

Lancaster Faith & Justice Commission Parish News Bulletin January 2016

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7th February Church Action on Poverty Sunday

Bread Broken for All Food is a gift from God

But in the UK today, thousands of people are denied access to that gift by injustices that leave them destitute. Churches play a vital role in sharing food with those who need it – and speaking out to ensure that nobody goes without.

Break bread with us on Church Action on Poverty Sunday!

Give: hold a collection or soup lunch to raise funds for our work.

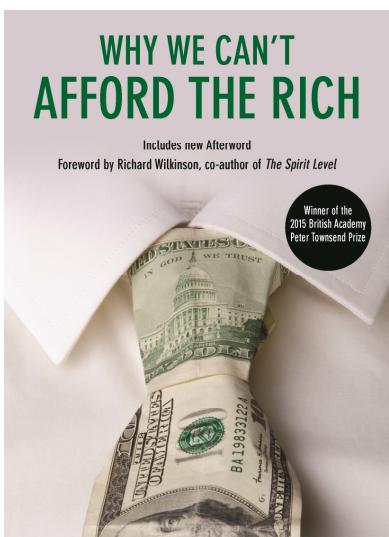
Act: speak out for the right to food.

Pray: use free resources to plan a worship service that gives thanks for the gift of food, and celebrates the work being done to tackle hunger and poverty in the UK.

Church Action on Poverty Sunday takes place each year on the last Sunday before Lent and was part of Poverty & Homelessness Action Week until 2014.

Resources and info: <http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/sunday>

Lancaster Diocesan Faith & Justice Commission AGM



Talk by Andrew Sayer

Professor of Social Theory & Political Economy
at Lancaster University
& author of "Why we can't afford the rich"
Saturday 13th February at 11:00am

St Bernadette's Parish Room Bowerham Road Lancaster LA1 4HT

Followed by refreshments and Commission AGM
ALL WELCOME to all or to part of the meeting

This bulletin: The decision on replacing Trident Nuclear Weapon System is expected to take place in 2016. This month **February 2016** we have an opportunity to lobby our MPs and make the Government aware that the **majority of the British public are in favour of scrapping Trident**, and the £100 billion total lifetime cost of Trident could be better spent in the Ministry of Defence and across other Government departments.

What can be said, too, about those governments which count on nuclear arms as a means of ensuring the security of their countries? ... that nuclear weapons have any place in a civilized society, is not only baneful but also completely fallacious. In a nuclear war there would be no victors, only victims.

Pope Benedict XVI, 2007

Also: local authorities ethical investment decisions update from Calais taxes for peace not war –new bill reflection; new director JRS; Fairtrade fortnight events & resources



The UK government is trying to block local authorities from making ethical investment decisions relating to the arms trade.

Currently local authorities can choose to invest their pension funds ethically, and make ethical decisions about what they buy. But the government is trying to take that power away from them.

This is an attack on local democracy. It's also an explicit attack on arms trade campaigning.

The Conservative Party press release which announced the changes said it was to prevent campaigns "against UK defence companies" and the consultation document says that councils "should not pursue policies which run contrary to UK foreign policy."

But the legislation could have even wider implications, for example, by blocking ethical investment decisions related to other human rights issues or climate change.

The government is consulting on these changes now. [Please speak out!](#)

What could these changes mean?

BAE's weapons are currently being used by Saudi Arabia in its devastating attacks on Yemen. Even though there is strong evidence of war crimes being committed, the UK government has refused to cancel arms sales.

In fact it licensed £2.8 billion of weapons sales to Saudi Arabia in the first five months of the conflict.

The government's proposed changes could force local authorities to invest their pension funds in companies such as BAE Systems – even if its members objected.

Use our easy tool to speak out against these change now: caat.org.uk/local-democracy These moves are part of a wider crackdown on democracy and political freedoms.

**The government's consultation
closes on 19 February.**

**Please act now to help build a strong voice
against these proposals:**

caat.org.uk/local-democracy



*BAE's weapons are being used in Saudi Arabia's devastating attacks on Yemen, attacks which may amount to war crimes.
Yet the UK government is trying to remove the right of councils to choose not to invest public money in arms.*

[Speak out now!](#)

Ask your MP to sign EDM 956 to cancel Trident

The Government recently announced that

- the cost of replacing the four submarines has increased by £16 billion.
 - The same document stated that the real security threats facing the UK are climate change, cyber attacks and terrorism
- which nuclear weapons do nothing to address.

