



# Shrewsbury Diocese Justice and Peace Commission QUICK NEWS NETWORK

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**“How has J&P changed in the seventeen years you’ve been working for the diocese?”** I was asked recently. It’s made me think. In some ways the issues haven’t changed that much: the poverty gap - both in the UK and globally - seems to keep growing.

And yet, we have much to celebrate. Fairtrade is now mainstream. Many communities are finding ways to celebrate their growing diversity and the Diocesan Catholics for Racial Harmony group offer the diocese opportunities for this. And in our diocese, small J&P groups continue to engage the folk in their communities to work for a just and peaceful world.

It’s not always easy and sometimes it’s good to step back from the action and take time and space to be nourished. Here are some ideas for ‘snacks’, ‘meals’, and ‘feasts’!

- Overleaf are examples of **workshops** the J&P Commission can offer.
- **Diocesan Reading Groups** meet across the diocese - one term, one meeting, one book. The book for the Autumn term is *John Henry Newman: A Mind Alive* by Roderick Strange. For information on your nearest book club, contact Pauline McCulloch at the Diocese’s Education Service 0151 652 9855 Pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org .
- The **Craighead Institute Integrating Faith & Life Course**, which ‘explores the role of Christians as citizens in society and the way in which, inspired by the Gospel and Ignatian spirituality, they can make a difference’ provides excellent nourishment for justice-and-peace activists.
- The diocesan four-year **LIMEX** programme offers its students opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of their ministries in the light of their experience and their Christian faith and to be awarded certificates or post-graduate Masters. Contact Cecilia Allan 0161 439 3573 ceciliaallan@aol.com .

## For Reflection ...

*“Every person is called to develop and fulfil themselves,  
for life itself is a vocation, a summons,  
which finds its final fulfilment only in the mystery of God.*

*We are not created for futility.*

*Integral human development is our vocation,  
and it points to the capacity in each person  
for responsible freedom, a freedom to be formed by truth  
and used for the service of truth and love.”*

(Choosing the Common Good)

- What helps you to appreciate life as ‘a vocation, a summons’?
- How might you develop the capacity for ‘responsible freedom’ and use it in ‘the service of truth and love’?

## ... and Action...

- **Attend** one of the events shown on the diary overleaf.
- **Watch** *The Story of Stuff* [thestoryofstuff.com](http://thestoryofstuff.com) a compelling twenty-minute presentation of the impact on our world of the ‘stuff’ we buy.
- If you are able to receive **Quick News Network** electronically as a pdf and thus help the Diocese in its aim to generate less paper, please email Joan [joansharples620@btinternet.com](mailto:joansharples620@btinternet.com) .

Diocese of Shrewsbury  
Catholics for Racial Harmony  
**Racial Justice Sunday Mass**

**Different People  
Different Stories  
One Church**



followed by light refreshments

**Holy Family, Old Hall Road,  
Sale Moor, M33 2HT**

**Sunday, 12 September, 2.30**

All are welcome.

And the **Catholics for Racial  
Harmony** group offer this new  
initiative ...

## Sharing our Stories

Proud to be a Catholic? Proud of  
your roots? Proud of the country  
your parents or  
grandparents  
came from?  
Your language  
and culture?



Your national  
cuisine? A multi-ethnic team from  
the diocesan Catholics for Racial  
Harmony group would be willing to  
facilitate an evening of gentle con-  
versations to enable parishioners to  
get to know each other better.

**Contact:** Judy Hearnshaw 0161 338  
3618 [judyhearnshaw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:judyhearnshaw@hotmail.co.uk)

## The Big Climate Connection: 5-6 November

CAFOD, along with the Stop Cli-  
mate Chaos coalition, is organising a  
local climate lobby of MPs on 5-6  
November, an opportunity to lobby  
your MP in the run up to the inter-  
national climate change talks in Can-  
cun, and on some of the domestic  
energy issues that will be going  
through Parliament this Autumn.  
If you could volunteer to lead on a  
lobby event in your constituency,  
contact CAFOD [cafod.org.uk/](http://cafod.org.uk/)  
[actonpoverty01244677594](mailto:actonpoverty01244677594).

