 2019, as well as challenge themselves to make lifestyle changes. It's been a big hit in 2018, we had 27 young women and men this last year.

It's a fantastic experience, please promote the scheme in your parish and to any appropriate friends and family. If anyone has questions, please direct them to Libby Abbott by email: [labbott@cafod.org.uk](mailto:labbott@cafod.org.uk).

You can find out more information here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/How-to-Campaign/Climate-Champions>.

## SVP News

### Feeding the 5000 at SVP Blackfriar's Centre in Newcastle

It wasn't quite 5000 people who were given a Christmas meal on 18<sup>th</sup> December, but the same biblical principal seemed to apply.

Every Tuesday, the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) feeds between 80 – 100 people at their Community Centre in Newcastle, on the City end of Byker Bridge. They are provided with a free three-course meal, a friendly welcome, a warm place to be and company. People attend for many reasons. Some are street homeless or living in hostels, whilst others are on a low income or isolated and in need of company. Whatever their reason, all are welcome.

Therefore, it was particularly important to the staff and volunteers who support the project to ensure that Vinnie's Christmas Dinner was something special. Using their Facebook page, Vinnie's, an appeal went out for support for the meal. Throughout November and December, donations came flooding in from individuals, organisations and local schools. These included everything from cash and supermarket vouchers, to crackers, napkins and cranberry sauce. One kind individual bought and wrapped 100 selection boxes and wrote 100 Christmas cards for those who would be attending. By 18<sup>th</sup> December, everything that was needed had been supplied and fridges and freezers were overflowing with food waiting to be prepared and served.

On the day, participants were served homemade carrot and butternut squash soup, full Christmas dinner and chocolate cake and cream. They were each given one of the selection boxes and cards, plus a choice of hats, gloves or socks. The Centre fed 90 service users, 32 volunteers and 12 children plus their 4 teachers from St. Mary's School, Whickham, who came in and entertained everyone with carols, before returning to school for their own carol service in the afternoon. Everyone loved the children's singing and clapped and cheered at the end of every song. Once woman said the carols had even made her cry because the singing was so beautiful.

Volunteers included many who regularly support the Centre, plus a number of corporate volunteers, attending on their day off, whom all agreed that they had enjoyed giving up their own time to take part in the day.

Brother Andrew from St. Dominic's Church was in attendance and spent time talking to attendees. He said, *"Christmas is a time of great significance for families and a terrible time to be alone, so it's great to be able to throw a big party to welcome people. Not just to give them food but to give them time to talk, time to feel like they're welcomed by the community and time hopefully to let them know that they're welcomed and loved by God who became a baby at this time of year."*

Once the festivities were over and everyone had gone home full and happy, staff and the remaining volunteers collected up all the remaining food. There was enough left to provide a full meal service on the Wednesday and Thursday in the Centre's pay as you please café and even more was frozen to be used when the Centre reopens after Christmas. The SVP food bank is also as full as it has ever been and ready to provide many more emergency food parcels to people in the New Year. Through so many people in the local community coming together in support of the project and each person giving what they could, a modern day miracle took place and many needy people were not only fed but went away filled with joy.

If you would like to get involved with the project, you can contact Emma Bell on 0191 261 6027 or [emmab@svp.org.uk](mailto:emmab@svp.org.uk) or follow at Vinnie's on Facebook or Twitter.



# TYNE & WEAR citizens

## News from Tyne and Wear Citizens

### Mental Health Assembly

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tyne and Wear Citizens had their Assembly for their Mental Health Campaign. Over 450 were present including over thirty people from across the diocese. There were also a significant number of pupils, staff and family from St. Thomas More's Academy; the school have had a significant role in the campaign.