Caroline Lucas, Chair of Parliamentary CND, has tabled an [Early Day Motion](#) in the House of Commons urging the Government to cancel Trident replacement in light of these announcements. Please ask your MP to add their name to those who have already signed the EDM. You can send your MP a message using a [model letter through the CND website](#).

**It will only take you two minutes
but could make a difference!**

"Our independent nuclear deterrent is **not independent
and **doesn't constitute a deterrent**
against anybody that we
regard as an enemy**

**It is a waste of money and
it is a diversion of funds...**

**But some people have not
caught up with this reality."**



**Former Conservative Defence Secretary
Michael Portillo**

Lots of useful updated information on how to help in the refugee crisis at Filbert Bakery Lancaster website

<http://www.filbertsbakery.com/?work=refugee-crisis-how-can-i-help>

Supportive Cards can be sent to exiles in the Calais camp

If you send cards to the *Secours Catholique* Day Centre in Calais they'll be passed on to people during the team's daily visits to the camp. **Please bear in mind the following:**

* The vast majority of the people are Muslims: please do not be too overtly Christian in your messages.

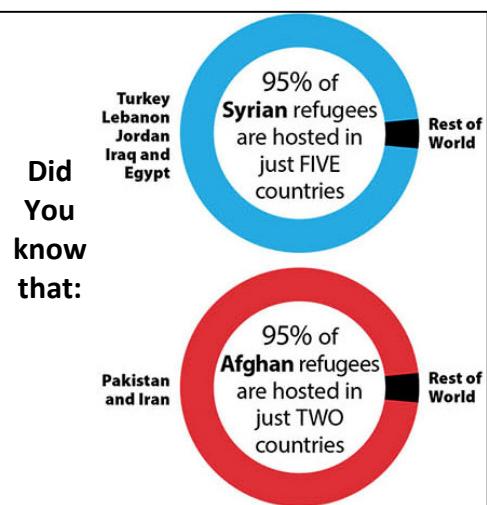
* Write in short sentences using simple words.

* 90% of the residents are young men, aged 15 to 25: choose cards that may suit their taste. (We suggest that you address cards to "An exile"; "An exiled family", or "An exiled child", which may provide scope for a little variety.)

Feel free to add a return address or your email address: you may get some replies.

The address:

An Exile, chez Secours Catholique, 434 route de Saint Omer, 62100 CALAIS, FRANCE.



In response to article in the January bulletin I received an update from Phil Kerton from Seeking Sanctuary and Southwark Diocese JPIC Commission.

Donations of clothes are needed in the camps of Western Europe. Several warehouses are operating in Calais and additionally supplying to the camp at Grande-Synthe, near Dunkirk. Scores of UK volunteers work in the camps and warehouses throughout the week, with hundreds more turning up at weekends.

These warehouse operations now require goods to be very precisely sorted and labelled (by item type, sex and size) before they can be accepted. This enables the volunteers in Calais to concentrate on distributing aid rather than blocking space and diverting effort with the work of sorting. The current requirements (including those for food, tents and many other items) can be found at <http://www.calaidipedia.co.uk/site/calaisaid/donations>. There are several initiatives where new items can be purchased on-line for delivery to Calais and one "wishlist" is linked from the the above website.

If people end up with non-appropriate donated items, these can often be diverted to needy refugees in other places, for example those passing through Greece or those recently accepted in the UK. More of them can be included in sales to raise money to support aid efforts or sold to "Cash-for-Clothes" outlets for the same purpose.

Recent stories from groups who have taken goods to Calais (following careful advice about how to behave appropriately and safely) and accounts of the squalid conditions that persist can be found at "Seeking Sanctuary" website <http://www.seekingsanctuary.weebly.com>.

Not everyone can spare money or have the opportunity to help in other ways but we can all pray for a just solution to emerge. The sight of donations piling up in the church porch also makes others think a little about the injustices being inflicted upon so many

From a recent letter from Calais

Its been a very long and exhausting day, but I feel we have learnt loads and have a clearer idea of what to do going forward.

The conditions in the camp are truly hideous - mud everywhere, tents destroyed or patched up with tarpaulin. It is impossible to keep anything warm or dry. The two warehouses (L'auberge & Care4Calais) are working flat out and doing a fantastic job but they are constantly in need of boots/shoes (size 40, 41, 42), warm coats, money to fill gas canisters, underwear and warm under layers for men and women, and food. Ground sheets and tarpaulin also in desperately low supply and very needed.

