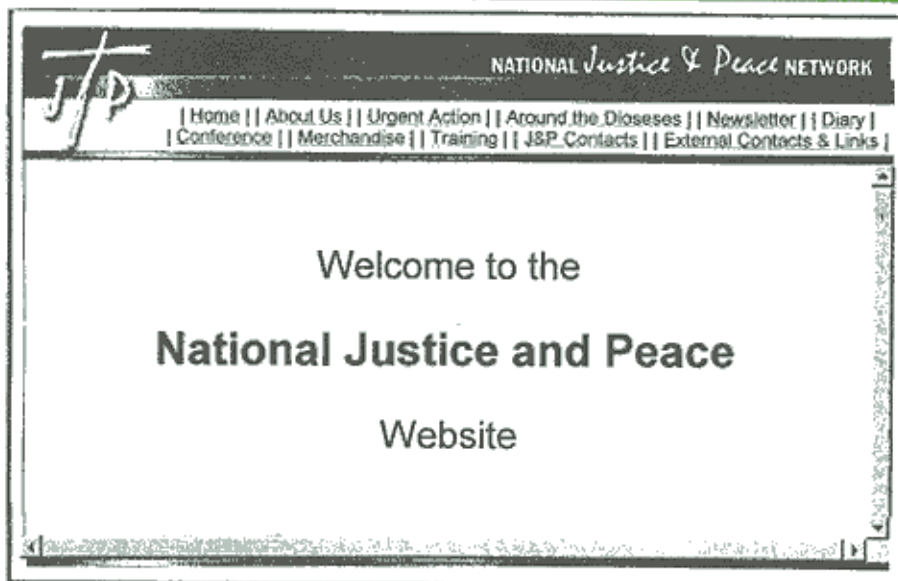


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The screenshot shows the homepage of the National Justice & Peace Network. At the top left is the J&P logo. To its right, the text reads "NATIONAL Justice & Peace NETWORK". Below this is a navigation menu with links: "Home", "About Us", "Urgent Action", "Around the Dioceses", "Newsletter", "Diary", "Conference", "Merchandise", "Training", "J&P Contacts", and "External Contacts & Links". The main content area features the text: "Welcome to the National Justice and Peace Website".

On line . . .

Our long-awaited website will be launched on 1 March 2002. There will be pages giving details about the Network, and diocesan contacts. It will be possible to download the conference Booking Form and it will shortly be possible to find our Newsletter online.

From our website it will be possible to link to many of the agencies involved in working on justice and peace issues.

Visit us at :
www.justice-and-peace.org.uk

THE FIRST EVER GLOBAL CEASE-FIRE DAY – A DAY OF GLOBAL UNITY

Three years ago filmmaker Jeremy Gilley began an experiment to find out if an individual could create the first Global Cease-Fire Day in the recorded history of humankind. In September 1999 Gilley founded the organisation Peace One Day, which was launched at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London. Since then, his journey has taken him around the world, lobbying Heads of State and other key individuals, building the case for the Global Cease-Fire Day.

On 7 September 2001, Peace One Day achieved its objective when a resolution, proposed by the UK and Costa Rican Governments, was unanimously adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations. The resolution establishes the first annual Global Cease-Fire Day in the recorded history of humankind, on the UN International Day of Peace, fixed in the calendar on 21 September - to be observed from 2002.

Peace One Day has come so far in such a short space of time. What began as an idea now has the active support of governments, UN agencies, NGOs,

Nobel Peace Laureates, religious organisations, corporations, universities, schools, key individuals, adults and young people alike. Throughout the course of the campaign Relief and Development agencies have reiterated this sentiment - that this is a practical, lifesaving initiative.



Mairead Corrigan McGuire being interviewed by Jeremy at our conference last year

Gilley has documented every single moment of this campaign on film, the full-length version of which will encompass the first ever Global Cease-Fire Day, 21 September 2002; this will become a key tool in reaching people of all nations and faiths.

Having established a Global Cease-Fire Day, Peace One Day has now embarked on a world-wide networking exercise, to transform the Day into one of global unity. Peace One Day is asking everyone to honour the Day, in the home, the workplace, in our daily lives. Peace One Day is communicating with other organisations, governmental and non-governmental, to promote the Day as an opportunity to reach people otherwise isolated as a result of conflict, military or domestic.

