



Shrewsbury Diocese Justice and Peace Commission

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Shrewsbury J&P Commission recently produced the following statement of its Vision and Purpose:

Vision: A diocese fully engaged with the call of God to be a people of justice and peace.

Purpose: As Christians, we are called to try to live out God's will. God calls us to act for the common good and the good of all creation. The main task of the members of the Commission is to answer that call personally and to engage the diocese in doing likewise, in the light of scripture and Catholic social teaching.

In its purpose the Commission suggests that we need to answer God's call personally and seek to engage others. Perhaps readers of this edition of QNN might accept a similar challenge and identify something to do as individuals and something they might do to engage others. There are plenty of ideas in this newsletter and the enclosed J&P calendar!

www.livesimply.org 

livesimply:promise

Join in this online community action. This online facility enables people to make their own personal promise to do something that will positively affect poor people – and encourage others to do the same. It's encouraging to see what others have promised to do and maybe you'll feel challenged to follow their good example.

livesimply:vigil

An online Lenten vigil, with an action and reflection every day in Lent.

livesimply:engaging with others

The J&P Commission intends to launch a **livesimply** page on its website to share actions and ideas. Please let Joan have your news.

livesimply:recycling

Pax Christi can make money from used commemorative stamps.

If you have information about what to do with mobile phones and other items, let us know and we can put them on the website.

set all free

Churches Together in England are encouraging the churches, Christian groups and others to generate initiatives for the bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act. The **set all free** website provides a wealth of ideas and resources including a Church Resource Pack, which uncovers the forgotten history of the Transatlantic Slave Trade, examines how it still affects us today and explores the role of the Church. It also looks at the alarming numbers of those still enslaved today and seeks to repair the damage caused by centuries of slavery. The pack is available at £10 plus p&p from **set all free**, 0870 444 1994 or www.setallfree.net

The website points out that:

Wherever you live in the UK, your city, town or village may well have an historical connection to slavery or the slave trade. Perhaps an abolitionist lived there or visited as part of the campaign...maybe some of your local businesses were founded through the slave trade...or descendants of enslaved Africans now live in your locality. It would be interesting to document our Shrewsbury diocese connections.

For details of venues for the excellent **set all free** Exhibition touring Shropshire, see overleaf. Contact Ged Cliffe (01691 831374) or Joan for more details.

Fairtrade Fortnight

26 February – 11 March

**Change Today. Choose Fairtrade
Munch it! Wear it! Choose it!**

Fairtrade Fortnight is looking for the best Fairtrade recipes in the world to be compiled into a new Fairtrade cookbook to be published in 2008. Your recipe could be among them. It must feature a Fairtrade product as the main ingredient or flavouring, or use as many fairtrade products as possible. The competition will run from 5 February to 13 April and entry forms will be on the fairtrade website from February. Take a prayerful walk around your supermarket remembering the producers of the goods on sale, and those who work there.

BRIEFLY...

- **Read** the Holy Father's Peace Day Message on Pax Christi's website <http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/PeaceSunday1.htm> or available from Joan.
- **Valentine's Day** would be an appropriate time to hand a gold chain petition to a local jewellers and make a difference to the conditions of those involved in the gold industry. Contact CAFOD Shrewsbury 07920232936 or see www.cafod.org.uk/unearthjustice
- **Trident** Justice and Peace Scotland has produced an excellent twelve-page booklet on Trident. It can be downloaded from <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/downloads/replacing-trident.pdf> or is available from Joan.

D I A R Y

JANUARY

- 14 Peace Sunday**
The Human Person, the Heart of Peace
0208 203 884
- 18-25 Week for Prayer for Christian Unity**
"He even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."
CTBI 0207 654 7254
www.ctbi.org.uk
- Jan 22 – Feb 9 Set All Free Exhibition**, Church Stretton URC
- 27 Holocaust Memorial Day**
The Dignity of Difference
www.hmd.org.uk
- 28 Homelessness Sunday**
No Home, No Justice
Housing Justice
020 7723 7273
www.homelessness-sunday.org.uk
- 28 Liverpool Housing**
Justice Speaker: Alison Gelder, Director of Housing Justice. LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park L17 1AA. 2.00-4.00. Contact Liverpool J&P 0151 522 1080.
- 31 West Kirby St Agnes Parish Hall, Darmonds Green, CH48 5DU, 7.30 p.m. Live Simply** Talk by CAFOD Diocesan Manager, Sue Bownas. Contact Margaret Cook 0151 625 6512.

FEBRUARY

- 10 West Kirby St Agnes** (see above) 3.00-4.00
Pray for Peace All welcome.
- 18 Poverty Action Sunday**
Just Church
CAP 0161 236 9231
- Feb 19 – Mar 3 Set All Free Exhibition**, Shrewsbury Abbey
- 26-11 Fairtrade Fortnight**
Change Today, Choose Fairtrade
Fairtrade Foundation
020 7405 5942

MARCH

- 2 Women's World Day of Prayer**
United under God's Tent prepared by the women of Paraguay.
01892 541411
www.wwdp-natcomm.org
- 2 CAFOD Lent Fast Day**
Live Simply
CAFOD 020 7733 7900
- Mar 3 – April 4 Set All Free Exhibition**, Bridgnorth
- 10 West Kirby St Agnes** (see above) 3.00-4.00
Pray for Peace All welcome.
- 10 Focus Day... From Violence to Wholeness** (see enclosed flyer).
- 11 Liverpool Romero Mass**
St Albert's, Hollow Croft, Stockbridge Village L28 4AE. Contact Liverpool J&P 0151 522 1080.
- 24 Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. A Service of Penance** 11.30 a.m.
- 25 Bicentenary of UK Parliament's Abolition of Slave Trade**
Set All Free
www.setallfree.net

LOOKING AHEAD...

Catholic People's Week
28 July—4 August
Nodfa Spirituality Centre, North Wales

What Price is Progress?
Speakers include Mary Colwell, Fr Tom Cullinan, Mike Monaghan & Rosemary Read
Contact: Frank Monteiro (0121 354 9811)
frater@monteiro.it

AND EVEN FURTHER AHEAD...

Sr Helen Prejean, author of 'Dead Man Walking' will address a national conference, 17-18 November, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Contact 01207 592244.

J&P AREA MEETING

Set All Free

This meeting will introduce the *Set All Free*: developed by Churches Together in England to encourage the churches, Christian groups and others to generate initiatives for the bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act.

There will also be opportunity to share current activities, particularly concerning the *Live Simply* initiative.

Monday, 19 February
7.30 - 9.00

St Ann's,
29 Vicarage Avenue,
Cheadle Hulme SK8 7JW

Contact Joan.

'Turning Points'

The CAFOD/Christian Aid Lent Book 2007

Barbara Glasson, Pamela Hussey, Joyce Karuri, Moire O'Sullivan, Kathleen Richards, and Jane Williams

Six leading writers offer their own personal response to the readings for each day of Lent, 2007, using stories and insights to help us draw closer to God through reflection on the words of scripture, through prayer, and through actions for justice.
From CAFOD 020 7095 5571.

Please send me your dates and news, so that they can be included in future editions of the **Quick News Network** mailing.

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