During the 90 minute assembly the following commitments were made:

- A protocol to be established in Durham to reduce suicides at University.
- The well-being of the people in Byker to be improved by seeking to reduce fly tipping and remove rubbish from the area
- Churches and Mosques promised to open their premises for a regular meeting open to anyone to reduce loneliness and isolation.
- Students at St. Thomas More Academy to work with the local NHS trust to redesign and refurbish a premise used by children and adolescents to enable to be more welcoming and appealing for young people who use mental health services

- Catherine McKinnell, MP for Newcastle Central and a member of the House of Commons Select Committee for Health and Social Care would write to the Chair of that Committee, Dr. Sarah Wolasten asking her to support the drafting of legislation to ensure that every school in England will offer counselling support to their pupils if needed. This is already a legal requirement in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Pupils from the St. Thomas More gave powerful testimony about the need for change regarding the last two commitments. Their witness and commitment was very inspiring.

Overall the night was a great success though still a great deal needs to be done to ensure that the mental health provision is improved in the area

### Mayoral Assembly for the North of Tyne Combined Authority

On May the 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be an election for the Mayor of the new combined authority of North of Tyne which will include the areas of Northumberland, Newcastle and North Tyneside. At the moment the Leadership Group are working to have an assembly where the candidates will be asked to make commitments of a number of 'asks' reading the campaign that are being run as well as other issues that may be identified by the members of Tyne and Wear Citizens. We hope to have the assembly at the Tyne Opera House where the launch of Tyne and Wear Citizens took place in November 2018. The date has yet to be confirmed but when it is arranged, the diocese will be seeking people who live in the area of this new combined authority to encourage others to take part in the assembly

### Parents and Communities Together Project ( PACT)

In the May of last year 'Mum Space' started at St. Cuthbert's Church Hall in North Shields. It is a piloted project to explore if community organising methods can help support mums and young children. The project has appointed an organiser, Wendy O'Connell and has volunteers. They welcome mother and children under the age of four on a Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Since May of 2018 over fifty mothers have taken part in the project. On arrival the mums are offered hot drinks and toast and then a bit later, the mums if they so wish, can leave the children with the volunteers to enable them to have some time and quiet with each. Sometimes it is very informal, on other times there may be an input or an exercise in mindfulness.

The aim of the group is to enable mother to be supported and to support each other. It also gives an opportunity for issues to be raised which can be taken up either by Wendy or Tyne and Wear Citizen's organiser, Sara Bryson. Already the group is becoming aware of the poor levels of support on offer in the NHS after a miscarriage.

On making regular visits to the project I am struck at how relationships are being formed across ages and backgrounds and that there is a wonderful depth of relationship between the mums and also with the mums and volunteers. One of my parishioners who attend the group said it was the best mother and child provision in the area. I have also been struck as to how much the volunteers are enjoying being part of the project.

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to volunteer or offer funds please contact Wendy O'Connell on 0797 0259161 or at: [Wendy.McConnell@citizensuk.org](mailto:Wendy.McConnell@citizensuk.org)

### Tyne and Wear Citizens and the Church as Missionary Disciples

Last year Jeremy Cain was appointed by the diocese to develop the diocese's understanding of Mission. In conjunction with Sara Bryson he is exploring how the methods of Tyne and Wear Citizens could be used in

partnerships. There is a possibility of running a pilot across two of the partnerships to offer training to examine how the work of Tyne and Wear Citizens can enable the social action and outreach in our partnership to be developed.

**Fr. Chris Hughes**

If you would like more information about this or on any other aspects of Tyne and Wear Citizens mentioned in this article you can contact

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## Turning our Compassion into Effective Action for Justice

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”*

*Luke 4:18-19*

While our cribs are still with us, celebrating the momentous events in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago, we enter the 51<sup>st</sup> year of Israeli Occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. This may be a good time to pause and reflect on some of the effects on ‘Bethlehem, of noblest cities’:

- Bethlehem Town home to 30,000 Palestinians and Bethlehem Governorate home to 220,000 Palestinians.
- Surrounded by 19 illegal Israeli settlements where 100,000 Israeli settlers live.
- 12% of the population are Christian.
- Israeli Security Barrier, an 8 metre concrete Separation Wall dominates Bethlehem, cutting it off from Jerusalem which lies 10km to the North.
- Bethlehemites queue every day at checkpoint 300 from 4.00am to access work, health and education facilities on the other side of the Wall.
- Bethlehem has lost 87% of its agricultural land due to the Wall and Settlement development and has lost access to markets for its traditional crafts in olive wood, mother of pearl and embroidery.
- Tear gas and gunshot are daily occurrences in the streets of Bethlehem.

