



Justice and Peace Spring 2026

Editor writes: Orthodox Christians describe Lent as a season of 'bright sadness'. Walking around locally it is a joy to spot the bright signs of spring in gardens and parks. As I prepared this Mouthpeace I was aware too of the brightness and the sadness. Two recent online meetings illustrated this. On the Britain Palestine Project podcast two Israeli rabbis talked about their work in response to the extremist settler violence to Palestinians on the left bank. This invoked admiration at their efforts but sadness at the way they were treated. The NJPN 'Shining the Light on Racism' online meeting a few days later reminded us that sadly racism is still very much amongst us in our country today. This has recently come to the fore in our national game, football, as some star players are reporting the racist abuse they are regularly receiving. But the speakers urged us to be positive and act upon what we had heard.

Thank you to all the contributors from around the north west reflecting the wide variety of work going on in our differing communities. This gives some bright hope in times that we know are dark and sad for many.



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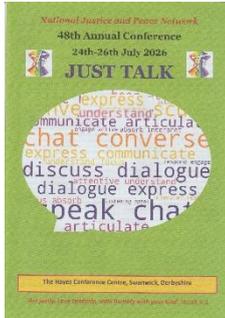
National Justice and Peace Network SHINING THE LIGHT IN 2026

In 2025 Jubilee Year the NJPN took the theme 'Opening the Doors' to a more just and peaceful world. Doors once opened must not be allowed to close but remain open to allow the light of hope to shine through and so justice, peace and integrity of creation can shine in 2026. A series of meetings are planned:

5 February Shining a light on Racism see report Page 6 **25 April Shining a light on Food and the Environment - Sheffield**

16 May Shining the light in an All Night Vigil on line **24-26 July Shining the light on 'Just' talk – Swanwick Conference**

September Shining the light on What next for J & P For more details contact : admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk



July 24 -26 th JUST TALK 48th Annual NJPN Conference

at The Hayes Conference Centre Swanwick Derbyshire DE55 1AU

Words do matter, the language we use reflects our attitude and our ignorance. With negative language around racism, refugees, asylum seekers and many 'others', reinforcing stereotypes, what do we hear and to whom do we listen? Who decides what makes the headlines as media platforms seek to influence opinion and behaviour?

Our 2024 conference considered what would a 'Just Politics' look like and how might this be achieved. We were challenged to work for change in our society, building relationships within and across

communities, empowering groups and individuals to engage with the political process, highlighting our hopes, dreams and needs, in line with Catholic Social Teaching.

In 2025 we were reminded that a 'Just Peace' demands more than the absence of war; it insists on justice, dignity, and inclusion for all and, as people of faith, we were offered an alternative model, built through deep listening, courageous dialogue and collective action rooted in love, committing to a radical hope that serves the common good. A constant thread running throughout these conferences was that we grow as individuals and communities only through the kinds of relationships that we build with each other and our world. We were asked to listen deeply, to respond, to disagree respectfully, to engage in difficult conversations and were challenged to create a culture of encounter.

Conference 2026 'Just Talk' will focus on dialogue and relationship building, initiating these difficult conversations and how they can be used to build up justice, peace and human dignity, rather than to dehumanise and divide, inflame tensions and stoke conflict. In a world of disinformation, sound bites and echo chambers, the conference will explore how we promote genuine communication and encounter through areas such as the media, arts, education, diplomacy and political engagement led always by the Spirit of Truth.

In celebrating 60 years of Nostra Aetate Pope Leo XIV said the document "opened our eyes to a simple yet profound principle: dialogue is not a tactic or a tool, but it's a way of life – a journey of the heart that transforms everyone involved, the one who listens and the one who speaks." (Walking Together in Hope: 28 October 2025)

Anne Peacey Taken from NJPN Spring Newsletter

The whole newsletter can be read <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/newsletters/spring-2026-njpn-newsletter/>

Bookings for the Conference

<https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference-2026/njpn-2026-conference-booking-details/>

NB Bookings made after Friday May 15th incur a £20 late booking charge



AN APPEAL FOR CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Lancaster Diocese has a very strong and lovely team of seven CAFOD volunteers, who deliver workshops and assemblies in schools throughout the diocese. We would love to grow our team, particularly in the north of the diocese. The role is rewarding, enjoyable and helps to raise funds for CAFOD to support communities in need across the world.

