

Ploughshare Plus



News update from Christian CND

March 2018

Christians working and praying for a nuclear weapons-free world

Embassies Walk 2018

Tuesday 20th March

Join Christian CND as we visit the London embassies of key states to discuss the progress of the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty.

Meet at 11am at Dick Sheppard Chapel, St Martin-in-the-Fields, London for a short service before the walk.

We will have briefings followed by lunch in the cafe after 11.30am and the first embassy visits will be after 1pm.

If you are planning on coming it's a good idea to let us know 020 7700 4200, as some embassies will require visitors' names in advance. However, you can just turn up on the day, as there are a few embassies that will welcome all comers!

This is your opportunity to discuss the important issues with embassy staff (and quite often, *inform them of the issues*).

No experience, or expertise necessary, but if you are an expert, you will be most welcome! We'd particularly love people with a decent camera to take photos, if permission obtained, or even a film clip or two.



CND at 60

Easter Sunday, 1 April

Join us to celebrate CND's 60th anniversary from 12noon with speeches, music and memories at AWE Aldermaston, where CND held its first ever demonstration. The event will conclude with an inter-faith vigil at 2pm.

There will be tying of dove-shapes, with messages of peace. Please find enclosed a template of a dove. You can use it to make a dove made of card. Write your messages of peace on the dove and bring it with you if you are coming to Aldermaston, or send it in to the office and we will take it and attach your message to the fences.

Transport is being arranged from London, please contact London CND info@londoncnd.org 020 7607 2302 for more details.

Any questions, get in touch with CCND or CND.



Synod fringe meeting 2018

Members of Christian CND Executive attended a meeting at Church House on Saturday 10 February hosted by Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford. The title of the meeting was "Can Nuclear Weapons be Banned?" and looked to build on recent progress including the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

We expected about 10 people, we got 30, including Archbishop Justin Welby for a short time. He sat at the front for a bit, then went to the back and read the Treaty, we provided copies for everyone. It seemed to all of us that Justin Welby wanted to progress this agenda. Discussion focused on how to get a General Debate in Synod and there was a draft motion going round. An excellent result all round! More in next *Ploughshare*.



Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby (on right) with Bishop Stephen Cottrell (second right)

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1 April: Easter Sunday. Vigil, speakers, tying of dove shapes and messages of peace to the fences, and more at **Aldermaston**, West Berkshire RG7 4PR. 12noon.

11 – 12 April: DSEI Arms Fair Trials. Come and support protesters on trial for blocking weapons deliveries to the DSEI arms fair. The trial begins at 10am each day. Stratford Magistrates Court, 389-397 High St, **London** E15 4SB. For more information contact Trident Ploughshares by phoning 0345 3488 363 or emailing tplesupportengland@tridentploughshares.org

20 – 22 April: Fellowship of Reconciliation annual conference is another joint event with the Anglican and Methodist Peace Fellowships, at Hinsley Hall 62 Headingley Ln, **Leeds** LS6 2BX. 01865 250781 <http://www.for.org.uk/> Wheelchair accessible.

23 April – 4 May: Second Preparatory Committee of the NPT 2020 Review Conference. **Geneva**. <http://tinyurl.com/ybvrvmvd>.

26 April: Chernobyl Day. <http://www.chernobyl.info/>

15 May: International Conscientious Objector's Day. <https://www.wri-irg.org/>
12 noon event in Tavistock Square **London** and other locations around the country. More UK events:

<http://www.ppu.org.uk/coday>

24 May: International Women's Day for Disarmament. <https://www.womenpeacemakersprogram.org/>

26 - 27 May: Big Church Day Out. Wiston House, **West Sussex**. CCND will be there, if you are too, come and say hello! <https://bigchurchdayout.com/south>

16 June: 33rd Annual Celebration at the London Peace Pagoda. Battersea Park, **London** SW11 4NJ. 2pm londonpeacepagoda@gmail.com 020 7228 9620.

11 – 12 July: Protest at NATO summit in **Brussels**. CND will be protesting against the nuclear-armed, military alliance NATO at its 2018 summit. 020 7700 2393 enquiries@cnduk.org

20 – 22 July: NJPN Annual Conference 2018. A conference to explore the meaning of 'home' in the context of being a church of the poor. The Hayes Conference Centre, **Swanwick**, Derbyshire. Tel: 020 7901 4864. <http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/>

6 August: Hiroshima Day.

12 noon event in Tavistock Square, **London**. Info: 020 7607 2302.

Anniversary of the execution of Franz Jägerstätter

9 August: Nagasaki Day.

London Peace walk from Westminster Cathedral (TBC) to the **London** Peace Pagoda, followed by a Lantern-Floating Ceremony at sunset. Timing and more details later. londonpeacepagoda@gmail.com tel: 020 7228 9620.

24 – 27 August: Greenbelt Festival. Boughton House, **Northants**. NN14 3AG. <http://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

22 September: Nae Nukes Anywhere March & Rally **Faslane**, Scotland! International campaigners from across the world support Scotland. Scottish CND is inviting them to join us in challenging the UK Government to sign the Nuclear Ban Treaty, enter negotiations and scrap their nuclear policies. 0141 357 1529 <http://www.banthebomb.org/>

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