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Last year's Ash Wednesday event in London Photo: Pax Christi

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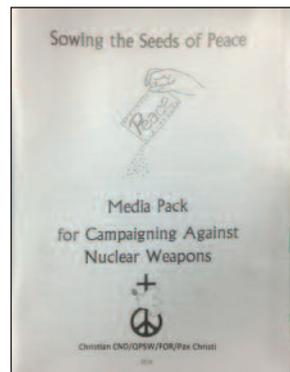
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Sowing the Seeds of Peace Media Pack

Do you need help and suggestions in getting our disarmament message out?

Last year we held three training days on communication. If you were not able to take part you can still benefit from the information and tips from our experts on personal communication, the traditional media, and using social media.

The pack is free (but a contribution towards postage would not be refused!)



Editorial

Once Archbishop Desmond Tutu was asked if he was an optimist. “No” he replied, “but I am a prisoner of hope.”

So here we are at the beginning of another year, – another year closer to achieving our aim of nuclear disarmament – for if we don’t have that hope there is no point in trying!

In this issue you will find many ways you can help bring our aim closer: from



our own prayer and witness, ways to campaign in your local church, spreading the peace message via the media, contacting your MP, involvement in national and international conferences.

Don’t think that if your contribution is small that it is not worthwhile. Whatever you want to do, help is available. We are stronger together and all our efforts add up. As one of our executive puts at the end of her letters: “If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito!”

It would be good to meet more of you even if you do not live near London. You will find news of our new executive on page 6. Perhaps there is a particular aspect of our work that is interesting to you – letter writing, church liaison, local events, education, media and international work. We would welcome involvement from you, our members, to help in one way or more, for a short time or longer.

We have adopted work on the Nuclear Ban Treaty (p 8) big time – Don’t Bank on the Bomb (p14) – hopefully a motion in 2018 in the CofE Synod (p13). This year’s Embassy Walk (p8) is on 7 March.

If we have Faith, we have Hope. A happy New campaigning Year!

Prague: Bring them out of the Church into the square/street — Worldwide

The UN Ban Treaty

Scottish CND's vice-chair Janet Fenton reports from New York.

The United Nations voted to launch negotiations in 2017 on a nuclear weapons ban treaty. The end of stalled multilateral nuclear disarmament efforts is at last in sight.

The vote at the First Committee of the UN General Assembly, which deals with disarmament and international security matters, was decisive, with 123 nations in favour with 38 against and 16 abstaining. Despite the undermining efforts from the US, the UK and their nuclear-armed colleagues, the vote on funding the conference also went ahead on Christmas Eve. 57 nations were co-sponsors with Austria, Brazil, Ireland, Mexico, Nigeria and South Africa who took the lead in drafting the proposal.

As part of its efforts to derail the process the US had written to all its NATO allies to point out how difficult the ban treaty would make nuclear business as usual, while simultaneously putting out press comments saying that that the treaty would be unenforceable and without meaning.

The vote at the UN for a Conference to devise a Nuclear

Weapon Ban Treaty – achieved despite the efforts of nuclear-armed states like the UK and the US – is a very significant legislative move. It stands with the Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in importance, and by speaking about the humanitarian effects of nuclear weapons and by including the perspective of states which do not have nuclear weapons, it addresses the shortcomings of both of those treaties.

Pope Paul VI said that “Development is the new name for peace,” and in the Vatican’s presentation to the UN Working group that called for the Ban Treaty resolution it is made clear that peace can not be achieved through a balance of power between enemies, but requires a profound respect for strengthening mutual trust amongst all nations.

The resolution means the Conference will start work on a Nuclear Weapons Global Ban Treaty in March, despite the US and UK Governments making desperate efforts to stop it.

Climate change is one of the greatest threats facing the planet and life on it. It is already



Janet at the UN General Assembly

The UN Ban Treaty

increasing food insecurity, fresh water scarcity, and human migration and severe weather crises. These are all factors that increase conflict, pressure on vulnerable populations and fragile governments and the likelihood of nuclear weapons use, which would in turn have the potential to trigger and accelerate further more extreme climate change.

