



Shrewsbury Diocese Justice and Peace Commission **QUICK NEWS NETWORK**

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Shrewsbury Diocese J&P Commission

warmly invites you



to join its members at a tree-planting
at Wistaston Hall, Crewe
to celebrate its
Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

on Sunday 13 December at 3.30-6.00pm
followed by the sharing of memories, hopes and food.

RSVP (by 4 December, if possible) to Joan.

What's Going On?

Justice and Peace Activities in the Wirral

An opportunity for all those engaged in J&P activities in the Wirral to meet and share their experiences, reveal any gaps, and encourage co-operative working where appropriate. For all those concerned with the development of J&P activities - in schools, parishes, LPAs, ecumenical and locality based groups, and as individuals.

The meeting will consist of:

- A brief initial presentation, drawn from a recent diocesan survey, on what most people consider to be "core" Justice and Peace activities
- Group discussion of what's happening locally and what's needed for further developments
- Feedback from discussions
- Examples of successful working
- A summary of the session's findings and possible ways forward

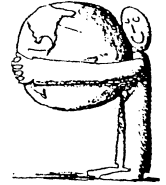
Date: Wednesday 25 November

Venue: Parish Hall, St Agnes Catholic Church
Darmond's Green, West Kirby CH48 5DU
(7 minutes walk from West Kirby station where
Merseyrail and the 437 bus terminate)

Time: 7.30 p.m. Tea and coffee from 7.00 p.m.

This event is organised by the Shrewsbury Diocesan J&P Commission with St Agnes, West Kirby, J&P Group. It is free with an opportunity to make donations to CAFOD. While there is no need to book, for catering purposes we would be grateful to know if you intend to come. Please ring or email Joan.

Caritas in Veritate ... on Creation



The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole (paragraph 48)

Nature expresses a design of love and truth. It is prior to us, and it has been given to us by God as the setting for our life. Nature speaks to us of the Creator and his love for humanity. (48)

Integral human development cannot ignore coming generations, but needs to be marked by solidarity and inter-generational justice. (48)

On this earth there is room for everyone: here the entire human family must find the resources to live with dignity, through the help of nature itself - God's gift to his children - and through hard work and creativity. (50)

The "covenant between human beings and the environment...should mirror the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying." (50)

- *Underline any word or phrase that speaks to you.*
- *How do these quotations inspire you to take action on climate change?*
- *What questions do they raise for you?*

BRIEFLY...

The Changing Face of Britain National Celebration

Westminster Cathedral

Saturday, 7 November

Mass at 2.00pm

Programme of speakers from 11.00-12.45.

Lunch - 12.45-1.30

For further information contact Joan

Greeting Card Campaign

Action by Christians Against Torture's list of prisoners of conscience, persecuted Christians, human rights defenders under threat can be obtained from the second week in November from ACAT (UK) 8 Southfield, Saltash, Cornwall PL12 4LX 01752 843417 uk.acat@gmail.com Lists sent out by post without charge, although small donations will be welcome.

Peace Sunday

Pope Benedict XVI's Peace Message: *If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation* Resources from Pax Christi 020 8203 4884 paxchristi.org.uk

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

27 **Chester** *Discussion Forum on Darfur* Talk and discussion on the national and international perspectives of the crisis, with members of the Darfur community currently in Liverpool. Best Building, University of Chester, 6.00pm.

31 **Marple Bridge** *Eco Day* Explore Climate Change. How is it affecting us? What can we do to help ourselves and the planet? St Mary's Parish hall, Hollins Lane, SK6 5BB. 10.30-3.30. Bring packed lunch.

NOVEMBER

3 **Church Stretton** *Issues surrounding War & Peace* Speaker: Rt Revd. Richard Harries, former Bishop of Oxford. United Reformed Church, 7.20pm. Tickets (limited) £4 from Glenys Young 01694 724647.

7 **London Changing Face of Britain Mass** see over.

9 **Shrewsbury** *Big Science – Big God* Speaker: Sir John Houghton (formerly co-chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. St Nicholas Hall, Shrewsbury URC, 7.30pm. All welcome.

11 **Remembrance Sunday** Peace Pledge Union white poppies 0207 424 9444

11 **Chester** *People & Planet: can we prevent climate change and also make poverty history?* Speaker: Duncan Green (Oxfam) In association with University of Chester's Department of Geography and Development Studies. Best Building, University of

Chester, 7.00pm. Contact Gill Miller, 01244 512190.

14 **West Kirby** *Peace Vigil* St Agnes, Darmonds Green, West Kirby, Wirral. CH48 5DU. 3.00-4.00pm.

15 **Prisoners' Sunday** PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust) 020 7490 3139 prisonadvice.org.uk

15-21 **Interfaith Week**

17 **Church Stretton** *The Nature and Purpose of RE in a Changing Society* Speaker: Professor Terence Copley, Professor of Religious Education at Oxford University. United Reformed Church, 7.20pm. Donation £3. Glenys Young 01694 724647.

DECEMBER

1 **World Aids Day** National AIDS Trust worldaidsday.org/index.asp

12 **West Kirby** *Peace Vigil* (see above)

17 **Church Stretton** *Jesus, then and now* Speaker: Professor Terence Copley, Professor of Religious Education at Oxford University. As above.

5 **THE WAVE** London stopclimatechaos.org/

10 **World Migration Day** Catholic Church in England & Wales catholic-ew.org.uk

10 **UN Human Rights Day** unmeditation.org/

13 **Shrewsbury Diocese J&P Commission 25th Anniversary Celebration**, see over.

INTEGRATING LIFE AND FAITH

*A Course accredited by the
Craighead Institute*

What?

This course is very valuable for J&P activists and others as it

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.

It has been run twice in the diocese and has been appreciated by those who participated in it.

Where?

In the Birkenhead area.

When?

Four non-residential weekend modules 2010: 23/24 January, 20/21 March, 8/9 May, 27/28 June.

Cost? £300.00.

Who will deliver the course?

Shrewsbury Diocese now has a team of people accredited by the Craighead Institute to run the course. Mary Kilcoyne, an Associate Member of the Craighead Institute will be the course director and she will be assisted by Joan Sharples and Trish Chrisp.

This course is being run with the encouragement of Bishop Brian and the support of the Diocesan Education Service.

For more information, contact Joan.

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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