I'm just going to attach a couple of photo's from today for you to see (One special moment was when the rain stopped and a full rainbow appeared above the tents. New Year. New Hope?).



10th April 2016 Ash Wednesday Witness to Nuclear War Preparations

London: Pax Christi, Christian CND and London Catholic Worker Meet in [Victoria Embankment Gardens](#)

Whitehall Section at 3.00pm for opening prayer. We then process into Horseguards Avenue for our witness of prayer and action.

Glasgow: Glasgow Catholic Worker. North Gate of Faslane at 3pm on 10 February for our annual Ash Wednesday Service of Repentance and Resistance where we will pray and distribute ashes. All are welcome. There may be transport available from Glasgow, please get in touch for further information: gfw@catholicworker.org.uk

Liverpool: Pax Christi group. Meet 11.45am at the steps of St Luke's Church, Berry Street, known locally as the bombed out church, to process through the city centre and finish at the Law Courts/ Derby Square. There will be pauses for prayer and reflection and distribution of ashes. All welcome.



If you cannot come to any of the actions join us in Prayer

In the midst of everything there remains hope.

A reflection from Matt Jeziorski, Pax Christi's Peace Education worker, on his journey made a couple of days after the terrorist attack on Paris to work in schools in Lancashire and North Wales.

On Tuesday 17 November I sat enjoying a brew at Euston station whilst I awaited a train to take me north for a little over a week working in Lancashire and North Wales. The world was still reeling from the murderous attacks in Paris a few days earlier; President Hollande had spoken of being merciless in their response and the press here was full of talk of revenge, retribution, and a military solution to the problem of Daesh. My own spirits were low – I speak often in schools about the need to support one another in our peacemaking because sometimes it can appear an impossible task. And this was one such time.

The next day I found myself in Lytham at St Bede's – a Pax Christi school – to work with some amazing young people who were endeavouring to put peace into action in their school community. This morning of thinking creatively about the challenges of day-to-day work for peace was followed by two RE classes where we addressed a question as topical as it was difficult: Is it acceptable to use drones to bomb terrorist targets?

I asked the same question later in the week of several groups of students at St Richard Gwyn in Flint and both occasions were uplifted by the depth of thought, the compassion, and the sense of justice that the students brought to the debate. To be sure there were a variety of answers to the question but there was an almost universal concern for the wellbeing of the innocent civilian, that any action was about justice and not revenge, and that bombs – by drone or any other means – ought to be the last resort and not an initial response from a people wanting to do something. Considered responses far removed from the bloodlust overwhelmingly present in some parts of the press.

At other times, in Bury, Preston, and – after my return south – in St Albans I worked with students exploring more broadly the work of Christian peacemaking. We thought about turn the other cheek and the philosophy of nonviolence, Franz Jägerstätter and the demands of peacemaking, and how these ideas inform and inspire the work of Pax Christi. Numerous times I was asked what the principles of nonviolence would mean in response to Daesh.

My answer never came easily. I wondered how Daesh got their money and their weapons and what could be done about this, pondered how grassroots peacemakers in Syria might be supported, reflected on the powerful nations in the Middle East and the influence they might be able to wield. I spoke of Fr Ziad and recalled his words at our Pax Christi AGM earlier this year, 'we do not need any more bombs'.

As I write the UK parliament is debating a proposal for UK forces to carry out airstrikes in Syria. If my spirits were low two weeks ago as I began my journey north then it would be reasonable that they were lower still today. Yet the experience of working with these students, the thoughtfulness with which they approached difficult and complex issues, their willingness to challenge and critique ideas, and their profound compassion and sense of justice has encouraged me. In the midst of everything there remains hope.

Integrity will bring peace, justice give everlasting security (Is 32:17)

TAXES FOR PEACE NOT WAR - A NEW BILL TO GO BEFORE PARLIAMENT

March 2nd 2016 marks 100 years since all unmarried men aged 18-41 were deemed to have enlisted in the British Army as a consequence of the 1916 Military Service Act, which simultaneously introduced compulsory military service and the inclusive right to conscientious objection to Britain for the first time. The dedicated convictions of WW1 conscientious objectors led to this conscience clause, a milestone moment in the history of individual freedoms. The government will no doubt celebrate Britain's leading role in the lawful recognition of conscience on the centenary of this act, whilst failing to see that for many, the fight for freedom of conscience has not yet been won.

