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Clockwise from top left: Interfaith Panel at Westminster Central Hall; Peace Pentecost at Faslane; Footprints for Peace Walkers arrive in Glasgow; more gathering at Faslane; Youth delegation at the PrepCom in Vienna; Trident in Flames

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Editorial

At the first Preparatory Committee Meeting of the NPT in Vienna quite often diplomats hinted that they were in a waiting game, a game waiting for some changes in the heads of some governments, as they so diplomatically put it. Well here in Britain we have had a little change. Perhaps there will be some difference with Brown instead of Blair. We in CCND are rather waiting too. We had a clear objective with our campaign on the NPT, it didn't work, the NPT didn't deliver nuclear disarmament, the men of war won. Now, since 9/11 we have had years of wars. Perhaps the men of war will begin to wonder what they have won.

In the meantime, we carry on, to our different drummer. We all congratulate Patricia and Michael Pulham on receiving the Pax Christi Peace Prize. It is a fantastic honour, CCND shares in it. We witnessed at Faslane against the evil of nuclear weapons, we joined with the European March for Peace, Footprints for Peace, at Faslane and at Aldermaston and London to call for an end to nuclear weapons in the Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemorations.

Caroline Gilbert

From Jenny Maxwell, West Midlands CND.

Please write a letter to Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, 10, Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA with another question about the factual summary from the Chair, at the end of the NPT PrepCom in May.

Paragraph 12 of the Chair's factual summary said:

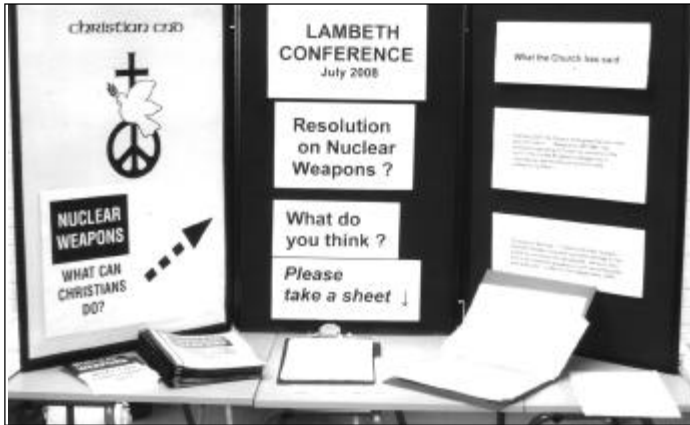
Concern and disappointment were voiced about plans to replace or modernize nuclear weapons and their means of delivery or platform, the increased role of nuclear weapons in strategic and military doctrines, and the possibility of lowering the threshold for the use of nuclear weapons. In response to those concerns addressed to the United States and the United Kingdom, they provided their clarifications and explanations on their efforts towards nuclear disarmament. Concern was also expressed about nuclear cooperation with States not party to the NPT, and calls were made for adherence to obligations under the Treaty.

To remind him that there is a considerable body of opinion questioning the need to replace Trident, please ask the new Prime Minister if he could tell you what the clarifications and explanations were. .

Background

The NPT meetings have always been dogged by disagreement between the P5, who insist that the NPT's chief purpose is to stop the spread of nuclear weapons to other countries, and the rest of the world who argue that the five are not meeting their commitments to disarm. The PrepCom Chair's factual summary was issued at the end of the May meeting.

York Synod



CCND kept up our usual presence at these events with David Platt, Coral Hallums, Patricia and Michael Pulham sharing the stall rota.

Following the vote against Trident renewal at last February's Synod in Westminster the next desirable step would be for the world-wide Anglican Communion to debate a resolution on nuclear weapons at next July's Lambeth Conference.

If any of you feel able to lobby your local Synod member so that a request for such a resolution can be passed up the chain, please contact us for details.

Kenya branch of CCND

Welcome to our new members in Kenya! The St Charles Community Centre in Nairobi has joined Christian CND in campaigning against nuclear weapons and have been lobbying their MPs for 'a positive outcome' at the PrepCom in Vienna, and distributing a petition in Kenya, which will be presented at the next review conference. We may well meet up with them at the next PrepCom or NPT!

Pax Christi Peace Awards

CCND Exec members Patricia and Michael Pulham were amongst the six recipients of the 2007 Pax Christi peace prize. Pax Christi instituted the award, given every two years, in 2001, to acknowledge the steadfast commitment of grass-roots peace work. Those receiving the award from Bishop Malcolm McMahon, President of Pax Christi, were Brian Wicker, Sr Lelia Newman OP, Patricia and Michael Pulham, Tom Mallon and Milan Rai.