All of the efforts made to project the likely impacts of climate change and find ways to reduce escalation, would count for nothing in the event of any use of nuclear weapons.

Faith groups at the preparatory negotiations understood this, and underscored “the duty to protect the vulnerable and to exercise the stewardship that will safeguard the planet for current and future generations.” This is why nuclear armed states have a duty to the others, which are imperilled by them. This is why it is so vital that civil society is represented; to listen, to make contributions and to report back.



The negotiations for the ban treaty will go ahead, starting in March with time allocated by the UN in June and July also. It is imperative that campaigners are in the room, to support the diplomats from states that support the ban and to hold the powerful minority nuclear weapons states to account.

The abstaining states include some nuclear armed states, so there is hope that India, China and Pakistan will participate. By not voting with the UK and the US they are showing a willingness to participate in discussions. With each achievement, the movement for elimination and prohibition grows, and with it the courage of governments who can make the change happen.

Despite unwillingly hosting all of the UK's nuclear arsenal, the Scottish Government is not able to have representation and depends on the NGOs to make representation, so I am very grateful to CCND (and others) for the financial support which enabled me to attend the previous sessions, and I am happy to share ideas for next steps with local groups. Briefings and updates are available on the ICAN website.

Janet Fenton

Note: The Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre or The Scottish Scrap Trident Coalition, can accept donations towards the cost of my attending the March and June New York meetings, both are at 5 Upper Bow, Edinburgh EH1 2JN.

CCND AGM

Our 2016 AGM was held at Hinde St. Methodist Church, London, on 12 November. The theme was “Campaigning in the Churches”. The morning session was devoted to business – annual and financial reports and elections for the new executive. There is an Annual Report enclosed with this issue.

It is always rewarding to meet members who have not come before and we hope to persuade more of you to come along in the future. Our new Executive Committee now consists of the following people, co-chairs: Martin Birdseye and Martin Tiller, Treasurer: Neil Berry. Other members are Geraldine Ellis, Kelvin Gascoyne, Chris Gidden, Caroline Gilbert, Michael Gilbert, Michael Pulham, Patricia Pulham, Diana Townsend. We welcome especially, Geraldine and Diana who are brand-new, and Chris who has rejoined us after a break. Of course, those members who agreed to stay



Last year's CCND Campaigns Worker Tim Wallis joins other CCND members at the AGM

on are appreciated as well. Our Office Manager, Claire Poyner is an ipso-facto member (and what would we do without her!)

In the afternoon, our invited speaker, Rev. Dr. Justus Omoyajomo, the Vicar of St Jude Mildmay's Church in Islington, told us how he works in his Parish, starting from a general concern about the needs and welfare of people in his area, church-goers or not. This approach is very much linked with our concern for the victims of nuclear war and testing and those suffering because of a waste of resources. Dr Justus sees work for nuclear disarmament as an essential part of love for our neighbour.

Members were able to talk about their own experiences and make suggestions about our future direction.



On the left is Rev. Dr. Justus Omoyajomo

Reflections on the Trump demos

We were about a thousand strong at the US Embassy on 20th January. The anti-nuclear-weapons people stood alongside those focussing on racial justice, women's rights, climate change and other worthy causes, in mutual support and encouragement, but not really knowing at the time that we were part of a two million strong world-wide protest.

Anyone who wanted to hear the speeches had to crowd in to that small space around the Eisenhower memorial, Grosvenor Square itself being sealed off.

Who could hear us? Who could see our banners and placards (see picture of the two Christian CND placards on back cover). We could hardly see ourselves; it being impossible to find one's friends in that crush of people. I always think this kind of demo is like a secular prayer. We preach to ourselves and there is no-one to hear except God. But for myself I am sure he is listening – to us all, believers and atheists alike.

You can see that one CCND placard had a message for Trump and the other a direct appeal (back page). Some people affected to laugh at that. But is it entirely hopeless? I continue to hope for a change of heart or more likely a change of direction; which is not out of the question for a man who changes his words every day to suit what might make him more popular.