Conscience: Taxes for Peace Not War is introducing a bill to parliament during the centenary of the Military Service Act of 1916 which would allow for conscientious objection to military taxation (COMT). Our '**Taxes for Peace Bill**' would provide the freedom of conscience to those who are morally, ethically or religiously opposed to war to be able to re-direct the military portion of their taxes towards a fund designated for non-military security and conflict resolution and prevention work. Conscience believes that the right to conscientious objection is still not fully recognised in British law, as we are still financially conscripted into military service through the taxation system. Modern wars are no longer fought with conscript armies, but with professional armies using high-tech weapons, paid for with our taxes. Before the first shot has been fired, we are already supporting the use of violence. This is financial conscription with no right to object. Since the ending of conscription into the armed forces, if the right of conscientious objection is to have any real meaning, it must be through the right not to support war and preparations for war with our taxes.

COMT, the option to divert one's taxes away from nuclear weapons, arms fairs and drone strikes on our own citizens abroad, is based on a recognised human right, not a political decision such as not wanting to pay for education because you don't have children. Funding welfare in support of our citizens from 'cradle to grave' is something we can all be proud of. However, being forced to pay for early graves and intimidation through threat of death and destruction is an issue that goes further than the state.

Freedom of conscience is, in fact, a right already recognised within every significant international treaty - the European Convention on Human Rights, United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and the British Human Rights Act all testify that: "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion". Clearly, a tax system that makes big moral decisions on war, conflict and murder without consulting the individuals who pay for it, is damaging for individual liberty.

Conscience campaigns for this liberty on behalf of those who do not want to have any involvement in war and preparation for war, yet cannot legally avoid being financially conscripted into the military. For many, paying for war violates their freedom of religion. Many Quakers, for example, have been engaged in our campaign because they are a particular religious group whose faith asks them to give witness to their peace testimony, and who must therefore confront their complicity in war. But they are just one among many: Mennonites, Ba'hais, Buddhists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists and Haredim Jews all practice conscientious objection for reasons of faith. When discussing withholding tax, one Anglican supporter of Conscience said: "This cumbersome process is the only way I can continue to refuse to pay for other people to engage in warfare (that takes human life inevitably) in direct opposition to the Christian demand that we try to love one another."

We campaign for the right of those individuals who withhold tax or don't pay tax at all because they equate paying for deliberate killing with doing it themselves, and have no alternative means of exercising their right of conscience. In manifesting their pacifist beliefs they face prison and bankruptcy. Any system which criminalises citizens for refusing to be complicit in war is clearly in urgent need of reform.

Amongst debates about renewing Trident, leaving NATO and bombing Syria, our Bill recognises the rights of those who otherwise do not have a say in how their own security is provided. It is a government's duty to keep its people safe and secure, and that is something we should all contribute to financially. This does not mean, however, that this security can only be established through threat of violence and overseas murder. Peace-building is a more sustainable, effective and economic form of security. It would mean the UK leads in saving lives rather than ending them.

The Centenary this year provides the perfect opportunity to draw attention to the fact that the laws surrounding conscientious objection need to be updated to reflect changes in warfare, and to argue that we are still unable to fully exercise our freedom of conscience in regards to war.

For more information on ways you can get involved in this campaign, please contact me at outreach@conscienceonline.org.uk.
If you object to paying taxes for military preparations, please register as a conscientious objector here: <http://www.conscienceonline.org.uk/register-yourself-as-a-conscientious-objector/>

© Holly Wallis. January 14, 2016 Holly is Parliamentary Officer for Conscience, which campaigns for a peace tax.

Conscience: Taxes for Peace Not War <http://www.conscienceonline.org.uk/> <http://www.ekklesia.co.uk/node/22606>



Pax Christi is supporting a major national demonstration called by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) to Stop Trident, Britain's nuclear weapons system. We want to make sure that this will be the biggest protest against nuclear weapons in a generation, we need your help.