L - R: Bishop Malcolm McMahon, Michael and Patricia Pulham, Milan Rai, Brian Wicker and Sr Lelia Newman

Joyce has Freedom of the City of York

Congratulations to CCND member in York Joyce Pickard who has been honoured in recognition of her dedication to the cause of peace. Joyce collected the title of Honorary Freeman of the City of York at a ceremony officiated by the council's chief executive and was presented with a specially designed scroll by the Lord Mayor of York.

NJPN Conference 'Called to be Peacemakers, Who me?'

From a talk given at the recent Justice & Peace Conference in Swanwick

John Dear, SJ, is an amazing peace campaigner from the US and follows in the footsteps of the renowned Berrigans. He thanked everyone for continuing the call to be peacemakers.

'Don't let up. Help people envision a new world. Avoid hollow worship. Make it prophetic, not soporific. Have an authentic workshop of the God of Peace and Justice!' He quoted Martin Luther King: 'Church is not the place you go to. Church is the place you go from!'

John said this is the most hopeful time in history because we are being forced to choose between life and death. The choice is not between violence and non-violence but between non-violence and non-existence. 'Aggressors are moving towards a spirituality of vio-

lence. Non-violence is in the core of every major religion,' said John, who pointed out that those who blow people up were not following Islam.

'In the US, a kind of Christian fundamentalism is strong. They claim wars are justified and that war is peace. even the church has gone along with war-making religiosity. But war doesn't work, war is terror. It sows the seeds for future wars. We must work as peacemakers t denounce not only total war but also the false spirituality of war.'

He told us something of the horrifying activity at Los Alamos today and revealed how the US and its supporters had crossed the line when the vaporised 200,000 in 1945.

Toungues of Fire - Speaking Truth to Power

Peace Pentecost at Faslane, 27th May 2007

Since October 2006, many groups of Christians have gathered at Faslane, the Trident nuclear weapons base, as part of Faslane 365, the campaign for a year-long blockade at the base, and on 27th May it was the turn of Christian CND to gather there together as a group. We were there to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, and, in the words of our liturgy to “speak truth to power...(to) reflect on the blasphemy of nuclear weapons, on the way they affront God’s will, on the way they would violate creation...(to) ask the Holy Spirit to free us in love”.

We were a truly ecumenical gathering, including Quakers, Iona Community members, Catholics, Presbyterians, friends from local churches and the Peace Camp and several brave souls who had travelled all the way up from the south of England. We were privileged too to have the company of Bill, a Jesuit from Tacoma Catholic Worker Community and Erik, a Presbyterian minister from Tennessee who gave a powerful statement at the beginning of our worship. These

two were taking part in the Footsteps for Peace walk, which had just arrived from Ireland, and would walk from Dumbarton to Faslane the following day before heading south towards London.

As so often happens, heavy rain coincided with the beginning of our worship, but spirits were not dampened and we were able to shelter together under the F365 gazebo, singing heartily with the help of Sue Gilmurray and her keyboard.

During the liturgy, which was led by David Platt and Michael Pulham, extracts from various Church statements critical of nuclear weapons were read out, including the latest joint statement from the Rev Alan McDonald, former Moderator of the Church of Scotland, and Cardinal Keith O’Brien (who had sent his best wishes for the event).

Large copies of the statements were then attached to the fence, whilst we held red and yellow pennants representing the flames of Pentecost, and a frame with

large letters spelling out the word “TRIDENT” was dismantled, the original plan to burn the letters having to be abandoned because of the wet weather! Then in the spirit of Pentecost, we all said the Lord’s Prayer in our own preferred versions and languages, including Irish.

Many thanks to Christian CND and especially Michael Pulham for all the organisation, the liturgy and the wonderful visual symbols which enabled us to join our voices with all those who go to Faslane to speak truth to power.

Jean Oliver



Michael Pulham on the streets with a message
Photo: Kelvin Gascoyne



Welcoming the walkers. From left; Frank McManus, Julia Mercer, Kelvin Gascoyne, Michael Pulham



CCND and friends meet up with Angie Zelter, one of the main organisers of Faslane 365, at the Loch Lomond YHA



Footprints for Peace walkers arrive in Scotland and are welcomed by this banner



Above and below: gathering at Faslane



Trident replacement? A Moral Question

Voices from the Faith Communities

As our contribution to the debate that was taking place in the country shortly before the parliamentary vote on Trident renewal, we held an Interfaith Forum on nuclear weapons at Westminster Central Hall on 17th February.

