



Shrewsbury Diocese Justice and Peace Commission

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PAX CHRISTI

An Interfaith Prayer for Peace

O God, you are the source of life and peace.
 Praised be your name forever.
 We know it is you who turn our minds to thoughts of peace.
 Hear our prayer in this time of crisis.
 Your power changes hearts
 Muslims, Christians and Jews remember, and profoundly affirm,
 That they are followers of the one God,
 Children of Abraham, brothers and sisters;
 Enemies begin to speak to one another;
 those who were estranged join hands in friendship;
 nations seek the way of peace together.
 Strengthen our resolve to give witness to these truths by the way we live.

Give to us:
 Understanding that puts an end to strife;
 Mercy that quenches hatred, and
 Forgiveness that overcomes vengeance.
 Empower all people to live in your law of love.

Amen.

Gaza/Palestine and Israel

For alternative sources of news/information and action ideas see the links from the Israel/Palestine pages of Pax Christi's website
<http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/Wall.HTML>

Saturday 7 February Sharing our Stories

Organised by the
 Diocesan Catholics for
 Racial Harmony Group
 Open to all.
 St. Anne's Church,
 Nantwich.
 11-30 - 3-00 p.m.
 Shared lunch.
 Contact Joan.

Tuesday 24 March

**Service to
 Commemorate
 Archbishop
 Oscar Romero**
 7.30 p.m.
 St Margaret Ward,
 Cherry Lane,
 Sale M33 5WL.
 Contact Fr Ned Wall
 0161-962-4444.

Shrewsbury Diocese Justice & Peace Commission & Shrewsbury CAFOD Lent Spirituality Day

FAITH DOING JUSTICE



SUSY BROUARD from CAFOD's Spirituality Team will explore the spirituality which underpins our work for justice and peace and our support for CAFOD.

The venue is a peaceful retreat centre in a secluded garden. It is a twenty-minute walk from Stockport railway station.

Saturday, 28 March, 2009, 10.15 - 3.30

The Evron Centre, 1 Adswood Lane, Stockport SK3 8HT

Places are limited so early booking is advised.
 Contact Joan.

IN BRIEF

- Readers, who have been following the story of Romy Tiongco's work as Mayor of Damulog in the Philippines, may be interested to know that his reflections are available as a booklet (£1.00) or as a large pdf. Contact Joan.
- The Catholic Gap Year Website enables young people to find out about the many Catholic gap year opportunities that exist - many within the UK. www.catholicgapyear
- Diocesan Reading Groups are now established throughout the diocese - an initiative of the Education Service. Each meets for one session each term. This term's book is Denis McBride's *Waiting on God*. Contact Joan for details of your nearest group.

REFLECTION

'...the Church has always had the duty of scrutinising the signs of the times and of interpreting them in the light of the gospel' (4)

(Gaudium et Spes 1965)

- Listening to the conversations of friends and neighbours, and being attentive to the media, what 'signs of the times' do you hear?
- What helps you to 'interpret them in the light of the gospel'?
- How are you an agent of change, bringing hope to situations of despair?

DIARY DATES

JANUARY

- 25** **Liverpool J&P Annual Memorial Lecture:** Francis Davies, Director, Las Casas Institute, Oxford - *Our Money - Whose Church?* 2.00-4.00 pm. Contact 0151 522 1080/1.
- 26** **Chester** Bishop Lloyd's Palace, 51-53 Watergate St. Talk by Gene Stoltzfus, peace activist and former Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams - *Does Non-violence work in this century?* 7.00 – 9.00pm. Contact 07590 031388
- 27** **Holocaust Memorial Day** hmd.org.uk
Holocaust Day Memorial Service, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury. 5.00pm. Contact Kat Halstead 01743 252829.
- 30** **Chester** Documentary Drama: *Voices from the Edge* Hoole URC, Hoole Rd, Chester. 7.00 pm. Contact 01244 341554.
- 31-8** **Poverty and Homelessness Action Week** 'Voices from the Edge' actionweek.org.uk
- 10** **Interfaith Peace Vigil** St Agnes Church, Darmonds Green, West Kirby, Wirral. CH48 5DU. 3.00-4.00 pm.

FEBRUARY

- 2** **Manchester & North Cheshire Circle:** *Jesus: The Only Way to God?* Giles Hibbert O.P. **St** Benedict's Church Hall, 10 Hall Road, Handforth SK9 3AD. Eucharist or other liturgy 7.30 pm. Talk at 8.15. Contact Chris Quirke 0161 941 1707.
- 4** **University of Chester** Main campus, Beswick 013,

7.30 pm. Dr David Clough (Senior Lecturer in Theology) *Reading Genesis after Darwin*, Second of three public lectures on *Theology after Darwin* arranged by the University's Centre for Religion and the Biosciences. Contact 01244 511031.

- 7** **Sharing our Stories** See over.
- 14** **Chester & Wirral Newman Association** Spring Conference Contact 01244 322440.
- 14** **Interfaith Peace Vigil** St Agnes Church, Darmonds Green, West Kirby, Wirral. CH48 5DU. 3.00-4.00 pm.
- 18-25** **Pure Gold? CAFOD Exhibition** Wesley Methodist Church, St John St, Chester. Contact CAFOD Office 01244 677594.
- 20** **World Day of Social Justice** un.org/esa/socdev/social/intldays/IntlJustice/
- 22** **Ecumenical Worship** inspired by the **Iona Community Service & Healing** St Nicholas Church, Newport, 6.30 pm. Contact John Fowler 01952 812458 iona.org.uk.
- 23 - 9** **Fairtrade Fortnight** *Make it Happen: Choose Fairtrade* Contact Fairtrade Foundation 020 7405 5943 fairtrade.org.uk

MARCH

- 2** **Manchester & North Cheshire Circle:** *Search for the Sacred* Austin Milner O.P. (See above.)
- 3** **Chester Shared Interest** Talk by speaker from Shared Interest co-operative lending society,

7.30pm at Hoole URC, Hoole Rd, Chester. Details 01244 400906.

- 6** **CAFOD Lent Fast Day** Contact CAFOD 020 7733 7900 cafod.org.uk CAFOD Shrewsbury 01244 677594.
- 6** **Women's World Day of Prayer** "In Christ There are Many Members Yet One Body", prepared by the women of Papua New Guinea. Contact WWDP 01892 541411 wwdp-natcomm.org
- 6** **Chester The Great Africa Scandal:** Showing of broadcaster and theologian Robert Beckford's film on how the current trade system penalises the global poor. Lecture Theatre, Grosvenor Museum, Grosvenor St Chester. 7.30pm. Contact 01244 400906.
- 14** **Chester & Wirral Newman Association Universal Charity - Eucharist & Hospitality** Speaker: Francis Davis, Director, Las Casas Institute, Oxford. At Hamilton Street Methodist Church, Chester CH2 3JG. Contact 01244 322440.
- 16** **Diocesan Launch of CAFOD Climate Change Campaign** Shrewsbury Cathedral. 6.30. Contact CAFOD Office 01244 677594.
- 21** **Marple Environment Day - Energy Audit** organised by the J & P group. St Mary's Parish Hall, Marple Bridge. 10.00 - 2.00. Contact Marian 0161 427 7254.
- 24** **Service to Commemorate Archbishop Oscar Romero** See over.

Please send me your dates and news, so that they can be included in future editions of the **Quick News Network** mailing. If you would prefer to receive Quick News Network electronically as a pdf in future, please email me and let me know.

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