

Dear friends,
For your attention and action where appropriate: (this information can also be found on our website <http://bit.ly/2udGQts>)



Church Action on Poverty's partners in the 'Life on the Breadline' project

[https://www.e-activist.com/ea-action/enclick?ea.url.id=3843205&ea.campaigner.email=mckRD7LwtNYMfivBfx2bF2bUGJ7%2BsiOf&ea.campaigner.id=8SNa0AXSd1s=&ea_broadcast_target_id=0] warmly invite you to a participatory workshop on 13 September 2019.

Join in small group discussion of these questions, reflecting on transforming unjust structures.

Speakers include:

* The Life on the Breadline research team * Niall Cooper (Church Action on Poverty) * Helen Gale (B30 Foodbank) * Heather Buckingham (Trussell Trust) * Anthony Reddie (The Council for World Mission and the University of South Africa) * Paul Morrison (Joint Public Issues Team).

The workshop will take place at Elm Bank, Coventry University, Coventry CV1 2LQ. Elm Bank is a short walk from Coventry train station and nearby bus stops. There is no public car parking at the venue, but on-street parking is possible a 10-minute walk away.

Tea and coffee will be available from 9:30am, and the workshop will start at 10:00am and finish at 3:30pm.

The workshop is free to attend but places are limited. Please register in advance at [https://www.e-activist.com/ea-action/enclick?ea.url.id=3843206&ea.campaigner.email=mckRD7LwtNYMfivBfx2bF2bUGJ7%2BsiOf&ea.campaigner.id=8SNa0AXSd1s=&ea_broadcast_target_id=0]

Best wishes

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Faith and Peaceful Relations Forum

24th October 2018, Coventry University

Research Centre
Trust, Peace and
Social Relations

Chris and Stephanie shared about the Life on the Breadline project at the autumn Faith and Peaceful Relations Forum. To find out more, listen to their presentations on the [Resources](#) page.

To register your interest for future Faith and Peaceful Relations Forum events, email Chris Shannahan at Christopher.Shannahan@coventry.ac.uk

Join us in Coventry to reflect on the church's aim to transform unjust structures of society in austerity Britain.
What are the different forms of poverty in the UK and how do they relate to each other?
How can the church be an effective agent for change in an age of austerity?
How can the bible and Christian tradition enable us to challenge structural injustice?



Baptised and Sent: Our call to be Missionary Disciples

Pope Francis has declared October 2019 as an Extraordinary Missionary Month, being 100 years since Pope Benedict XV's teaching on mission. It will be a special month of prayer and action, calling us to renew our missionary commitment to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples.



For the four weeks of October 2019, four themes have been approved by the Holy Father:

1. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ living in His Church
2. The witness of missionary saints and martyrs
3. Biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological formation for mission
4. Missionary charity as a commitment to support the Church's missionary activities and communities too poor to support themselves

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission and the Columban Missionaries invite you to reflect on your experiences, celebrating and putting into action the call to mission for justice, peace and care for creation at our Assembly on Saturday 12th October 2019.

Book now:- http://bit.ly/JandP_Assembly2019



Stop the Arms Fair - training day: Priory Rooms 40 Bull Street Birmingham B4 6AF
on 3rd August 11am to 4 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/482747035852533/?ti=icl>

For four days in September 2019, the international weapons industry plans to set up shop in London at a huge arms fair, DSEI.

In 2017, hundreds of people took part in a huge week of action to disrupt the set up of the arms fair, and this year we will be back to say No to the arms trade. A week of action has been called for the 2 – 10 September 2019, and people from across the country will be taking a stand.

With one month to go before the protests, this event is a chance to find out more, meet like-minded people who care about this issue, and make plans for how you'd like to join in the protests.

Arrive 10:30 for 11am. We will be finished by 4pm.

All welcome, whether you're a seasoned Stop the Arms Fair campaigner, or totally new! For more info, contact office@peacehub.org.uk

Jointly organised by Birmingham Stop the Arms Fair, Campaign Against Arms Trade & Peace Hub.F



**RISING
GLOBAL
PEACE
FORUM**

RISING Global Peace Forum will be 13th and 14th November 2019. The theme for both the Symposia and the main Forum is 'The Ecology of Peace' and we'll be exploring and celebrating the many different routes by which peace can be made and sustained: top-down, bottom-up, with/without a formal peace deal, peace between nations, individuals and with our environment and peace through cultural activities and sport.