God works in mysterious ways

Martin Birdseye



New Christian CND Exec Member Diana Townsend displays her own handiwork; a placard, at the recent Women's March in London, one of many worldwide marches

2 and a half minutes to midnight

The world is 30 seconds closer to nuclear annihilation, according to the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists who on January 26, at a press conference in Washington DC, moved the hands of the 'Doomsday Clock' to 2.5 minutes to midnight.

The Doomsday Clock is an indicator of the world's vulnerability to catastrophe from nuclear weapons, climate change and new technologies.

Round the World for Peace

On March 7th we will hold our almost annual Embassies Walk between the Embassies of the Nuclear Weapons States and others. This time we will call on the five nations who have taken the lead in getting us to the position where a start on the Nuclear Ban Treaty will be approved this March. We visit about 16 Embassies all together.



Square at 11am. The Cafeteria is useful for lunch and a briefing immediately afterwards where walkers (or riders – you will be given maps and details of public transport) are allocated to one of the three groups and given maps and suggested questions to ask the diplomats available.



There may be an opportunity to go in and speak to a representative from the embassy – this is also arranged beforehand – otherwise letters with the questions we would like to ask are handed in. We always enjoy this event and find it

We meet for a short liturgy in the Dick Sheppard Chapel at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in Trafalgar



valuable to see where other countries are coming from, even if we do not agree. We are usually given contact details of somebody we can meet up with at the U.N.



You can take the bus!

Do come if you can. If you let the office know in advance – not essential – we will have your maps and notes ready and do not worry if it is your first time. Anyone new to it will always be in a group with somebody more experienced.

Nuclear Ban Treaty, New York, 27 — 31 March

Negotiations for the Nuclear Ban Treaty, First Committee, United Nations, New York March 27 – 31.

As we are investing so much in ICAN's work for the Nuclear Ban Treaty (NPT) Christian CND Exec decided to send me

and Kelvin Gascoyne to New York for the meeting. The tipping point was an email from New York, (or possibly Geneva) asking about the Interfaith Prayer vigils we have held on the Isaiah Steps for all the years, or nearly all, we have attended the NPT meetings.

Vienna NPT PrepCom

Christian CND has attended the the NPT meetings since 1995. We almost know our way round them. The aim is to lobby the delegates and learn what the possibilities for actual nuclear disarmament world wide are. It is pretty amazing really, there we are at the United Nations, the whole world, (some of it) trying for the 'elimination of all nuclear arsenals'.

Of course the Nuclear Weapon States resist, that's diplomacy for you, but sometimes you see and hear something amazing, like South Africa gathering together what was the beginning of what became this Nuclear Ban Treaty, when I forget how many nations associated

themselves with Ambassador Mistry's speech.

Christian CND will be there in Vienna from May the 1st, for the first week. We intend to have a side event featuring the Ban Treaty, probably Interfaith as well. We would welcome any members who happened to be planning their holiday in Vienna. We couldn't pay for you, but it's a chance to see the UN at work. Let us know if you are interested, and we can put you on our accreditation list. From the point of view of growing Christian CND, it is good to grow member knowledge and competence.

Caroline Gilbert

Ash Wednesday 2017

The Annual Ash Wednesday Witness (1st March) is held at and around the Ministry of Defence in Westminster. 3:00 pm — 4:30 pm Horseguards Avenue, Whitehall, London SW1A. More details from Pax Christi. 020 8203 4884 info@paxchristi.org.uk <http://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/events-calendar/>

This year, CND has called for a Lobby of Parliament on the same day (12 — 6pm) but as both events take place very close to one another it should be possible to play your part in each.

Global Ban Lobby of Parliament

CND is calling on the UK government to play a constructive role in the negotiations to establish a treaty to ban nuclear weapons, which is supported by more than 120 countries. There will a lobby of MPs to give you the chance to persuade your Member of Parliament. 12 — 6pm.

The CND team will be in parliament on the day to give any information or support you may need. 020 7700 2393. <http://bit.ly/2jDY12J>

If you can't go please write to your MP.

Creating a Groundswell by Grassroots Campaigning

Some interesting statistics: about 1/10th of the population attend a Christian church at least once a month, that is more than five million practising churchgoers. There are nearly 51,000 congregations or places of worship, and 37,500 ministers of Christian Churches.