There is no requirement at all to be a teacher. Full training is given and you deliver what has been prepared for you in pairs usually. If you would like to find out more about what being a volunteer entails, please email Diane Gallagher and she will set up an informal (no pressure) chat on a video call. Diane.gallagher10@gmail.com

ASH WEDNESDAY, REPENTANCE AND A DISARMING PEACE

Ash Wednesday confronts the Church with an unambiguous anthropological truth: “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The liturgy dismantles fantasies of permanence and control, situating human life within its proper limits before God. It is from this starting point that Pope Leo’s 2026 World Day Peace message, “Peace be with you all: Towards an ‘unarmed and disarming’ peace,” must be read. The message is not a technical policy proposal but a theological reorientation. It directly challenges the reigning security logic of our age, especially the moral legitimacy granted to nuclear “deterrence”. The claim that peace can be preserved through the credible threat of mass annihilation stands in stark tension with Christian ethics and with the Gospel’s revelation of salvation.

The Ash Wednesday readings sharpen this tension. Joel’s command to “rend your hearts, not your garments” (Joel 2:13) exposes religious gestures that leave unjust structures untouched. Psalm 51 gives voice to repentance stripped of self-justification, naming sin as a rupture in right relationship with God and neighbour. Paul’s urgent declaration— “now is the acceptable time” (2 Cor 6:2)—eliminates the comfort of moral delay, while Jesus’s teaching in Matthew 6 dismantles piety performed for legitimacy rather than truth. Together, these texts resist abstraction, evasion, and postponement.

Seen through this lens, nuclear weapons are not merely a phoney strategy for true peace and security, they are a theological scandal. They embody a moral logic that normalizes preparation for indiscriminate mass destruction while blessing it in the language of “necessity and stability”. Their vast financial cost constitutes an economic injustice, siphoning resources from life-giving needs. Their environmental consequences implicate them in ecological sin. Most deeply, they deform moral imagination by training societies to accept possible annihilation as a condition of peace.

Biblical repentance, however, is never confined to private conscience. Joel’s summons is addressed to a people. Psalm 51’s plea for a clean heart does not license God’s blessing of violent systems. Paul’s insistence on immediacy leaves no room for deferral in the face of structural sin. Christian conversion necessarily carries social, political, and economic consequences.

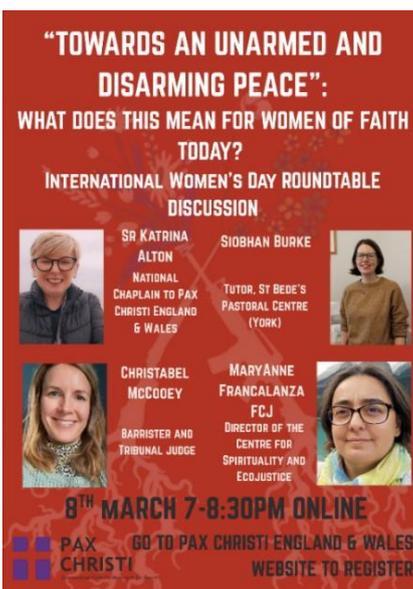
At the centre of this critique stands Christ himself. Jesus offers no peace rooted in domination or violence. The peace he embodies is revealed in the Way of the Cross: a nonviolence that refuses retaliation and exposes the lie that violence secures life. In accepting suffering rather than inflicting it, Jesus disarms the logic of Empire. The resurrection vindicates not the architects of death, but the one who entrusted himself entirely to God.

A “disarming peace,” then, is neither passive nor naïve. It demands a reconfiguration of Christian imagination: prayer that leads to nonviolent resistance, fasting that exposes structural sin, and almsgiving that redistributes resources away from the production of nuclear weapons.

Ash Wednesday marks our bodies with ashes to interrupt illusions of invulnerability. Empires pass. Weapons corrode. What endures is the mercy of God and the call to conversion. Now is the time!