It developed from our first one at Douai Abbey last year, entitled 'In Good Faith', when we were fortunate to be joined by speakers from the Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist traditions.

The meeting this year opened with welcome and prayer by Dr Elizabeth Harris, the Methodist Connexional Secretary for Interfaith Relations and was chaired by Sister Elizabeth O'Donohoe of Westminster Interfaith.

The speakers this time were Bishop Tony Dumper, Azad Ali, Vijay Mehta, Madra Kara and Dinod Kapashi (from the Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and Jain faith communities respectively). Each explained why nuclear weapons were unacceptable in his own religious tradition. A lively question session followed.

The Rt Revd Tony Dumper said, 'If we have faith in

God we need to make our stand where His Spirit leads us. We may not be certain of the outcome of the abolition of Trident - but as Christians we surely know that this is what Jesus would have us work for - and as his followers we can do no other.'

Vijay Mehta, the Hindu speaker, spoke of nuclear weapons as 'Man's challenge to God', the Jain of total non-violence and the Buddhist of the 'karma consequences of our actions as the ripple out into the world.'

Azad Ali, Muslim Council of Britain, said, '...we, like many fellow Britons, appreciate the need for a debate on our nuclear deterrent. The decision on Trident must take into account the costly diversion of resources, particularly from the armed forces. It must consider the moral viability of replacement as a nation of Multi faith and multi values we need to ensure that we focus on the real needs of security and not the perceived needs based on assumptions and what ifs!

In Islam, Peace is the norm; war is the absolute last resort. There are clear rules ...'Do not kill women or children or non-combatants and do not kill old people



L - R: Azad Ali, Tony Dumper, Madra Kara, Sr Elizabeth O'Donohoe and Vijay Mehta. Pic: CCND



Left to right: Vijay Mehta, Azad Ahmed, Rt Revd Tony Dumper, Madra Kara, Dinod Kapashi, Sr Elizabeth O'Donohoe
Photo © Luke Varley

or religious people’ ‘Do not cut down fruit bearing trees or poison the wells of your enemies...The Abrahamic traditions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam are clear on the sanctity of human life and on the protection of all forms of creation, including the environment...nuclear weapons do not discriminate between combatants and non combatants and cause long lasting damage to the environment...

The argument that our country is safer with nuclear weapons is fundamentally wrong. Being nuclear free is the international norm and we should be striving to make it more so.’

The meeting resulted in the following joint statement being agreed:

“We believe that the common position held by our Faith traditions, expressed as the sanctity of life, leads us inexorably to say that the only real securi-

ty for the world and the most responsible position for people of faith in our traditions is to call on our nation and other countries of the world to steadily and in a verifiable manner to eliminate these weapons from the face of the world.

“We totally reject the Replacement of Trident, the UK’s nuclear weapon system.”

Signatories; Rt Revd Tony Dumper (Bishop of Dudley, retired) Azad Ahmed, Muslim Council of Britain, Sister Elizabeth O’Donaghue, Westminster Interfaith, Dr Elizabeth Harris, Connexional Secretary for Interfaith Relations, Methodist; Alexandra Wright, Senior Rabbi, Jewish Liberal Synagogue; Madra Kara, Amida Buddhist Trust; Vijay Mehta, Hindu writer & activist; Dinod Kapashi, Jain.



Clockwise from above: Azad Ali, Vijay Mehta, Dr Elizabeth Harris, Bishop Tony Dumper, Sr Elizabeth O’Donohoe, Madra Kara.
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Deadlock unblocked (just) at the first Preparatory Committee Meeting 30th April - 11th May, Vienna

The NPT is always referred to, by everyone, as the 'cornerstone' of the treaties whose purpose is to limit, control and finally eliminate nuclear weapons, which is why we campaigned on it for five years up to the 2005 Review Conference. That Review Conference ended in procedural deadlock with nothing achieved, to everyone's disappointment. This Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) did at least finally end with something to go forward on.

This PrepCom, the first of the four to prepare for the 2010 Review Conference, was by far and away the least terrifying of all the NPT meetings we have attended. We went to keep our hand in. In the end, only Kelvin Gascoyne, our new Exec member, and I went.