Gilley, 32, said, "The Global Cease-Fire Day was created by people like you. This is our day. Please acknowledge it in some way, however small or large, and let us know about it, we'll publish it on the website www.peaceoneday.org. It could be in your home, your work, or in your community. Now more than ever before, the Global Cease-Fire Day represents an opportunity for people to co-ordinate their efforts for peace in a focused way. We are now asking the entire world to prepare for 21 September 2002. If you build a house you start with one brick, if we want peace we must start with one day."

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Let the world prepare for 21 September 2002

NOBEL PEACE LAUREATES CALL FOR RELEASE OF SUU KYI

At the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Peace prize on 8 December winners from around the world gathered in Oslo and dedicated the ceremony to Aung San Suu Kyi, the leader of Burma's National League for Democracy. The whole day was focussed on Burma, with a workshop organized by the Norwegian Church Aid, Norwegian Burma Committee and Worldview Rights and with music and dance and interviews with Burmese refugees.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the 24 Nobel Peace laureates present in Oslo acknowledged the solidarity of thousands of people from hundreds of locations worldwide. 'In physical stature she is petite and elegant, but in moral stature she is a giant' said Archbishop Tutu, on the 10th anniversary of the prize to Suu Kyi and declared that injustice and oppression will never have the last word. 'We stand here to say: We are with you, we are proud of you, we are touched by you.' 'I have the greatest possible respect for Aung San Suu Kyi and I am sure her cause will succeed'.

Thirty-four living peace laureates also called on Than Swe, the head of the country's ruling military regime, to release other political prisoners and comply with UN resolutions demanding negotiations on democracy. Signatories of the appeal included Archbishop Desmond Tutu; Jose Ramos Horta, the East Timorese independence campaigner; Tibetan leader the Dalai Lama; Lech Walesa, the former Polish president; and Rigoberta Menchu, the Guatemalan Indian rights campaigner.



Pro-Democracy singer Mun Awng

In London the Burma Campaign UK and the Burmese Democratic Movement Association celebrated the occasion with an evening with supporters Maureen Lipman and Mark Thomas who entertained the hundred or so people who gathered at the Candid Gallery. Maureen Lipman read



Maureen Lipman and Mark Thomas

a message from Aung San Suu Kyi and film of the events in Oslo was shown. One of the highlights of the evening was the pro-democracy singer, Mun Awng passionately leading the songs of freedom.

PEACE ONE DAY

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"Where respected, it will have practical effect. Where truces are observed, medical and development agencies can provide vital services to civilian victims in safety... We have troops all round the world trying to resolve these conflicts and so this is something that will be beneficial to our troops on the ground and to the operations we are engaged in." *UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan*

"I recently had the opportunity to meet with Jeremy Gilley here in Costa Rica, and I was inspired by his commitment to the cause of peace. I would like to ask all peace-loving people to work with him to make his vision of a peaceful world a reality. Jeremy Gilley and his team are to be commended for their efforts to bring an end to violence, injustice, and intolerance. By promoting the observance of a global day of peace, I hope that the 'Peace One Day' campaign will help to create a world in which every day will be a day of peace." *Dr Oscar Arias Sanchez Nobel Peace Laureate 1987, President of Costa Rica, 1986-1990*

"My experience of conflict is that those who are involved in it long for even a day of peace. To have a day of cessation of violence, that to me is an idea whose time has come."

Mary Robinson, UN High Commissioner For Human Rights

"We must make every effort for the promotion of peace and inner values. I fully support Peace One Day."

His Holiness The Dalai Lama, Nobel Peace Laureate

"Yes, we welcome the idea of making a specific day. A day where there will be cessation of hostilities. A day of commitment towards the struggle for peace."

Dr Salim Ahmed Salim, Former Secretary-General, Organisation of African Unity.

Further information contact:
Peace One Day at Block D, The Old Truman Brewery, 91 Brick Lane, London E1 6QL Tel: 0207 456 9180
www.peaceoneday.org

Triumph - "Support breasts not dictators"

In November 2001 the Burma Campaign UK launched a campaign to encourage the boycott of Triumph International because it sources underwear made in Burmese sweatshops.

For two months the striking images of models in barbed wire bras have been seen in magazines, on billboards and websites and emailed around networks.

In December the Norwegian Olympic Team announced cancellation of its Triumph International



The Burma Campaign advert

sponsorship. Triumph's Burmese factory is located on a military-owned industrial estate

north of Rangoon and reportedly using forced labour.