Join us on the day: We are organising a gathering for interfaith prayer at 11.00 am at Hinde Street Methodist Church, Hinde Street, London. We will then join the march under the banner 'No Faith in Trident'... but do bring your own peace/Church/community banner! The march will end in Trafalgar Square. **Trident** is Britain's nuclear weapons system. It's made up of four submarines – one of which is on patrol at all times - carrying up to 40 nuclear warheads on board. Each of these warheads is eight times more powerful than the atomic bomb which was dropped on Hiroshima. Former Prime Minister Tony Blair, one of the biggest supporters of replacing Trident in 2007, has admitted that the only purpose of maintaining the nuclear weapons system is to give Britain status

Trident and legality These weapons have no legitimate purpose: their use would be **illegal** under almost every conceivable circumstance, as huge numbers of civilian casualties would be unavoidable. That is why the International Court of Justice ruled in 1996 the threat or use of nuclear weapons would be contrary to the rules of international law.

I make my own the appeal of my predecessors for the non-proliferation of arms and for disarmament of all parties beginning with nuclear and chemical weapons.

Pope Francis, World Peace Day Message, 2014

Trident and security Not only are these weapons immoral, potentially genocidal and strategically irrelevant in the face of the realistic threats we face today, they are also hugely **expensive**. The Government's National Security Strategy identifies international terrorism, cyber-attacks and natural hazards as greater threats than nuclear war.

The very existence of nuclear weapons has always posed grave moral questions... The Church has always been clear in its teaching about the vital necessity for eventual total nuclear disarmament. Our judgement is that, by decommissioning its nuclear weapons, the UK now has a unique opportunity to offer the international community an approach to security and legitimate self-defence without the unconscionable threat of nuclear destruction. **Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, November 2006**

Trident and its cost The government is in favour of replacing Trident at a cost of around £100 billion. This money would be enough to fully fund A&E services for 40 years, employ 150,000 new nurses, build 1.5 million affordable homes, build 30,000 new primary schools, or cover tuition fees for 4 million students

Trident and the election Trident was a major point of debate in the 2015 General Election, with the spectacular gains of the Scottish National Party (SNP) a stark indicator of opposition to nuclear weapons in Scotland. The Scottish people are joined by millions all over the UK who want to see an end to Trident.

A majority of the British public are in favour of scrapping Trident, and we're campaigning to make this happen – but we need your help!

Sign petition <http://cnduk.org/campaigns/no-to-trident/scrap-trident-petition>

Nuclear weapons get five times as much public research funding in the UK as renewable energy.



Sarah Teather new Director of Jesuit Refugee Service

Formerly the Member of Parliament for the London constituency of Brent Central, Sarah joined the International Advocacy team of JRS in June 2015. As an advocacy advisor, she has visited JRS projects all over the world, including Lebanon, South Sudan, Uganda, Macedonia and the southern coast of Italy where so many attempt dangerous crossings to Europe over the Mediterranean Sea.

In addition to her 12 years as an MP, Sarah has had a consistent record of working on social justice issues and was previously a policy analyst for Macmillan Cancer Support. During her two and a half years as Minister for Children and Families, she negotiated the end of routine detention of children in the immigration system; led efforts to combat sexualisation and commercialisation of childhood; led reforms to improve the support of children with special educational needs and disability; and published the first UK-wide child poverty strategy. As chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Refugees, she led an inquiry which looked at how children and young people are treated in the asylum process and also a high profile cross party inquiry on immigration detention.

Sarah, who has an interest in Ignatian spirituality, made her decision to leave politics and change direction while making the Spiritual Exercises during a month-long silent retreat. She has subsequently had training in spiritual accompaniment. She says she is excited to be taking on the new role as Country Director of JRS UK. *See full article on:* <http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=28954>

6:45pm on Tuesday 23rd February at Farm Street Church Hall 114 Mount Street London **W1K 3AH** JRS UK Director, **Sarah Teather & Fr Michael Zammit SJ**, Regional Director for JRS Middle East, will share more about the work of Jesuit Refugee Service in responding to the urgent needs of refugees at this time and what you can do to help.

Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers! 29 February - 13 March

As Martin Luther King famously said, 'before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on more than half the world'. Despite our dependence on farmers and workers for the foods, drinks and products that we love, about 795 million people are undernourished globally.

It's a scandal that the people who grow the food we take for granted can't always feed their own families. We can support farmers and workers to put food on the table for their families by harnessing the power of a Fairtrade breakfast.

When people are paid a fairer price, they can have more control over their lives when times are hard, and worry less about how they will feed their families. Whether it's the extra cash in their pockets or being able to expand their farms to grow more food to eat, Fairtrade means many farmers and workers are able to fulfil a basic human need – to put enough food on the table for the people they care about, all year round.