As the NPT is the forum for the governments of the world for the promised nuclear disarmament, all the disarmament and peace NGOs come to see how they are getting on, so it's also an excellent opportunity to network and see what everyone else is doing. In the three days (5 for Kelvin) we spent as much time attending fellow NGO meetings as in the main conference chamber or trying to get at our UK delegation.

So that Sunday we met old and new friends of the NPT family. Our Janet Bloomfield was remembered at practically every NGO meeting and also from the PrepCom Chair. The world, literally, does mourn her. Kelvin went to a planting of sunflowers in her memory later in the week. Mayor Itoh of Nagasaki has also died, so we remembered him too, but Janet is ours.

CND held a meeting early on, which was very well attended, with Bruce Kent, Jeremy Corbyn MP, Rebecca Johnson, and Douglas Roche. Rebecca did rather startle me by flourishing the Joint Statement from Cardinal O'Brien and the Church of Scotland, which gave me a chance to advertise our Faslane Peace Pentecost.

One of the most important meetings was the re-



Mayor of Hiroshima planting a tree
Photo: Kelvin Gascoyne

launch of the Model Nuclear Weapons Convention and the ICAN International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear weapons, (ICAN) by Felicity Hill from Australia in the main Conference hall. All us peace people had a go at trying to get the delegates interested in pushing for it to be adopted as an NPT document. I had a go with the Kenyans, and while I was at it presented the Holy See with our Theology booklet; I saw him reading it. CND has incorporated the Model Nuclear Weapons Convention into its campaigning, as in the latest petition. We will use it too. There were numerous other meetings, Mayors for Peace, Missile Defence.

We met our Ambassador John Duncan and the UK



Youth delegation planting sunflowers
Photo: Kelvin Gascoyne

delegation. We know them a bit from meeting them before and seeing them at the Foreign Office every 6 months or so. They were perfectly nice and repeated everything they always say; Sam Akaki of CND and George Farebrother of the World Court Project tried to chisel something out of them. (see Editorial for some hindsight on this). They were very harassed as it looked then as if the PrepCom would go the same way as the Review Conference and achieve nothing at all. Diplomats said it was Iran torpedoing it this time, I said it was the UK wrecking it with Trident Replacement.

Kelvin and I joined the morning witness of the students with their flags and banners outside the building urging nuclear disarmament. I also was videoed for a film which someone was making, so I talked about our Peace Pentecost at Faslane. We heard the presentations from the NGOs to the delegates on the Wednesday.

Caroline Gilbert

There is a full report on the News page of the website. You can contact the office for a paper copy if you can't access the web.

Peter Nicholls, chair of Abolition 2000 UK adds:

On the positive side the PrepCom sessions at the end of April were much more accessible than the previous ones in Geneva. NGOs were given places on the floor of the plenary and there was nothing to stop us walking across and talking to delegations.

Many, including some among the peace NGOs, blamed Iran for the slow start to real discussion but I was sympathetic. The proposed agenda presented by the chair referred pointedly to the need for 'compliance' with the treaty. The Iranian amendment suggested adding 'with all provisions of' after 'compliance'. The chair indicated there was no consensus on such an addition. The ensuing hiatus helped to bring some of Iran's quasi-supporters out of the woodwork and to force decisions from others. South Africa did a sterling job in devising a form of words including the Iranian amendment but without modifying the body of the text that met with consensus. The Western NWS left Germany (as EU representative?) to intervene in support of the chair's original text (and by extension the position of the USA). During the key exchanges the chair lost the thread and one Western delegation seemed to suggest

that he give way to his deputy though this was quickly retracted. If indeed Iran had not been consulted about the original agenda (as they claimed and as some semi-official contacts seemed to confirm) the US and the West deserved to be made uncomfortable.

I was annoyed by the US opening statement with its hectoring quality, talking down to all and sundry, facetious references to 'glorious outcomes' and bogus apologies to the chair for reading out a lengthy list of 30 points (30 to replace the 2000 RevCon 13?). But Canadian Senator and long time activist Doug Roche thought it an improvement on the past and one senior UK official said that at least it showed a readiness to engage somehow. How naive can I be.

After more delays for Iran to get Teheran's approval for the compromise agenda the meeting did get down to some discussion of the issues the following week. The chair's (unofficial) summary paper at the end of the PrepCom contained some positive points - especially point 51, in which it is said that "substantive proposals were made for the enhanced participation of non-governmental organizations". We shall see.