If we turn to Gaza, now entering the 11<sup>th</sup> year of the land and sea blockade, the humanitarian crisis is worse:

- 38% of Gazans live on less than 2 dollars a day, and over 75% are aid recipients.
- 35% of Gaza’s farmland and 85% of its fishing waters are inaccessible due to Israeli military measures.
- 50-80 million litres of partially treated sewage are dumped in the sea each day.
- Over 90% of the available water is undrinkable.
- Electricity is regularly limited to 4 hrs a day
- 85% of schools in Gaza run on double shifts.
- About 1/3 of the items in the essential drug list are out of stock.
- According to UN figures more than 25,000 Palestinians have been injured in protests along the border between Gaza and Israel and more than 190 Palestinians have been killed since the protest began on the 30th of March

*(All statistics are from the UN or B'tselem, the Israeli human rights organisation)*

The Kairos document issued by Palestinian Christians in 2010 and signed by the heads of all the major denominations expressed the pain of their situation,  
*"We cry out from within the suffering of our country under the Israeli Occupation with a cry of hope in the absence of all hope, a cry full of prayer and faith."*

They go on to call for a very specific response from the international community:  
*"to engage in divestment and in an economic and commercial boycott of everything produced by the occupation" and "this is not revenge but rather a serious action in order to reach a just and definitive peace"*

Desmond Tutu said, *"We learned in South Africa, that the only way to end apartheid peacefully was to force the powerful to the table through economic pressure"*.

These words of Desmond Tutu have been used as the opening words of the document 'Investing for Peace' sent to every RC Diocese by Pax Christi at the close of 2018 urging them to examine their investments in the light of the call from Palestinian Christians.

The Quakers have led the way issuing the following statement in November 2018:  
*"Our long history of working for a just peace in Palestine and Israel has opened our eyes to the many injustices and violations of international law arising from the military occupation of Palestine by the Israeli government.*

*With the occupation now in its 51<sup>st</sup> year, and with no end in near sight, we believe we have a moral duty to state publicly that we will not invest in any company profiting from the occupation. We believe strongly in the power of legitimate, nonviolent, democratic tools such as morally responsible investment to realise positive change in the world."*

Let's play our part in ensuring our diocese can make the same commitment.

**Pat Devlin**

## **Spreading the Good News**

I wonder what you make of this? Here's Jesus in chapter 5 of Matthew's gospel:  
*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5: 15-16)

and here he is again just one chapter later:  
*"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honoured by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."*

Is there some contradiction here? This being Jesus, I doubt it, but in terms of Justice and Peace work it does raise a tricky question; should we promote the good work that we're doing or keep it to ourselves?

A scripture scholar could probably give us a good answer based on the quotes above, but I want to come at this from a practical perspective. Right now, the Church in our country is struggling to find a voice in a culture that dismisses it as irrelevant or even evil. We know this picture of the Church isn't true, but we need to tell other people, not just so we feel better about ourselves but because it's our mission; we have all been given the task of spreading God's good news, it's what Pope Francis means when he calls us to be missionary disciples.

Our Justice and Peace work is good news and we should share it. In a world that pays more attention to actions than to words, it's perhaps the best way we have to tell people what our faith is really all about. So maybe we do need to announce it with trumpets or at least put our light on the biggest stand we can find, because, by doing this, we let people see something of the Love that motivates us.

### **SO I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP...**

**We'd like to form a small team of people who will collect stories of the good work we're doing and put them out on local and social media, as well as in our Diocesan publicity. If you're a good writer, good on the phone, or just fancy giving it a go, we'd love to hear from you. We're planning on arranging some training and will offer all the support you need, so you certainly don't need to be an expert. Please get in touch with Jeremy at [jeremy.cain@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:jeremy.cain@diocesehn.org.uk). I look forward to hearing from you!**

**Jeremy Cain, Mission Facilitator, Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.**

## **The Hexham Debates**

The Hexham debates are a fantastic opportunity to hear nationally acclaimed speakers in our local area.