During Fairtrade Fortnight, we will be encouraging campaigners to inspire a multitude of Fairtrade breakfasts in their community – and wake others up to the challenges facing farmers and workers.

Will you help us get as many people as possible to eat a Fairtrade breakfast in your community during Fairtrade Fortnight? Find out more about the theme for Fairtrade Fortnight 2016 in [this presentation](#)



Schools packs containing an action guide, posters, stickers and decorations from <http://shop.fairtrade.org.uk/schools>. Lots of resources on the Fairtrade schools website, <http://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/> including downloadable packs with assembly plans, discussion ideas and tips, plus more coming soon

<http://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/action/fairtrade-fortnight-2016-0>

If you've already organised your school's Big Fairtrade Breakfast, don't forget to add it to our events map and let everybody know what fantastic events you're planning <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/supporter-events-map>

Trailers for "My Next Fairtrade Adventure" about how tea farmers in Kenya are tackling climate change and improving the sustainability of their crops and their livelihoods: <http://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/resources/videos#11926>

Blessed are the Merciful

Public Lectures at Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre
3rd February: Magnus McFarlane-Barrow founder of Mary's Meals on the culture of mercy
17th February: Lord Alton on faith & public policy
2nd March: Jan Graffius on Blessed Oscar Romero
9th March Fr Gabriel of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal on Mercy in Mission
7:30pm in Chaplaincy Centre Lancaster University All Welcome

Digital Inclusion Project Cumbria

The IT equipment is scheduled to visit each area in Cumbria in turn. Support will be provided to help people become confident & IT literate

Kendal 10th January –16th February

Wigton 14th February –12th March

Kirkoswald 13th March-9th April

South Lakes 10th April-7th May **Penrith** 8th May-4th June
Sedbergh 5th June –2nd July

For info contact Martyn Evans, T:01900 823172 /07986 121417
E:martyn.c..evans@btinternet.com W: www.facebook.com/cumbriadiginclude

Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund training for places of worship in Cumbria in January & February.
Fri 5 Feb - Overview of HLF Grants for places of worship - Workington
St Michael's, Falcon Place, **Workington**, CA14 2EZ 11am to 4pm **Tea/ coffee from 10.30am.** Free and open to all. **Booking essential** online at [Eventbrite](#) or by emailing sue.manson@spab.org.uk or by phoning 07776 197143.

Laudato Si' Resources

CAFOD Study Guide to help you and your parish reflect and respond to *Laudato Si'*. It consists of four sessions, each on key themes within the encyclical with a set of leader's notes and a DVD.

Columban Study and Action Guide provides notes for 6-meetings, based on the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, following the headings of the encyclical and should, ideally, be used in conjunction with it & with a Bible. (*downloadable from Columban website* www.columbans.co.uk)

Each parish in the diocese has been sent a copy of CAFOD Study Guide, leaders notes and DVD & the Columban Action and Study Guide. If you would like a copy please contact the office.

Videos: Vatican Video introducing *Laudato Si'* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1tYdOlqvpgg>
Top 10 messages from *Laudato Si'* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUs4NHoabvk>

'A poor Church, for the Poor?'

How can we respond to Pope Francis' challenge?

Leeds Trinity University, Horsforth on Saturday

March 5th 11am to 5:30pm

Keynote speakers include

Fr.Timothy Radcliffe OP

director of the Lascasas Institute and

Fr. Michael Czerny SJ

of the Ponitifical Council for Justice & Peace

For more information www.LasCasasInstitute.org

To book <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-poor-church-for-the-poor-tickets-19846404129>

or email lascasas@bfriars.ox.ac.uk

Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund will provide financial help for people who have been affected. Application form for those needing help at <http://www.cumbriafoundation.org/archives/8422>

Applying to the Lancashire Flood Recovery Fund:
Application information from info@cflm.email

New Resource: Catholics & Our Common Home CTS pamphlet written by Sr Margaret Atkins

What people today need is an “ecological conversion”: ‘Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience’ – Pope Francis.

Regarding the environment, Pope Francis identifies two groups of Catholics: the critical and the indifferent. A third group might consist of those who are willing, even enthusiastic, but who feel discouraged about the possibility of making any real difference. By unpacking Church tradition and teaching, and bridging the gap between theory and practice, this booklet will challenge the first, stir up the second, and encourage the third.

Encourage your parish to have copies of this in your church.