What to do in the event of a nuclear attack: retaliate, use your own judgment or 'go to Australia'

Some of you may have read the article in The Guardian recently (28 June) by Richard Norton-Taylor, entitled 'Go to Australia or use your own judgment'. The article pictures a submarine which attracted the attention of Michael Pulham.

Apparently, one of the first tasks of a new Prime Minister is to handwrite a letter giving instructions to the commander of a British Trident submarine detailing the PM's plans for a UK response in the event of a pre-emptive nuclear attack. The submarine commander would have to assume that the PM was no longer able to take control of the situation. There are several options which the PM could instruct the commander to take: he (and would be a he, wouldn't it?) could 'put yourself under the command of the US', retaliate, use his own judgment or 'go to Australia'.

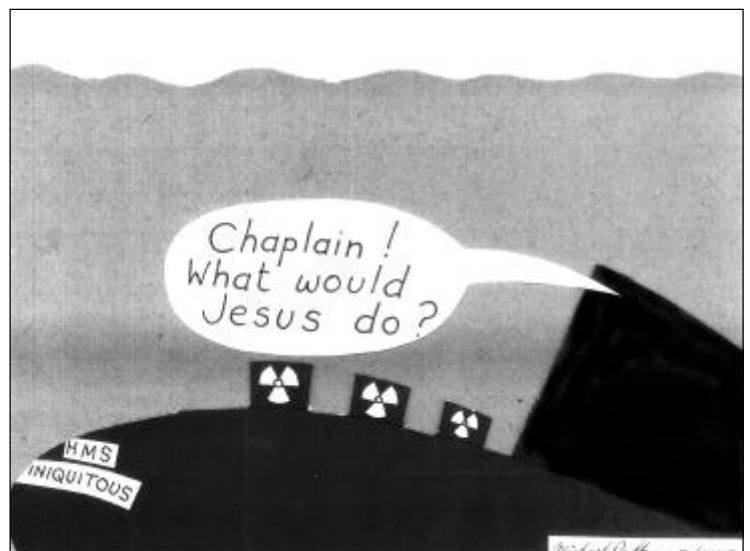
So, each new PM has to write this letter after instructions from the chief of defence staff, who also details the damage a Trident missile would do. On leaving office, each letter is destroyed.

Witnesses commented that Tony Blair blanched after being told what he had to do. John Major put off

writing the letter and went home. We don't know what Gordon Brown's reaction was.

Michael comments 'Contrast the baneful abyss of nuclear reliance with the joy and hope of our Christian faith and with work to love and unmake "enemies".'

See the whole article at: <http://tinyurl.com/38bmwe> or contact the office for a copy.



Prayer Diary

6th August: Hiroshima Day. The Footprints for Peace Walk ends in London.

9th August: Nagasaki Day. Remember all victims of the first atomic bombs.

24th – 27th August: Greenbelt Festival. The Network of Christian Peace Organisations produces the festival's Peace Zone each year at Greenbelt and CCND will be represented there.

Monday 10th September: There will be a Candle Lit vigil against the DSEi Arms Fair. ExCel Exhibition Centre, East London.

13th – 14th October: CND Conference in London, please pray for a successful conference.

10th November: Christian CND AGM in London.

11th November: Remembrance Sunday – for all victims of war.

Please remember these events in your prayers during the coming months.

Obituaries

Sister Mary Lampard

CCND member Sister Mary Lampard died spring this year. Aged 83, Sr Mary was arrested for writing on the wall of the Ministry of Defence in London as part of an anti nuclear protest on Ash Wednesday 1999. she said 'I tried to write words of Peace on a building of war' I did so as an Englishwoman, a Christian and a Missionary. ... As a Christian I love Jesus Christ profoundly, his Gospel, his teaching, his principles and values – and this love is paramount.'

Mary had 25 years missionary experience in Africa, was a trained teacher, and in retirement organised a Peace and Justice group, set up meetings with MPs on trade and justice issues, attended the International Court at The Hague and campaigned against nuclear weapons.

Mary had a full life, which should be celebrated, and we remember her with fondness.

Margot Hutchison

We are saddened to hear of the death of our friend and CCND member Margot Hutchison.

A full obituary will appear in the next Ploughshare Plus.