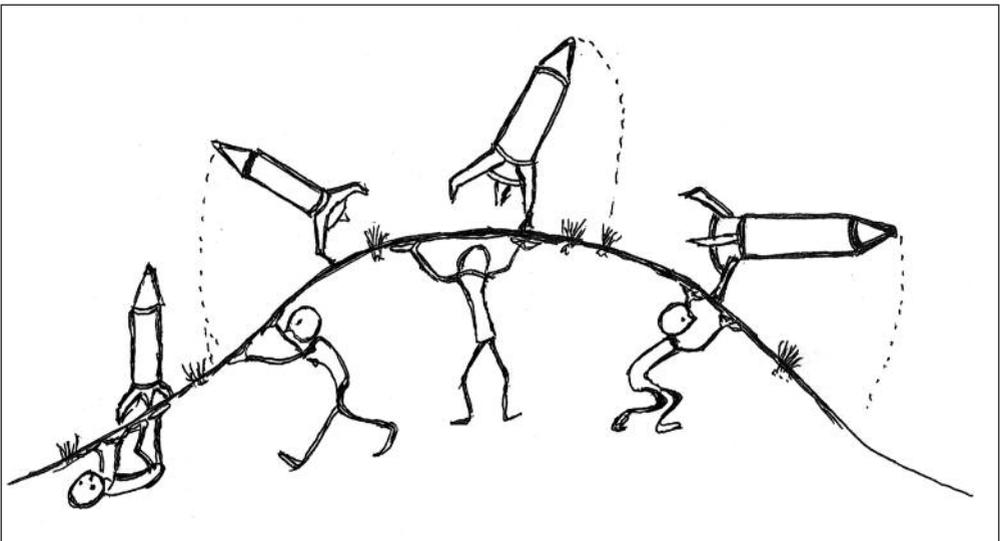
These are the grassroots where we, as Christian CND, are called to campaign.

Church leaders from all the mainstream churches have issued statements opposing nuclear weapons in general, and Trident in particular, yet when we talk to general members of their congregations, they often know little about the subject or have been influenced primarily by the newspapers

they read or what they hear politicians say on the television. Politicians only move when they think there is a groundswell of popular opinion behind them. So we need to help create that groundswell – 5 million Christians could make quite a difference!

CCND has worked very hard in recent years to influence Church leaders and Politicians. We need to continue that work but also add direct contact with ordinary congregations and clergy. We are beginning to build relationships with the black-led churches, mainly Pentecostal, and have hopes of reaching the Orthodox Churches.

2017 is one of the rare years that the dates of Easter and Pentecost in the Orthodox and Latin churches coincide. Could there be an opportunity here?



Creating a Groundswell by Grassroots Campaigning

5 million people are an awful lot but let's make a start – this is where you come in.

Whether or not you are able to be active, your ideas and suggestions would be very helpful. What might help your parish? Are there any materials that might be useful?

What are people in your congregation most interested in?

Are there any diocesan or denominational meetings or events you know about, where there could be a stall or even a speaker?

We are already going to be at Spring Harvest in Skegness, at the Catholic Justice and Peace conference in Swanwick and at Greenbelt in Kettering. These big family events are a really good way of meeting and talking to people – Let us know if you are going to any of these or any similar events.

Our groundswell might only be a pimple to begin with – but with prayer, enthusiasm and hope, amazing things could happen!

Patricia Pulham

Christian Unity

How does Christian CND relate to Christian Unity? I began writing this before the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and noted the theme for this year is 'Crossing Barriers'.

Well, to begin with, our organisation welcomes all denominations. We work together in an egalitarian way.

Another thing I noticed was the title chosen for the prayer week; 'Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us'. Reconciliation can happen when people work together. But what struck me the most was the penultimate word. I think 'Compels' is the most important one there.

Now how would loving Christ compel us? To be absolutely compelled must depend on how utter our love is. Achieving that completeness of love means doing work on our personal relationship with Him. I've heard it said that without that, everything else in our churchgoing is worthless ritual!

As we manage to cross our own internal barriers and become better enabled to follow Christ our leader, we improve at showing His love and pointing the way to peace.

NOTE: Anyone looking for material for, say, a parish magazine, is welcome to reproduce this item.

