

Ploughshare Plus



News update from Christian CND

August 2017

Christians working and praying for a nuclear weapons-free world

Bring on the Ban!

An open mini-conference on the Nuclear Weapons Ban with film, workshops and discussions.

Join us to find out more about this ground-breaking treaty and ways to bring it into force.

Help us plan an exciting programme to involve our Churches in this way to protect God's creation.

Christian CND's Annual General Meeting will be held on 25th November in Bristol. The venue will be St Mary Redcliffe which is just a short walk away from Bristol's main station, Temple Meads. It's the church with the big spire which is visible over much of central Bristol, you really can't miss it! <http://www.stmaryredcliffe.co.uk/>

Our meeting will be in the 'Undercroft Room' in the basement downstairs. If you have questions on accessibility please ring the church on 0117 231 0060.

The event will start at 11.30am and after prayers we will have a short business meeting and then on to the main part; discussions and talks on how to help support the Ban Treaty!

Please bring lunch to share; teas and coffees will be available.

In the next few weeks you will receive an official notice of the AGM with nomination forms and a draft agenda. Please do consider if you would like to help by joining our Executive Council; you can nominate yourself or someone else (but please make sure that someone else is willing!).

If you are unable to come to the meeting please do not feel obliged to send apologies for absence particularly if you have to spend a stamp in doing so. We realise that not everyone can make it, and Bristol may not be so easy to get to from some parts of the country (though we think it does have rather good rail links). Like most cities, parking is difficult, but there is a commercial car park across the road from the church. Public transport may be preferable.

We hope to see some of you there — bring your friends — all are welcome, not just CCND members.

Another Ploughshare?

We know what some of you are thinking — haven't we already seen the July issue of *Ploughshare*, why is there another copy in this envelope?

Well we thought the lead story; 'We've Just Banned Nuclear Weapons' was such an important one that you might like to share a copy with friends, colleagues, churches, doctors' waiting rooms, wherever!

Please do your best with your spare copy. And if you could use more, just ask!

Also included in this mailing; a copy of our *Ban Treaty Briefing* which offers you key details of the Treaty itself and some ideas for action, letter-writing, prayers etc.

The Treaty in full (10 pages) is available at: <http://www.undocs.org/en/a/conf.229/2017/L.3/Rev.1>
Or contact the office and we'll send you a paper copy.

CND Conference

This year's CND conference will be in London, at the Arlington Centre in Camden. The conference is on the Saturday and the AGM on the Sunday.

Christian CND will be there with a stall. If you're going, come along and say hello! And if you bring cash or your cheque book you can also pick up your CCND Christmas Cards, pens, shopping bags, t-shirts, badges, etc.

Confrontation or cooperation?
Nuclear abolition in dangerous times

Saturday 14th October 2017

10am – 5pm. 220 Arlington Road, London NW1 7HE.

Admission free.

To register: cnduk.org/register



4 – 8 September: Trident Ploughshares will be taking part in the week of action against DSEI, the world's largest arms fair. Contact Chris Bluemel chrisbluemel@yahoo.co.uk

4 – 6 September: Health Through Peace. University of York, Heslington, **York YO10 5DD**. A conference to discuss the state of global war and conflict, and promote more effective peace building and demilitarisation as a pre-requisite for social justice, good health and ecological sustainability worldwide. <https://www.medact.org/event/forum-2017/>

4 – 11 September: Stop the Arms Fair week of action. For four days in September 2017, the international weapons industry will set up shop in London at a huge arms fair: DSEI. ExCeL Exhibition Centre, Royal Victoria Dock, 1 Western Gateway, **London E16 1XL** 020 7281 0297 <https://www.stopthearmsfair.org.uk/>

5 September: No Faith in War at DSEI. Faith groups of all kinds will come together for a day of worship and non-violent action against the arms trade and war profiteering. Excel Centre, **London**. 10 - 4.45pm. We will gather at the roundabout at the end of Royal Albert Way (nearest DLR station, Prince Regent). Info: outreach@caat.org.uk or 020 7281 0297.

6 September: Anti-nuclear Day of Action at DSEI, **London**. All Day. Info: nonuclearday@riseup.net <https://www.stopthearmsfair.org.uk/>

11 September: Silent Vigil; Stop the Arms Fair, at Excel, **London**. 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Meet at Royal Victoria Dock DLR at 6.30 and walk to the place where we will keep vigil from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Bring your own signs and banners and candles in jars.

12 – 15 September: DSEI, the world's largest arms fair, at Excel Centre, **London**.

7 – 14 October: Keep Space for Peace Week. Join the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space as they commemorate Keep Space for Peace Week. Events happening across the UK, as well as the rest of the world. <http://www.space4peace.org/>

12 October: What's Wrong with Trident? Technically? Politically? Morally? Talk and discussion with Dave Webb, Emeritus Professor of Engineering at Leeds Beckett University, Chair of CND, Board Member of Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space. 7.30pm Friends Meeting House, off Newmarket St., **Skipton BD23 2JA**.

14 – 15 October: Confrontation or cooperation? Nuclear abolition in dangerous times. CND Conference 14th October. AGM and policy conference on 15th. Arlington Conference Centre, **London, NW1 7HE**. 020 7700 2393. <http://www.cnduk.org/>

15 – 22 October: Week of Prayer for World Peace. Contact for ordering Week of Prayer for World Peace leaflet:- Sue Davis, Flat 3, Harlequin House, Crossways Road, Grayshott, GU26 6HG. tel: 01428 608897 or 07889 192 649 email: suejanedavis3@icloud.com

25 November: Bring on the Ban! Christian CND Annual General Meeting and public meeting. Venue St Mary Redcliffe Church in Bristol. Further details tba. Meeting will start 11.30am. All welcome.

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 Enamel brooches £1.50
 Window stickers 50p
 Pens £1
 Waking the Sleeping Giant A history of CCND £2.50.
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<http://www.endnuclearweapons.org.uk>