Helen Trask

On June 17th 1980 the government announced that the two sites for cruise missiles in the UK would be Greenham Common and Molesworth. Soon afterwards a group of people in Northampton decided to form a new group to counter them. One of that group was Helen Trask (Young). A camp was founded at Molesworth on Dec 28th (Holy Innocents Day) 1981 and was marked by an opening service led by Bishop Roe of Huntingdon. This was to be our home for the next 12 months. In December 1982 we bought an old water board van and converted it in to the Peace Chariot. From then on we became a mobile presence at many actions around the country and increasingly active in Christian CND.

Helen's campaigning days didn't end when the so called cold war ceased. The last years of her life were also committed to the need to work to save Creation from the greed and ignorance which has lead to climate change. The woodland burial site where her body now lies is rather near to Manchester airport. So we, her family, are sure she is already busy, on a new dimension, working to prevent the enlargement of that particular carbon footprint. She walked a lot of miles on all those CCND pilgrimages and has left her mark behind for many. She was a seriously committed, spiritual, special person. But it's her laugh which I still hear most often.

Angela Needham

Some of the People All of the Time

By Alastair Mackie, Air Commodore (Ret'd), CBE, DFC and Bar

Published November 2006

ISBN: 1-84624-056-5

This book is unashamedly what it sets out to be - an autobiography. It is entertaining, humorous, anecdotal, thought-provoking and enjoyable to read.

Alastair Mackie is obviously a man of considerable integrity, 'see-green incorruptible'. From the start of his career in the RAF, he was steadfastly opposed to the 'old boy network', preferring to 'paddle my own canoe.' He is plainly courageous, and candidly admits to terror on dangerous missions. He is also realistic, modest and self-deprecating. He paints a fascinating broad-brush picture of service life but his doubts begin to emerge by page 156, although he had already question Monty's D-day invocation of 'The Almighty, God of Battles'. He then subsequently begins to speak of 'nuclear indoctrination' of the military, freely criticising 'awful' superiors, calling The Times 'a pompous right wing rag', referring to the ruins of Dresden as 'memorials to acts of infamy'.

With the British prototype atomic testing on Christmas Island, and the consequent terrible harm to people on the ground through fallout, Britain really arrived into the nuclear age. 'We were victims of fraud', says Mackie. 'Silly me for thinking we were serving the country.'

As an Air Commodore at the MoD, Mackie learnt that the military were now 'running' the politicians, and, quoting David Owen, 'by an insidious process of military indoctrination, the heady mixture of pomp and secrecy to which most politicians are susceptible.' The author's lack of interest in the MoD led to despondency, boredom and a course of anti-depressants. The constant infighting between the RN and the RAF pushed him into resignation and there followed a bewildering succession of civilian jobs.

He joined CND in 1979, became a member of Council and was elected Vice-Chair. He was quoted in The Guardian: 'The country still thinks that patriotism and nuclear weapons are ... intertwined.'

Things got worse; the introduction of Trident violated the Non-Proliferation Treaty, the ominous development of 'Command and Control' as distinct from mere deterrence, while all the time CND was vilified by the government as communists, cowards and traitors. What had originated in hurt National Pride ended up with utter dependence on the USA and the opposite outcome that the policy had intended.

Post 9/11, the USA anti-terrorism measures have mutated into legalised terrorism itself, for which the purpose is not deterrence but global reach. 'If we don't get rid of nuclear weapons, they will get rid of us.'

© *The Very Reverend John Methuen, formerly Dean of Ripon*

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- ☞ Unwaged individual £6, (£8 household)
- ☞ Group affiliation: from £10

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CCND will **never** pass members' details to anyone who is not a CCND member.

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Diary

Saturday 4 August: Hiroshima Day commemoration at St Phillips Cathedral, Colmore Row, Birmingham 12.30-13.30

Saturday 4 August: Malvern Churches Justice & Peace Group Hiroshima day vigil in Great Malvern Priory churchyard 10.30am. Ecumenical Christian vigil/service open to all.

Sunday 5 August: Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemoration at 7:30pm by Roath Park Lake, **Cardiff**. Contacts: Cardiff Ray Davies/ Wendy Lewis t: 02920 889 514
Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemoration at 7:30pm by Tredegar Park Lake, **Newport**. t: 01633 265 244
Remember Hiroshima at a candle service for light and peace. At The Roman Catholic Church of St Edward the Confessor Park End Road, **Romford** at 23.45 (quarter to midnight). During the service a candle from Hiroshima will be lit at the same time as our candle from Essex is lit in Hiroshima.