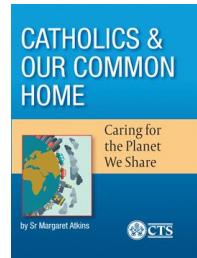
Cost: £2.50 and available to order from
<http://www.ctsbooks.org/catholics-and-our-common-home/>

Prophets of peace in our time

“We must cry out against injustice or by our silence consent to it.

If we keep silent,
the very stones of the street will cry out.”

Dorothy Day



Getting Personal - Forming Intentional Disciples

with Stephen Hoyland

Saturday 27th February 2016 10.00am -4.00pm

St Bernadette's Parish, 120 Bowerham Road Lancaster LA1 4HT

Forming Intentional Disciples

One of the crises of our society is the haemorrhaging of Christians away from the Christian faith. Many of our churches contain very few young people. Perhaps one reason is that often we do not show the way to having a personal relationship with God. Our day will explore the necessity of a personal relationship with God and especially Jesus if we wish to become the Christian people God calls us to be. If we wish to draw others into a meaningful religious life then we have to show the way towards this personal relationship by our own example as well as through our pastoral programmes. *Poster attached*

To book please email
anne.foley@blueyonder.co.uk
or phone 01772 555483



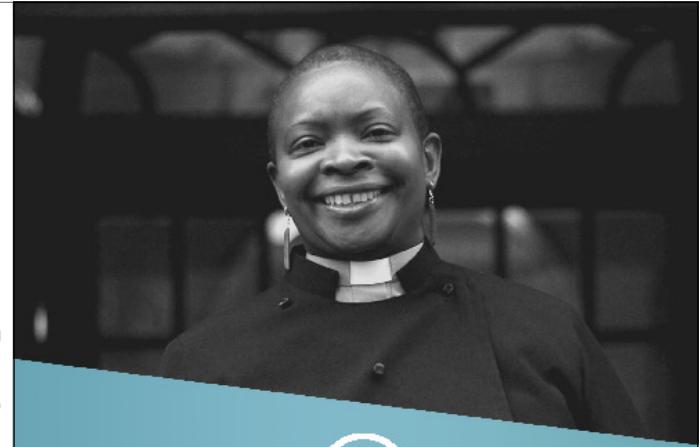
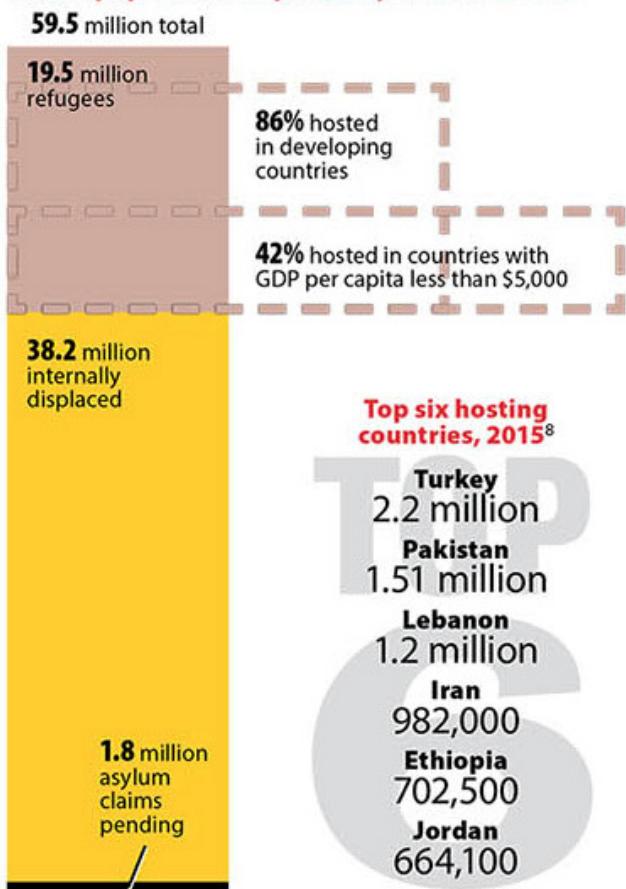
Facilitated by ACTA Lancaster A Call to Action - aims to encourage dialogue at all levels in the Church we love and to grow in our relationship with Jesus through an exploration of the Sacred Scriptures and the riches of Vatican II.