For the main Forum we're already talking to many high-profile leaders and practitioners who we're inviting to come to Coventry, so please save the dates now and let your colleagues and contacts know that, as in 2018, the event will be free to attend! To register your interest in attending in November, please email

RISING@coventry.ac.uk

In addition, there will be a number of RISING Symposia throughout the year. [More about RISING here](#)



Wednesday 18th September, St Peter's Parish Centre,
Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AA

7 to 9pm.

Global Healing, Food, film and discussion.

A Justice and Peace, Live Simply Parish and CAFOD event.



Season of Creation 2019 Theme: The web of Life.

Here are some ideas for actions during the Season of Creation.

The GCCM website has a number of suggestions: <http://seasonofcreation.org/guide/> which include a Liturgy for Creation.

CAFOD have this on their website: a **Vigil for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This can be used at any time during this season.**

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/World-Day-of-Prayer>

I have used this successfully.

Also, if you have not yet taken part in CAFOD's current campaign you can do so in September. There is a suggestion for a Celebration Mass and a shared meal. Details here:

https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/48375/582074/version/2/OCH_guide_for_downloading.pdf

Some prayers for use at Mass:

https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/19885/140491/version/9/file/Prayer_intercessions_climate-and-environment-intercessions.pdf

and a Novena to St Francis:

<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/20027/141347/version/12/file/Novena%20to%20St%20Francis.pdf>

Liverpool Justice and peace Commission resources

<https://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/resources/creation/>

Churches together

<https://ctbi.org.uk/season-of-creation-creation-time-2019/>

information supplied by Phil Mayland

Pope: Church cannot remain silent about Amazon 8th July 2019

Burning rainforest - image NASA

Source: Vatican Media

In a message to a meeting of the Laudato sì Communities Pope Francis reminded them how "social justice and ecology are deeply interconnected".

There are several dozen Laudato sì Communities in Italy, and around the world. All of them are committed to an integral ecology, a lifestyle consistent with the values contained in Pope Francis' encyclical of the same name.

The Second Forum of Laudato sì Communities is being held in the Italian town of Amatrice. In August 2016, the town and surrounding area was devastated by a 6.2 magnitude earthquake that left 247 people dead and dozens of families homeless.

In his message to Forum participants, read on his behalf by the Prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication, Paolo Ruffini, the Pope recalled the victims of the earthquake and spoke of the "high price" paid by the entire region.

The memory of Amatrice is always in my heart, he wrote. What happened here helps us focus on "the imbalances that devastate our 'common home'". Invariably, "it is the poor who pay the highest price of environmental devastation", said the Pope. Quoting from his Encyclical, Pope Francis added: "There will be no new relationship with nature without a new human being."

The Second Forum of Laudato sì Communities is focussing on how, as the Pope writes in his Encyclical, "everything is connected". Specifically, they are examining the challenges facing the Amazon region and looking ahead to the Synod that will be dedicated to this subject in October.

In his message, Pope Francis addresses the "unsustainable situation of the Amazon and the peoples who live there", calling it "a sad paradigm of what is happening in many parts of the world: a blind and destructive mentality that prefers profit to justice, highlighting the predatory attitude with which man relates to nature".

"Social justice and ecology are deeply interconnected", insists the Pope. "What is happening in the Amazon will have repercussions on a global level". We cannot remain indifferent spectators in the face of this destruction, he says, "nor can the Church remain silent."

The Pope concluded by offering three ideas on which to reflect: the first being praise before the beauty of creation. "Praise is the fruit of contemplation" - "contemplation and praise lead to respect" - and respect leads to venerating the goods of creation and its Creator. The second is to realise that everything has been given to us free of charge, and in turn must become a gift to be shared. The third is being able to "give up something for a greater good, for the good of others."

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To help you keep abreast of what is going on in the diocese our Website is updated regularly. We also now have a twitter account so please follow us. Don't forget if you are running any Justice and Peace related events or holding Justice and Peace related meetings email me the details so that they can be added to the Justice and Peace Website Calendar.

We are also looking for articles for next months News Letter, so please send us information about what you have been doing or what you feel would be interesting to others.

With best wishes as always,

Janet Vaughan

Administrator, on behalf of the Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission

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