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Welcome to the e-bulletin from the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission.  
If you would like to advertise events on our network then please email them by the **LAST MONDAY OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH** to [justice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:justice@rcdow.org.uk), marking E Bulletin in the subject line.

## FEBRUARY E-BULLETIN

Note some items may be repeated from last month, but new items have been added so read on...

### Diary of Events for February 2018

**Sat Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Westminster Justice and Peace Annual Open Meeting** 10.12.30 followed by lunch. All welcome to share their work for Justice, Peace and Care for Creation across the diocese

#### Booking now!

#### What will YOUR Europe look like?

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> April Westminster Justice and Peace

**Intergenerational Pilgrimage for Europe.** We will visit places which symbolise Europe as a place of reconciliation, peace and human rights. While we are leaving the EU, we cannot leave our continent! We must continue to cherish the links developed over years, decades and centuries, and make them stronger. Contact

[Justice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Justice@rcdow.org.uk)

**Subsidies available for young people. Don't miss the coach!**

**Wed Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Resettling Syrian Refugees in Westminster in 2018** 6.30pm-8pm St James' Church, 197 Piccadilly, W1J 9LL. Westminster City Council will set out plans for settling vulnerable refugee families here. Come along to find out more about helping. Sign up to attend: [bit.ly/Westminster\\_refugees](http://bit.ly/Westminster_refugees)

**Sun Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Church Action on Poverty Sunday** Church Action on Poverty Sunday takes place each year on the last Sunday before Lent. It was part of Poverty & Homelessness Action Week until 2014. Get your free worship and fundraising resource pack from the Church Action on Poverty website

[www.churchactiononpoverty.org.uk](http://www.churchactiononpoverty.org.uk)



**Wed Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday service Repentance and Hope in our nuclear age** @ Ministry of Defence, 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm We meet at 3.00pm in Whitehall Gardens (closest to Embankment station. Come out of station on river side and turn right and walk to Whitehall Gardens) This liturgy and action is planned by **Pax Christi, London Catholic Worker and Christian CND**

**Tues Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Human Trafficking- Responding Locally** 6:30pm-8:30pm

St Anne's Church, Underwood Road, London E1 5AW.

Join us for an evening of practical advice on combatting human trafficking and modern slavery in your community. Speakers Include: Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Mick Duthie + Phoebe Prendergast from the Santa Marta Group, Metropolitan Police Caritas Westminster. [Click here to RSVP](#) or call 020 7931 6077, or email [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk)

**Thurs Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> This Evil Thing a play by Michael Mears about conscientious objectors.** 7pm at St Augustine's Church, 49 Mattison Road, London N4 1BG, buses 29, 141, 341. Tubes Turnpike Lane or Manor House. Entrance free. Information at [www.conscientiousobjectorsremembered.com](http://www.conscientiousobjectorsremembered.com) [hfwppf@yahoo.com](mailto:hfwppf@yahoo.com)

**Fri Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Lent Fast Day** This Lent we are working to combat malnutrition in Zimbabwe. Hunger can kill children, but CAFOD is providing seeds, fencing and farming training for families and communities so that everyone has enough to eat. CAFOD talk at masses in parish weekend before Lent Family Fast Day on 17 & 18 February, when the envelopes are normally distributed. CAFOD collection weekend after Family Fast day, 24 & 25 February, when the CAFOD envelopes are collected

**Sat Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Safe Passage Training.** Safe Passage is the organisation which has lobbied fairly successfully for more unaccompanied child asylum seekers to be admitted to the UK. They have enabled over 1100 to come in from across Europe and have recently held actions to highlight the iniquitous Calais situation. Westminster J&P is represented in this campaign. **All are welcome to come.** Sign up and get more information about the training here: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/building-britains-welcome> .

## **Mon Feb 26<sup>th</sup>-Sun Mar 11<sup>th</sup> FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT**

**At Justice and Peace we are asking: Could everyone hold a 'Big Brew' during the Fortnight, and send a picture in?** Teaparties or coffee mornings across the diocese using Fairtrade goods, would be a great way to celebrate the diocese's Fairtrade commitment. We will collate your pictures on our Facebook page for all to enjoy. And don't forget to tweet your pictures with #westminsterbigbrew. 'For hundreds of years we were taught to serve, to be workers. Now with Fairtrade we are entrepreneurs.' Marcial Quintero, banana grower in Panama

## **WANTED - VOLUNTEERS FOR JUSTICE & PEACE OFFICE**

**Can you promote Fairtrade in your parish, promote justice for refugees? Help with nuts and bolts(see below)?**

### **1 COMPILING E-BULLETIN ONCE A MONTH**

**INTERESTED? Email the office: [justice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:justice@rcdow.org.uk)**

ONCE A MONTH FOR ABOUT 3 HOURS IN THE OFFICE ABOUT 3 OR 4 DAYS BEFORE END OF MONTH

### **2 FAIRTRADE FOLLOW-UP AND CAMPAIGNING**

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ONLY 8 PARISHES TO GO. HOW CAN WE GET THEM ON BOARD,

AND FIND OUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO BECOME A FAIRTRADE DIOCESE?

### **3 SUBCOMMITTEES MEET EVERY 6 WEEKS OR SO AND NEED PEOPLE TO CONVENE**

THEM, ATTEND MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THEM, WRITE MINUTES, CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK. **CLIMATE, REFUGEES, FAIRTRADE, PALESTINE, HUMAN RIGHTS** are our current focus. **Everyone can do something!**

**ONLY 7 MORE PARISHES TO GO! HAS YOUR CHURCH SIGNED UP YET?!**

**THE JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION CONTINUES TO CAMPAIGN  
TO GET PARISHES IN DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER AFFILIATED TO FAIRTRADE.**

**LET'S MAKE WESTMINSTER A FAIRTRADE DIOCESE IN 2018!!**

**MORE INFO FROM CAFOD, JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION, FAIRTRADE FOUNDATION**