This year sees the twelfth series of the Hexham debates. Organised by Northumbrians for Peace and Hexham Quakers, they seek to carry on the tradition of active, radical debate essential for ensuring freedom and justice for all. The debates are on Saturdays from 11.00am to 12.30pm with tea and coffee to follow at the St. Mary's Centre, St. Mary's RC Church, Hencotes, Hexham, NE46 2EB.

**The debates this year are as follows, but please go to <https://hexhamdebates.wordpress.com> for more detailed and current information.**

### **Saturday 19 January 2019**

**'Making peace by remembering violence: How to recall wars well.'** By Dr. Nick Megoran, Lecturer in Political Geography, Newcastle University and Co-Convenor, Martin Luther King Peace Committee.

### **Saturday 23 February 2019**

**'Prevention of Gender-based Violence and Abuse.'** By Laura Seebohm, Director for North East based charity Changing Lives.

### **Saturday 9 March 2019**

**'Prosperity and Justice: A Plan for the New Economy.'** By Sara Bryson, Community Organiser for Tyne and Wear Citizens.

### **Saturday 6 April 2019**

**'Religious Economics: Can Islam offer anything to Britain?'** By Yahya Barry, Founder and director of the Olive Tree Madrasah, Edinburgh.

**Saturday 8 June 2019**

**'Selling the War Machine: Britain and the Arms Trade.'** By Paul Rogers, Emeritus Professor at the University of Bradford's Department of Peace Studies and the Oxford Research Group's Global Security Consultant.

**Saturday 22 June 2019**

**'Human rights in China: Discourse, diplomacy and defensive nationalism.'** By Robert Weatherley, Affiliated Lecturer in Chinese Politics and Modern History at the University of Cambridge.

## **Dates for your diary.....from the National Justice and Peace Network website**

### **JANUARY**

18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: [ctbi.org.uk](http://ctbi.org.uk); 0207 6547254

20<sup>th</sup> Peace Sunday: [paxchristi.org.uk](http://paxchristi.org.uk); 0208 203 4884

20<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees: [w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/)

27<sup>th</sup> Holocaust Memorial Day: [hmd.org.uk](http://hmd.org.uk)

### **FEBRUARY**

NJPN Open Networking Day: Date and venue tbc. Watch [justice-peace.org.uk/njpn-meetings](http://justice-peace.org.uk/njpn-meetings)

2<sup>nd</sup> Cultural Exchange with China AGM: London: [cecchina.co.uk](http://cecchina.co.uk)

8<sup>th</sup> Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking: [catholicchurch.org.uk](http://catholicchurch.org.uk)

14<sup>th</sup> Climate Coalition Show the Love: [fortheloveof.org.uk](http://fortheloveof.org.uk)

17<sup>th</sup> Racial Justice Sunday: [catholicchurch.org.uk](http://catholicchurch.org.uk); [carj.org.uk](http://carj.org.uk)25

25<sup>th</sup> February to 10<sup>th</sup> March Fairtrade Fortnight: [fairtrade.org.uk](http://fairtrade.org.uk); 0207 405 5942

### **Annual Justice and Peace Conference: \*26-28 July 2019**

\*(NB. The date of the conference has changed from 19-21 July as previously advised)

**The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick**

***National Justice and Peace Network with Church Action on Poverty***

**Forgotten People, Forgotten Places;**

**finding church on the margins**

**Confirmed speaker; Keith Hebden:**

**Urban Theology Unit: <http://utusheffield.org.uk/>**

**Conference Chair; John Battle, former Labour MP, Chair, Leeds Diocese Justice and Peace Commission**

*NB. If enough people were interested in attending the conference, which also has a full children and young peoples' programme, we could look at organising transport.*