Michael Pulham

Trident missile goes astray

Like almost everyone else, Christian CND was shocked but not surprised at the news that a Trident missile mis-fired, ended up aimed at the west coast of USA, and eventually was set to self-destruct and landed in the sea. It wasn't armed, but what if it was? What if it was unarmed but still hit the ground, on a populated area, it could still do considerable damage. It appears the fault was with the targeting information sent to the missile; this could be caused either by an inputting error or a failure of software.

Are we really expected to believe that this weapons system, which despite having 'one of the most reliable test records', according to British American Security Information Council (<http://www.basicint.org/>), can still go seriously wrong and yet is expected to defend our nation? And that it is acceptable for Theresa May and her government to cover up this mishap? Would knowledge of the incident have affected the outcome of the vote? And how much did this failed test cost?

So what can we do? Demand an inquiry into the Trident crisis! Write to your MP to demand an inquiry into the Trident crisis. Write to your local newspaper and take part in radio discussions on this issue. Ask your MP to sign up to Early Day Motion 877 (see opposite page)

What you need to know about the 'Trident Missile Crisis'

- The misfire of the Trident II D5 missile took place in June 2016 and instead of proceeding to its intended target, somewhere off the west coast of Africa, the missile reportedly headed towards the United States.
- The incident came to light after a senior source in the Royal Navy disclosed the details to The Sunday Times.
- Each missile test costs around £17 million. There have been four successful tests in the last 16 years, the most recent being in 2012.
- The Prime Minister was asked four times on the Andrew Marr show whether or not she knew about the misfire. On each occasion she refused to answer. Downing Street has since confirmed that the Prime Minister knew about the test, but has declined to comment on whether she knew about the misfire.
- The decision not to make details of the test public is in contrast to other tests, where dignitaries have been invited to observe and video footage has been released.
- The misfire took place just weeks before the parliamentary debate and vote on government plans to replace the current nuclear weapons system.

A Ban Treaty Motion for Synod?

I did apply for a Stall/exhibition at this February Synod in Church House, Westminster; unfortunately we were not successful, 'owing to pressure of applications'. I/we will make every effort to get one at the York Synod in July, and also a side event.

However, there have been unexpected developments, initiated in fact by our good Catholic co- Chair Martin Birdseye, who, looking from outside says, in his innocence, all we need are three Deanery Synods to put forward a motion on the Ban Treaty, which most of the UN and all of the Peace Movement internationally is working on, and as Steve points out, there are 500 Deanery Synods, surely we can find three?

After emailing Sue Claydon of Anglican Pacifist Fellowship and Steve Hucklesbyes Joint Public Issues Team (Methodist, Baptist, URC , Quakers, Church of Scotland), the consensus is that we would be in with a chance to go for a Motion in C of E General Synod in

2018. We would go the regular route via the Deanery Synods, then Diocesan Synods to General Synod. Seems amazing to me, but would be excellent consciousness raising for the C of E, which definitely needs it.

So dear fellow Anglicans, now is the time to come to the aid of the party. Anyone who is interested, thinks they can help, has done it before, especially and most particularly of course any actual Deanery Synod members. I've been one myself, I know what it's like.

Then my idea is to have a an email group for starters and go on from there, see where there are possibilities. I feel Oxford may be no worse than anywhere else, Sue suggests Cambridge, what about the West country? There's at least one good vicar down in Penzance who says he will help anyway he can. So come on we need you.

Caroline Gilbert

Early Day Motion 877

MPs have tabled Early Day Motion 877 on the Trident missile test following media reports, confirmed by the United States government, that a test of a Trident II D5 missile in June 2016 failed. EDM 877 calls for an inquiry into both the failure of the missile test and the decision to withhold information from MPs.

Please get in touch with your MP and ask them to sign this important Early Day Motion.