# DIARY DATES

## SEPTEMBER

- 8** **Now is the Time** Exploring the Kairos Palestine Document  
Venue: YMCA, St Anne's, Fylde  
Time: 7—9.30 pm  
Contact: Wendy Ross-Barker, wrossb1@gmail.com, 0151 423 1215
- 9** **Now is the Time**  
Time: 11—3.30 pm  
Subject, venue and contact as above.
- 10** **CAFOD Quiz Night**  
Venue: Our Lady's Parish Centre, Ellesmere Port CH65 8BY  
Time: 7.30 pm  
Entrance: £2.50, children £1.25  
Contact Tony Walsh 0151 355 6419
- 11** **NJPN Networking Meeting**  
Venue: Leeds  
Time: 10.45-4.00.  
National J&P Network justice-and-peace.org.uk
- 12** **Racial Justice Sunday**  
CARJ carj.co.uk
- 12** **Diocesan Racial Justice Sunday Mass**  
See over.
- 13** **Investing in a Fairer World**  
Speaker: Ruth Taylor (Shared Interest, the ethical investment co-operative)  
Venue: Quaker Meeting House, Frodsham St, Chester.  
Time: 7.00pm  
Contact: Bernard Payne 01244 350323
- 21** **Peace One Day**  
020 7456 9180  
peaceoneday.org
- 21** **Peace Vigil**  
Venue: Marple U R Church, Hibbert Lane, Marple.  
Time: 7.30 —9.30 pm  
Contact: Marian Thompson 0161427 7254

## OCTOBER

- 1** **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**
- 2** **A BIG SING** led by Alison Adam of the Iona Community  
Venue: Trinity Church, Newport, Shropshire.  
Time: 7.30 pm  
Open to all. For tickets contact Barbara Jennings email:bmj@thejennings.eclipse.co.uk or Caroline Worth: ccworth@blueyonder.co.uk
- 13** **Haiti: Building a Future to Last**  
Haiti's former Prime Minister, Michèle Duvivier Pierre-Louis, will be in the UK to talk about the future for her

- devastated country.  
Venue: St Michael's, West Derby Rd, Liverpool L6 5EH  
Time: 7.30 PM  
Contact: Liverpool J&P Office: 0151 522 1080/81  
s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk
- 16** **Birmingham J&P Steering Through the Rapids: A Spirituality for Justice and Peace.**  
Venue: St Peter's Catholic School, Whitefields Road, Solihull, B91 3NZ  
Time: 10.30am to 4.30pm  
Speakers: John Battle, Helen Ryan RSM, Paul Nicholson SJ.  
Workshops.  
Cost: £10, low income and students £5.  
Contact David Jenkins 01993-702654  
jenkins@woxon.freeserve.co.uk
- 15** **CAFOD Quiz Night**  
Venue: Ellesmere Port (see above)
- 17** **International Day for Eradication of Poverty**  
unmeditation.org/
- 17-24** **One World Week**  
"Peacing Together One World"  
One World Week oneworldweek.org
- 17-24** **Week of Prayer for World Peace** 0208 968 4340  
nfpb.gn.apc.org
- 24** **United Nations Day**  
unmeditation.org/

## NOVEMBER

- 8** **Chester World Development Forum**  
Speaker: Susan Flynn on project work with Malawi women. (TBC)  
Venue: Quaker Meeting House, Frodsham St, Chester.  
Time: 6.45 for 7.00pm  
Contact: Bernard Payne 01244 350323
- 11** **Remembrance Sunday**  
Peace Pledge Union white poppies  
0207 424 9444 ppu.org.uk
- 12** **CAFOD Quiz Night**  
Venue: Ellesmere Port (see above)
- 20** **NJPN Networking Meeting**  
Venue: London  
Time: 10.45-4.00.  
National J&P Network justice-and-peace.org.uk
- 21** **Prisoners' Sunday**  
prisonadvice.org.uk

## J&P Workshops

The J&P Commission currently offers the following workshops for J&P groups, parishes or Local Pastoral Area Meetings:

### Choosing the Common Good

*Exploring some of the ideas in 'Choosing the Common Good', the document produced by the Catholics Bishops' Conference in April, 2010 and asking how they might inspire local action.*

### An Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching

*A brief look at the cultural, social, political teaching contained within the social teaching documents of the Church.*

### Lobbying Workshop

*A workshop on lobbying MPs and local authorities in order to encourage J&P activists to lobby their MPs more confidently and effectively.*

### Liturgy Workshop

*An exploration of how liturgy can nourish J&P work.*

### Prayer & the Planet

*Responding to contemporary environmental issues in the light of scripture and Catholic Social teaching.*

Each of these themes can be tailored to suit the context of the group and the time available.

Contact Joan.

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