On 28 January Triumph International announced that the company will close down its Burma-based manufacturing site.

Triumph joins a list of international corporations who - either voluntarily or under pressure - have taken the decision to withdraw from Burma and the support of Burma's ruling military regime.

For information or to support:
www.burmacampaign.org.uk

Today, tomorrow, together

Catholic aid agency CAFOD is to launch a major new initiative to provide long-term aid for communities affected by conflict.

Today, tomorrow, together is a new idea, which will give parishes in England and Wales the chance to go behind the headlines and do something to help people who have been traumatised by war, drought and other disasters.

Today, tomorrow, together, which is launched in the New Year, aims to smash the record CAFOD made with its highly successful Challenge 2000/01, which has raised more than £3.25 million in four years.

Every parish in England and Wales will be invited to forge lasting relationships with some of the world's most vulnerable and impoverished communities.

CAFOD director Julian Filochowski said: "Trusted CAFOD partners are already working in local communities, helping to devise plans for their

long-term development. They have experience, initiative and resourcefulness. But they need funds to put their plans into action. That's where we, the Catholic community in England and Wales, can help."

Some parishes will be linked to communities in South East Asia, in countries such as Cambodia and East Timor, for example. Others will link with communities in the Horn of Africa, in countries such as Ethiopia and Sudan. Until 2004, all money raised through **Today, tomorrow, together** will go to help CAFOD make a long-term commitment to people in these regions.

Julian Filochowski said: "Today, Tomorrow, Together is the chance to bring our community together for a truly life-changing purpose."

- CAFOD is the official overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales
- For more information contact:
Chris Holt tel. 020 7326 5558 or
Nicola Dillon tel. 020 7326 5561.



Elfed Jones and NJPN members Auniel Samuelsen and Sandra Davies get ready for global action

Prayers for Peace

The pope's invitation to religious leaders from all over the world to join him at Assisi for a Day of Prayer for Peace prompted Cardinal Basil Hume and Archbishop Robert Runcie to compile the first edition of *Prayers for Peace* in 1987.



Now a similar coming together of Multi-Faith leaders has bought about the reissue of this invaluable book.

"This collection points beyond discord collecting as it does prayers and reflections from fourteen religions and twenty-five countries. Striking in their beauty and simplicity, the prayers remind us of common aspirations of all major religions and will allow those of different religions to pray alongside one another united in their desire for peace."

With a new cover this book is published by SPCK and retails at £4.99

Stop the war . . .

At the massive Stop the War demonstration on 18 November in London our banner proved a focal point for J&P supporters and a great source of interest to many others.

We unfurled it in Hyde Park where tens of thousands were gathering to protest against the bombing of



Members assemble in Hyde Park with our banner

Afghanistan. It seemed people of every race, political view and religion were present. Noticeably among other Christian protesters were the Quakers.

As we walked from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square we met up with the Pax Christi group. The banner was spotted by several of our friends on the TV coverage.

R Read

Formation

The second series of regional workshops on Group Skills and Networking are now taking place.

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| South East | 16 February
St Osmund's, Salisbury |
| Midlands | 23 February
Bilton, Rugby |
| Wales | 1-2 March
Lampeter University |
| North West | 9 March
Lancaster University |
| South East | 16 March
CAFOD, London |
| North East | 23 March
Moor Road, Leeds |

These days combine practical group skills, and networking with our allies, while connecting with J&P issues and spirituality.

For further details and to book in please contact Rosemary Read.
Tel: 01332 293336 or Email:
rosemary@read2804.freemove.co.uk

2002 - United Nations International Year of Dialogue Among Civilisations - International Year of Ecotourism

