

Shrewsbury Diocese Justice and Peace Commission

QUICK NEWS NETWORK

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How have you responded to the livesimply challenge? Has your parish? We estimate that about a quarter of the parishes in the diocese have responded in some way. If you have, we'd love to hear about it.



livesimply resources

PROGRESSIO's livesimply campaign



"Say NO to Terminator Seeds"

will be launched on World Food Day on 16 October. Terminator seeds are genetically modified by big seed companies to become sterile after the first planting. Many farmers in poor countries don't want or can't afford to buy seeds each year. Instead, they save, swap and share seeds that have been developed over generations to thrive in local soils and climates. In May 2008 European governments will meet at the Convention on Biodiversity in Berlin to discuss Terminator Seeds. PROGRESSIO has produced a seed packet to raise awareness about the threat that terminator technology poses to poor farmers in the developing world and to the environment.

They're asking us to:

- Send a campaign seed packet to our MPs asking them to lobby the UK government to support and strengthen the ban.
- Ask our friends, family, Church and community members, or work colleagues to do the same.
- Help spread the word by distributing campaign materials at events, in our newsletters.
- Encourage other networks or organisations you know to do the same!
- Send copies of any response we get from our MP's to Progressio.

Order your seedpackets from 0207 354 0883 or www.seedsaver.org.uk.

POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK 27 Jan—3 Feb

Church Action on Poverty (CAP) Housing Justice and other organisations hope that over 100 churches will hold local poverty hearings, an opportunity for them to discover and engage with poverty and social justice issues within their own communities. Regional briefing events will prepare and resource those willing to form groups to organise an event.

Briefing events will be held on:

- Sep 22, LACE, Liverpool.
Contact Steve Atherton 0151 522 1080.
- Oct 10 6.00-8.00 pm. Central Hall, Manchester.
Contact CAP 0161 236 9321
- Oct 24 6.00-8.00 pm. Hoole URC, Hoole Road, Chester. Contact Pam Price 01244 341554

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHESHIRE FORUM 2007



JESUS: A MAN FOR TODAY

An opportunity for Christians of all traditions to reflect together of the importance of their faith in Jesus and to be refreshed and inspired for mission.

Keynote Speaker: Dr David Wilkinson

Saturday 29 September

9.30 - 1.00 pm

Middlewich Community Church

Cost: £8.00

Details and a registration form are available on www.cheshire-churches-together.org.uk or from Joan.

a theft from the poor



Pope Paul VI regarded money spent on arms as a 'theft from the poor' and an 'intolerable scandal' while schools, homes and hospitals remained unbuilt. Pax Christi's 8-page leaflet makes links between peace and development, spelling out the economic costs of war and arguing that poverty is a cause of future wars. The leaflet contains useful statistics, challenging questions and a list of valuable resources. It is available to download from Pax Christi's website: www.paxchristi.org.uk or from Joan.

"We're spending £10 a week on warfare."

NATIONAL J&P NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR

(currently 30 hours per week)

Required to provide administrative support for NJPN; arrange meetings; network with members; coordinate the annual conference. Salary £21,364 - £23,499 (pro rata) - includes London Allowance, if appropriate. Flexibility is possible with regard place of work. Closing date for applications: 17 August. Applications and job description from: NJPN Administrator, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX 0207 901 4864.

DIARY

AUGUST

6 & 9 **Anniversaries of first use of atomic weapons at Hiroshima & Nagasaki.** For resources contact Pax Christi 020 8203 4884 or CND 020 7700 2393.

6 **Chester** The Groves: *Hiroshima & Nagasaki Flower Memorial*. Meet by bandstand, 8.00 pm. Contact 01244 679051.

23 **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**
www.setallfree.net

SEPTEMBER

9 **Racial Justice Sunday Mass** celebrated by Bishop Brian Noble. St Mary's, 29 Zetland Street, Dukinfield, 2.30 pm.

15 **Macclesfield Violence to Wholeness Day.**

17 **J&P Area Meeting.** See box.

21 **Global Cease Fire Day**
020 7456 9180 www.peaceday.org

22 **Poverty/Homelessness Action Week Briefing** See over.

OCTOBER

6 **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** 020 7733 7900

Oct 8 – 26 Travelling Anti-Slavery Exhibition,
Meeting Point House, Telford.

10 **Poverty/Homelessness Action Week Briefing** See over.

17 **International Day for Eradication of Poverty** www.unmeditation.org/

21 **'Set All Free' service** in the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool, 3.00 pm.

21-28 **One World Week All Together Now**
Contact OWW 0118 939 4933

21-28 **Week of Prayer for World Peace**
0208 968 4340

24 **United Nations Day** www.unmeditation.org/

24 **Poverty/Homelessness Action Week Briefing** See over.

October 29 – November 16 Travelling Anti-Slavery Exhibition, Shrewsbury Cathedral.

October 16 - November 23 Landmine Action Week Landmine Action 020 7820 0222

25 **Marple Slavery Today** Speaker: Det. Inspector Mike Sanderson of the United Kingdom Human Trafficking Centre (www.ukhtc.org). All Saints Church, 7.30 pm. Organised by Churches Together in Marple J & P Group. Contact Marian Thompson 0161 427 7254.

SHREWSBURY DIOCESE J&P EVENTS

J&P AREA MEETING

Working in Parishes: How Do We Get People Involved?

An opportunity to reflect on our successes and challenges at involving parishioners in J&P action.

Monday, 17 September, 7.30 - 9.00

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

From Violence to Wholeness

A Day Workshop

which will attempt to explore, experiment with, and practice the vision and dynamics of creative non-violence in our daily lives in the effort to make our communities and the larger world more just and peaceful.

led by Joan Sharples & Ann Gill.

Saturday, 15 September, 10.00 - 4.00

St Alban's Parish Centre, Macclesfield

Places are limited and registration essential. For more details contact Joan.

"Excellent day. It was very well presented. I found the day very helpful - a lot of food for thought. Hope to share it with others."

Participant at March FVTW workshop

ADVANCE NOTICE

Focus on ... Celebrating Creation

This event hopes to provide an opportunity to look together at current issues of ecological concern and some of the theological questions which they raise, and to discern ways to respond.

Speakers: Mary Collwell, Tom Cullinan,
and Mike Monaghan

Saturday, 3 November, 10.15 - 3.30

St Thomas More High School, Crewe

Registration forms will be included with the September edition of *MouthPeace* or will be available from Joan.

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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