It's not all about you¹

WHERE PEOPLE ARE FLEEING TO

Most refugees do not seek protection in the industrialized world. Nearly 9 out of 10 people find shelter in neighbouring countries, while an even greater number are internally displaced.

Global population displaced by conflict in 2014



FRIDAY
18
MARCH

University of Cumbria CHAPLAINCY LECTURE 2016

FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

THE REV'D PREB ROSE HUDSON-WILKIN,
CHAPLAIN TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

6:30PM
FRIDAY 18TH MARCH

LEARNING GATEWAY LECTURE
THEATRE, FUSEHILL STREET,
CARLISLE

TO BOOK TICKETS EMAIL: MATTHEW.FIRTH@CUMBRIA.AC.UK



Organised by the
Justice & Peace Group of
Churches Together in Settle and District



An inspiring feature
documentary film
about climate change

Thursday the 11th of February
at 7.45 pm
St Mary & St Michael's RC Church
Hall Tillman Close Settle
followed by a discussion
Everyone Welcome

Entry is free

Also on in Bentham Town Hall
Wednesday 3rd February at 7:30pm

10:30am Thursday 11th February
St Mary & St Michael Church
Tillman Close Settle

Bradford Refugee Co-Ordinator Rizman Rehman
will be speaking about the ongoing
developments with refugees in Bradford.

Organised by the parish SVP
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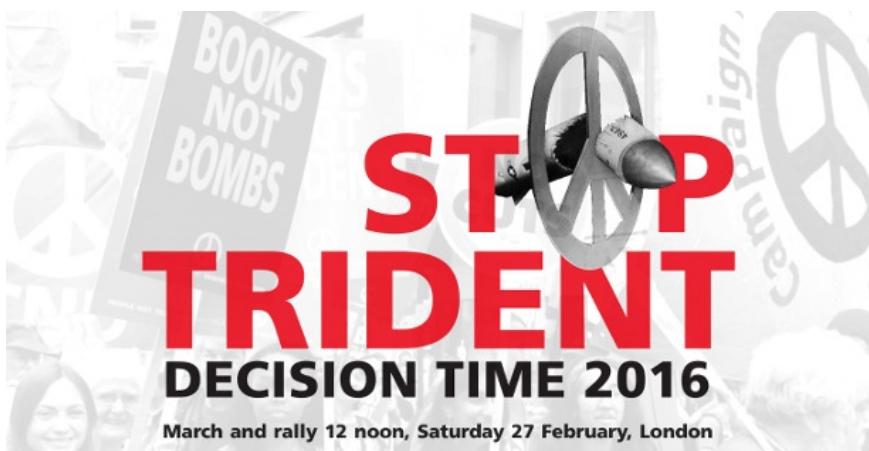
From New Internationalist January 2016:
Humanity adrift-Why refugees deserve better

**From Pope Francis talk to the US Congress 24th September 2015 "Do Unto Others:"
Pope Francis' Call to Action**

"Being at the service of dialogue and peace also means being truly determined to minimize and, in the long term, to end the many armed conflicts throughout our world. Here we have to ask ourselves: Why are deadly weapons being sold to those who plan to inflict untold suffering on individuals and society? Sadly, the answer, as we all know, is simply for money: money that is drenched in blood, often innocent blood. In the face of this shameful and culpable silence, it is our duty to confront the problem and to stop the arms trade."

"To imitate the hatred and violence of tyrants and murderers is the best way to take their place,"

3rd Feb	Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre Talks 7:30pm see p 8
7th Feb	Church Action on Poverty Sunday www.church-poverty.org.uk T:01612369321
10th Feb	Ash Wednesday
11th Feb	Rizman Rehman Bradford Refugee Co-Ordinator for Bradford.10:30 Settle see p 9
11th Feb	Film Everything Must Change Settle J&P 7:45 see p.9
13th Feb	Faith & Justice Commission meeting St Bernadettes Lancaster see p.1All welcome poster attached
17th Feb	Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre Talks 7:30pm see p 8
19th Feb	CAFOD Lent Fast Day
27th Feb	Forming Intentional Disciples St Bernadette Lancaster see p.9
27th Feb	STOP Trident National Demonstration London
29th Feb-13th March	FAIRTRADE Fortnight theme "sit down to breakfast, stand up for farmers"
2nd Mar	Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre Talks 7:30pm see p 8
4th March	Women's World Day of Prayer: "Receive children, receive me" by women of Cuba www.wwdp.org.uk
9th March	Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre Talks 7:30pm see p 8



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