- Feb 13 Ash Wednesday, start of Lent. Events at various places, including Ministry of Defence: *No To Nuclear Terrorism*, meeting at Embankment Gardens at 15h00. (Info. through Pax Christi 020 8203 4884, and others).
- Feb 13-15 *Blockade - Faslane*, annual protest at nuclear submarine base, organised by Trident Ploughshares and Scottish CND. Contact 01603 611953.
- Feb 16 NJPN Workshop on Group Skills and Networking "Towards a Vision of a Just World" at St Osmund's, Salisbury. (see page 3)
- Feb 16 Remember Bert White for his birthday at his grave in Tenterden, 12h00. www.school4prophets.fsnet.co.uk
- Feb 23 NJPN Workshop on Group Skills and Networking "Towards a Vision of a Just World" at Bilton, Rugby. (see page 3)
- Mar 1 Theme for Women's World Day of Prayer is, "Challenged to Reconcile", using material from Romania. Contact 01892 541411.
- Mar 1-2 NJPN Workshop on Group Skills and Networking "Towards a Vision of a Just World" at Lampeter University. (see page 3)
- Mar 1 2nd anniversary of treaty banning land mines. Landmines Action Day. (David Hillman, 020 7272 4431 or UKWGLM@msn.com).
- Mar 1-8 Abolition 2000 Week of Action (020 7272 4431 or a2000@gn.apc.org). Liturgy materials from Pax Christi at £2.
- Mar 2 *Gods of Metal* workshop At St Patrick's, Huddersfield, 10h00-13h00m on the arms trade, organised by Leeds J&P and others, 0113 261 8055 or shelagh@leedsjp.org - continued on March 16 and again on Apr 13 & 27, elsewhere.
- Mar 4-17 FairTrade Fortnight 020 7405 5942 (Fairtrade Foundation)
- Mar 6 Lobby of Parliament for a renewed United Nations for Peace, Human Rights and Sustainable Development, 15h00-19h00, organised by UNA and others. Info. 020 7930 2931 or pdyson@una-uk.org
- Mar 9 CAFOD Family Fast Day
- Mar 9 NJPN Workshop on Group Skills and Networking "Towards a Vision of a Just World" at Lancaster University (Catholic Chaplaincy). Info. from Rosemary Read on 01332 283336 or rosemary@read2804.freeserve.co.uk
- Mar 16 NJPN Workshop on Group Skills and Networking "Towards a Vision of a Just World" at CAFOD, Stockwell Rd, Brixton, (see page 3)
- Mar 16 National Catholic Refugee Forum event in Bristol (naomi.cheesman@hotmail.com)
- Mar 16 *Gods of Metal* workshop on the arms trade, organised from 10h00 to 16h00 at Catholic Care Training Suite by Leeds J&P and others, 0113 261 8055 or shelagh@leedsjp.org - continued again on Apr 13 & 27
- Mar 16 'The ethics of genetic modification (GM) and patenting of life'. Talk by Fr Sean McDonagh. St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham 10h30
- Mar 23 NJPN Workshop on Group Skills and Networking "Towards a Vision of a Just World" at Moor Rd, Leeds. Info. from Rosemary Read on 01332 283336 or rosemary@read2804.freeserve.co.uk
- Mar 30 National CND Demo. against Star Wars, London.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR CORPORATE AND PRIVATE USE AT EASTER :
New Christians; Vocations; the Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

- Apr 1-7 Pax Christi International Youth Seminar in London, *Transforming Hope into Reality*, £215 (subsidies poss).E: youth@paxchristi.net
- Apr 11 CAP National Policy Form on Debt in London (Stephen Matthews 0207 932 1263)
- May 3-5 "Divine Energy - God beyond us, within us, among us". With Donal Dorr at St Benedict's, Garforth, Leeds. Enquiries 0113 286 6794
- May 3 British Aerospace AGM in London - annual protest and shareholder action info. from CAAT (020 7281 0297)
- May 9-10 "Globalization & Christian Mission" - two day conference led by Fr Brendan Lovett scc. Vaughan House SW1P 1QN (020 8202 5775).
- May 12-18 Christian Aid Week. (Details from David Watt 020 7523 2315/2225).
- May 14-17 Christian Resources Exhibition, Sandown Centre, Esher - 01844 342894.
- May 18 MCD and CAAT protest at GKN AGM, focusing on church disinvestment in arms shares (020 7474 1142)

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR CORPORATE AND PRIVATE USE IN ORDINARY TIME (SUMMER) :

Deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those suffering Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Seafarers

- Jun 5 World Environment Day (UN) (UNED 020 7839 1784)
- Jun 8 Pax Christi AGM, Diocesan Centre, Mornington Crescent, Mackworth, Derby. (020 8203 4884)
- Jun 18 22nd Anniversary of Milton Keynes Peace Pagoda (01908 663652). Various prayers and speakers from 10h30 to 15h30
- Jun 19 People to Parliament: mass lobby. The Trade Justice Movement are planning to take the People to Parliament with a mass lobby of MPs to help mainstream the trade campaign among UK politicians.

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