You can contact your MP through the CND website;
<http://tinyurl.com/z5437sm>

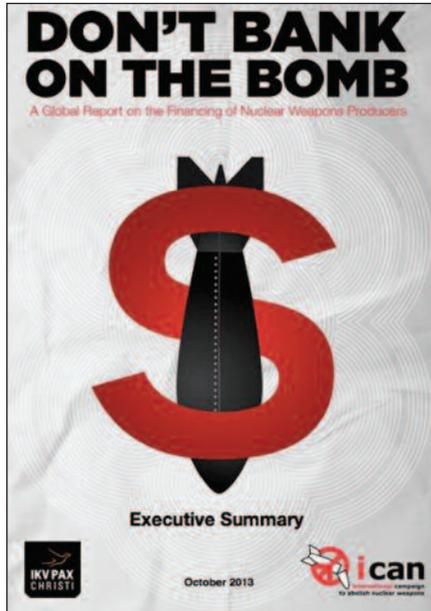
Don't Bank on the Bomb

I think the 'Don't Bank on the Bomb' is a very good, basic campaign; it's practical, and it also gets to the roots of our motivations, and, even better, everyone and anyone can do it.

After all, we all spend a terrible lot of time, effort, imagination, work, our own money, trying to get rid of Nuclear Weapons Worldwide, (working & praying for a nuclear-weapons-free world, our strap line, including Trident, our very own NW) so why should we finance them?

I bet we all have bank accounts, rather a lot of us have pension funds, are our banks and the financial institutions we use ourselves, using the money we place in their safekeeping to finance the companies that make Nuclear Weapons? Not mine they won't.

The basic core of the 'Don't bank on the Bomb' is very simple; write to your own bank and ask for their Policy Statement on what they invest their money in. For instance, the Co-operative Bank (CCND's bank) is very proud of their ethical policy, it's plastered all over their banks and bank windows.



At the International Peace Bureau Congress in Berlin, I made a point of going to Suzy Snyder's workshop on Don't bank on the Bomb. She told us of the massive effect even one little letter can have, one year one woman wrote to her bank, nothing much happened, then they got another letter, so they brought out the first letter, and began to do something.

You just need to write that first letter; that's effective enough, if you get a reply that yes they do invest in companies making nuclear weapons; that 's good enough; becomes another campaigning tool.

You do NOT have to decide to move your bank account; in fact it is rather useful to leave it where it is because then you can continue to exert pressure. Banks and financial institutions are sensitive about this sort of pressure.

Naturally it is easier, and more fun, to do stuff with other people, so do not hesitate to get in touch if you think you would like to start in on this campaign. I can see lots of possibilities for it; as for instance a public event in a town centre. Oxford does spring to mind, as there are

Don't Bank on the Bomb

now two CCND Committee members, myself and Diana Townsend living there, and there is a scatter of CCND members. But it all starts with one person willing to write a letter to their bank.

We can use this campaign for membership activity. Realistically, we will only expect a few responses at first, so are very happy to join in with others in any particular locality where we get a response. A launch activity would be good, also with others. Get in touch, watch this space.

See below for stuff from the Pax Christi website. There is stuff particularly relevant to the UK. Suzi Snyder of Netherlands Pax Christi started it there.

Could we get all the Christian Peace Movement to take it on?

Caroline Gilbert

Other things you can do

Is there a company involved with nuclear weapons in your area? If so, use this information in a letter to your local paper. Write to the company.

Persuade your Parish or Diocese to use ethical banks. Make the case with your local congregation. Hold a prayer vigil. Write an article for your church newsletter.

Get hold of copies of 'Nuclear Weapons and the Money Makers' from our website or contact the office for copies.

International Pax Christi campaign

Financial institutions from around the world invest almost 314 billion US dollar in nuclear weapons producers, IKV Pax Christi revealed on 10 October in its worldwide research "Don't Bank on the Bomb".

A total of 298 banks, pension funds and insurance companies invest into 27 companies involved in the production, maintenance and modernization of nuclear weapons.

Depending on their investments and practices, financial institutions are divided into a global "Hall of Shame"

or "Hall of Fame". As well as a "Hall of Shame", the report also includes examples of good company and national practice.

In the "Hall of Fame" and "Runners-up" category, 32 financial institutions are credited for having policies intended to limit or even exclude their investment in nuclear weapon producers.