Sunday 5 daily until Sunday 25 August: Edinburgh Festival Fringe, WMD Awareness Programme hosts Get Up Stand Up! Politics, music and comedy. Different speakers, comedy and music acts every night. WMD Awareness Programme, Bell Push 13, 63A Gt. Russell Street, London, WC1B 3BJ Telephone: 020 7405 6661
info@comeclean.org.uk www.comeclean.org.uk

6 August: Hiroshima Day events:

Hiroshima & Nagasaki Flower Memorial in **Chester**. At 8.00pm at The Groves, Chester. Meet by the bandstand. Please bring white flowers if you can. 01244 679051.
Lord Mayor of Coventry's Committee for Peace and Reconciliation, Chapel of Unity, **Coventry** Cathedral. Music, poetry and readings (some religious, some secular) and silence.

Hiroshima Day; silent vigil at **Hereford** Crematorium, 13.30pm.

Hiroshima Day Ceremony at the commemorative cherry tree in Tavistock Square **London** WC1. noon-1pm. Speakers: include a speaker from "Footsteps for Peace". London Region CND, 020-7607 2302; david.lrcnd@cnduk.org
Hiroshima Day Commemoration. 8pm at the Peace Pagoda, Willen. Buddhist and Christian prayers will be offered and candle boats floated out onto Willen Lake North, **Milton Keynes**...

Hiroshima Day stall in Cornmarket, **Oxford**. 10 - 12 am..

Hiroshima Day commemoration; Silent vigil at St Stephens Church, **Redditch** 12.00-12.30pm.

Wrexham Women for Peace remembrance ceremony at 5pm. Meet at the brook, between Tuttle Street Carpark and the St Giles Link Road, **Wrexham**. Please bring a small bag of petals with you if you can. 0845 330 4505 or email: wrexhamwomen@yahoo.co.uk.

Wednesday 9 August Nagasaki Day events:

Nagasaki Day. Ecumenical service organised by Pax Christi (020 8203 4884) in Westminster Cathedral, **London**. Crypt Chapel, in memory of the 64th anniversary of the execution

of Franz Jagerstatter. Peace walk from Westminster Cathedral (7.30pm) to the London Peace Pagoda followed by the Floating Lantern Ceremony at sunset. All welcome.
Nagasaki Day: Survivors speak: Prose & poetry readings at St Columba's Church, Alfred Street, **Oxford**. 7.30 - 9.30pm.

23 - 24 August: Great God it's the Grannies. A Grannies for Peace group will blockade on Thursday 23rd August to Friday 24th August 2007. For details: grannies@faslane365.org: or ring 0845 45 88 365. www.faslane365.org/en/grannies_for_peace

24 - 27 August: Greenbelt Festival. The Network of Christian Peace Organisations produces the festival's Peace Zone each year at Greenbelt. Visit www.greenbelt.org.uk or call Greenbelt on 020 7374 2760.

1 September: National missile defence and the new nuclear arms race: a CND conference to discuss building opposition across Europe. At SOAS, London. For more information: 020 7700 2393 or campaigns@cnduk.org

Monday 10 September: Candle Lit vigil against the DSEi Arms Fair. ExCel Exhibition Centre, East London. Please bring a candle to a silent vigil for the victims of the arms trade. Organised by Newham faith groups and East London Against the Arms Fair (ELAAF) c/o The Community Involvement Unit, Durning Hall, Earlham Grove, E7 9AB.

Saturday 6 October: Keep Space for Peace - No Bases for War. Speakers: Lindis Percy (Coordinator, CAAB) and Kate Hudson (Chair, CND). Croughton is 3 miles from M40 jct 10 and there is transport from Oxford and Bicester railway stations. Assemble at 12:00 for 45min walk around base followed by picnic with speakers and singers. Details: Oxfordshire Peace Campaign e-mail: oxonpeace@yahoo.co.uk tel: 07949 320 026.

Friday 12 October: Musicians Against Nuclear Arms Concert for Peace. St. James's Church, 197 Piccadilly London W1 Contact MANA Administration, 71 Greenfield Gardens, London NW2 1HU. http://www.mana.org.uk/

Saturday 13 October: Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases - CAAB demonstration at Menwith Hill as part of 'Keep Space for Peace' - called for by the Global Network Against Nuclear Weapons and Power in Space - more details nearer the time. www.caab.org.uk

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