The full report and the executive summary are available. More information about the research can be found at www.dontbankonthebomb.com. and <http://bit.ly/2iZXxIt>

18 February London: Stop the Arms Fair. Spend an afternoon making props or getting stuck into a working group. Friends House, Euston. info@stopthearmsfair.org.uk <https://www.facebook.com/events/256680568079926>

1 March: Ash Wednesday. The Annual act of prayer, witness and resistance to nuclear war preparations.

London: near the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall. 3 – 4.30pm.

Liverpool: public act of repentance for preparations for Nuclear war. Gather on the steps of St Luke's, the bombed church and then process through city centre. 4.25 – 5.25. <http://paxchristi.org.uk/>

1 March London: Global Ban lobby of parliament. CND is calling on the UK government to play a constructive role in the negotiations to establish a treaty to ban nuclear weapons. The CND team will be in parliament on the day to give any information or support you may need. 020 7700 2393. <http://bit.ly/2jDY12J> Can't go to the lobby? You can still write to your MP.

2 March London: Spring Concert for Peace. Musicians for Peace and Disarmament (MPD). All proceeds go to organisations in the peace movement. Tickets: £15 Concessions: £10. 7pm at Hinde Street Methodist Church 19 Thayer Street W1U 2QJ. Tickets on the door.

2 March – 30 April London: 20 millisieverts per year: An exhibition about Fukushima. Conway Hall, 25 Red

Lion Square, Holborn. Contact Conway Hall before visiting as opening hours vary: 020 7405 1818.

4 March London: NHS not Trident bloc at It's Our NHS demonstration. March in support of the NHS, and against Trident. Assemble 12noon in Tavistock Square. <http://bit.ly/2kcAVBm>

7 March London: Christian CND Embassies Walk. We will visit the London embassies of the Nuclear Weapons States, the New Agenda Coalition, and a few other key countries' embassies. Meet at I am for preliminary prayers at St Martin-in-the-Fields Dick Sheppard Chapel. Walk starts after a light lunch in St Martins, around 2pm. All welcome.

8 March: International Women's Day. On this International Women's Day celebrate Women Peacemakers! Use the Pax Christi postcard to write to a woman/women you know who inspire you as peacemakers. Pack of 20 cards £1.50. <http://paxchristi.org.uk/> 020 8203 4884. And buy a copy of CCND's *Sheroes*, published for International Women's Day 2011.

10 – 12 March Manchester: 'The things that make for peace'. A joint conference by the Methodist Peace Fellowship, Anglican Pacifist Fellowship and Fellowship of Reconciliation. Luther king House, M14 5JP. The event is ecumenical, and open to all.

11 March London: Fukushima March on Parliament. Assemble 12 noon for 12:30 start outside Japanese Embassy, 101 Piccadilly. March to Parliament for rally in front of Statue of George, Old Palace Yard.
<https://rememberfukushima.org/>

27 March London: Trident Ploughshares and friends. Meet Trafalgar Square 9.30am for Town Crier Action. Small groups taking the news to central London venues. Contact Sylvia Boyes tridentsylvia@gmail.com

27 – 31 March New York: Negotiations to prohibit nuclear weapons. New York.
<http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/>

9 – 13 April Skegness: Spring Harvest, Butlins. CCND will have a stand here and advertisements in the programme, beamed into every Chalet and in the *Christianity Magazine*.

2 – 12 May Vienna: 2017 NPT Preparatory Committee.
<http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/>
Christian CND will be there.

8 – 16 July Coulport: Disarmament camp at in the West of Scotland. We will gather to disrupt the Trident submarine bases at Faslane & Coulport. Contact Jane Tallents tp2000@gn.apc.org
<http://tridentploughshares.org>

27 – 31 July Norfolk: Peace News Summer Camp. Nr Diss. 020 7278 3344. peaceneWSCamp@googlemail.com
<http://peaceneWSCamp.info/>

25 – 27 August Northamptonshire: Greenbelt festival. Theme for the festival is “The Common Good”. 0207 329 0038.
<http://www.greenbelt.org.uk/> 01865 250781. Bookings:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk>

15 May: International Conscientious Objector’s Day. Events around the country. mail@coproject.org.uk

6 August: Hiroshima Day. *Send us details of your events asap!*
London: 12noon in Tavistock Square, annual London Region CND event.
david.lrend@cnduk.org 0207 607 2302

9 August: Nagasaki Day.
London: Peace Walk from Westminster Cathedral to the London Peace Pagoda followed by a Lantern-floating ceremony at sunset. Times tbc. 020 7228 9620.

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

12 – 15 September London: DSEI, the world’s largest arms fair, at Excel Centre. <https://www.caat.org.uk/events>

14 – 15 October London: CND Conference. <http://www.cnduk.org/>

25 November: Christian CND Annual General Meeting. Venue tba. Put the date in your diary!

Obituary – Gerry Gardiner

Gerry died peacefully at home with family in July 2016 after a short illness.

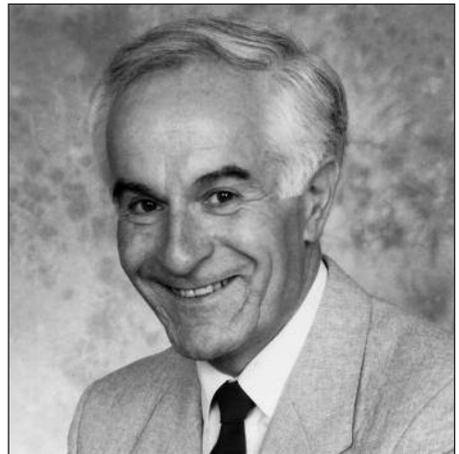
A member of CND and CCND since the late 1950s, his passionate rejection of the argument for nuclear weapons came from his deep-seated faith. Although a life-long Methodist, Gerry was curious about all beliefs and was active within the local community helping to bring Christians, Muslims, Sikhs and Hindus together in a shared dialogue.

Gerry will be remembered for; his unique sermons on the Methodist local preachers circuit, his love of gardening, a dry wit, running, teaching and inspirational poetry.

His passion for CND continued right to the end. In his last days, he was directing his son and a friend from church to ensure the latest 'No Trident Replacement' poster was in place

outside his house and that the garden foliage wasn't obscuring the message – or as he would say – the truth.

Husband to the late Pauline, he is survived by his much-loved partner Christine, brother Malcolm and children Julie and Andy.



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The World Council of Churches suggests we should all pray 'Thy kingdom come' from Pentecost onwards, we could start a bit earlier.

February

Let us remember prisoners & those who come to trial; we will have missed those from the Burghfield actions who came to trial the end of January at Reading Crown Court.

Let us pray for all those who attempt Non-violent Direct Action, those who will attempt it in response to the revelations of the practice Trident launch that had to be aborted.

Long term are the Jehovah Witnesses who refuse conscription, as part of their faith, in Eritrea.

March

Pray for our new campaigns, the Don't Bank on the Bomb campaign, that people may come forward to start it; for our old/new international campaign, now focused on the Nuclear Ban treaty as well as the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty

7 March: Embassy Walk.

17 March: St Patrick's; let's celebrate the Irish; started the New Agenda Coalition in the NPT; support the Open Ended Working Group, & now the the Ban Treaty negotiations.

*Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,*

*Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of
every man who thinks
of me,
Christ in the mouth of
everyone who speaks
of me,
Christ in every eye that
sees me,
Christ in every ear that
hears me.*

23 March: Kelvin Gascoyne & Caroline Gilbert go off to New York to attend the First Committee to witness & lobby the delegates from 125 countries committed to negotiating a Nuclear Weapon Ban.

25 March: CND Council, London; NGO meeting, NY, for the Nuclear Weapon Ban, the United Nations.

27 — 31 March: First Committee to set up the framework for the negotiations to start in earnest in July. Pray in solidarity with us all; pray for our prayers & our morning witness at the Isaiah Steps opposite the UN during the session. 'Turn their swords into ploughshares' is carved above these Steps.

9 April: Palm Sunday. Envision a world without Nuclear Weapons; a start towards 'Thy kingdom come'.



The Coventry Cross, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church Berlin. On 19 Dec 2016, a truck was driven into the Christmas market beside the church



CCND placards at the Trump rally.
Pic by Martin Birdseye

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.....(Optional)

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