Posted on Pax Christi England and Wales website 16/02/2026 by Andrew Jackson

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/>



“TOWARDS AN UNARMED AND DISARMING PEACE”:
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR WOMEN OF FAITH TODAY?
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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8TH MARCH 7-8:30PM ONLINE
PAX CHRISTI GO TO PAX CHRISTI ENGLAND & WALES WEBSITE TO REGISTER

This year’s International Women’s Day on Sunday 8th March will be the 115th. To mark the day, we are hosting an online roundtable asking what Pope Leo’s message ‘Towards an Unarmed and Disarming Peace’ means for women of faith today. You can register to attend here: tinyurl.com/55b36jif

‘Nonviolence: a radical response to our violent world’ with **Nicolas Paz**, Director, Catholic Nonviolence Initiative and Associate professor and Mediator at the Pontifical University of Salamanca. **He will be in Liverpool March 16 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm** at the Quaker Meeting House, 22 School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BT This is an open evening hosted by Pax Christi Merseyside.



All welcome (drinks available from 6.00pm, bring your own sandwiches) local contact Jan Harper 07591082195 janharper20211@outlook.com.

NB He will also be in London on March 14 and Leeds on March 15. You need to book for these – more information and booking details on <https://paxchristi.org.uk/calendar/>

Pax Christi Merseyside meet monthly on 2nd Thursday at 2pm at the Quaker Meeting House , Liverpool – as above.

RESOURCES FOR LENT 2026



Anne O'Connor has once again produced a wonderful selection of resources for Lent 2026.

This year's include a new Stations of the Cross for Young People suitable for schools, youth groups and Confirmation as well as a Stations of the Cross for parish use.

There's a four page A4 sheet with reflections and prayers from the start of Lent up to Holy Week plus an updated version of The Prince, an Easter story.

You can find all these on <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/resources/resources-for-lent-2026/>

'LIVE SIMPLY' St. Alban's Macclesfield J & P group have again produced their Live Simply calendar for Lent with day to day suggestions on how to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the World's poor. Pages 13-14

See <https://www.facebook.com/stalbanmacc/>

If you want to find out more contact: Bernadette Bailey—justiceandpeacemacc@gmail.com



CAFOD's online Lent Calendar and prayers for Lent <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar>



A Must Read: The Insecurity Trap by Paul Rogers with Judith Large

Joan Sharples writes: In these depressing times, in this confusing world, I was glad to find a book that 'read the signs of the times' and gave me hope. In this slim book of only eighty pages, Paul Rogers, Professor Emeritus of Peace Studies at Bradford University addresses the interconnected issues of climate breakdown, the global economic system, and militarism and advocates the need for cooperation rather than competition.

In the introduction to his book Rogers states his purpose: to 'summarise current trends in the three fields of environment and economy and analyse how they are connected in an overarching insecurity trap'. He identifies the three questions big questions of our time:

- Can we come to terms in time with the environmental limits to growth?
- Can we transform the world economy to ensure that there is far better sharing of what we have?
- Can we change our understanding and practice of international's security to focus on a human security approach that works for all, not a minority elite?

Three short chapters focus in turn on: climate breakdown; the global economy; and militarism, before Rogers gives us his vision of how the world might look if we don't address these issues - and if we do. Change is unavoidable.

I find his worldview convincing. He describes the big picture with a clarity and coherence which is accessible to the non-specialist reader. I found it a deeply depressing read, but it was not without hope.

In the book's Foreword, Judith Large, Quaker and Senior Fellow at the Conflict Analysis Research Centre at the University of Kent, asserts that 'to respond or act effectively, we need an understanding of what is happening and how to navigate it', and in its last chapter, 'What Can be Done?', she provides a list of resources for further information and ideas for action: 'a drawing together of thoughts and possibilities for transformation, on the basis that every little step will count'.

My 'little step' was to order another eight books copies of the book to give to friends and to submit this article to MouthPeace along with one to the local Quakers.

March 24th FEAST DAY OF ST.OSCAR ROMERO

***"Beautiful is the moment in which we understand that we are no more than an instrument of God; we live only as long as God wants us to live; we can only do as much as God makes us able to do; we are only as intelligent as God would have us be."* St. Oscar Romero**

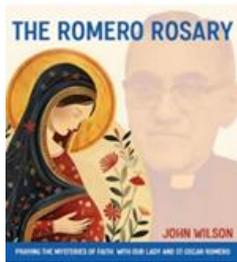
A range of inspiring documentaries and feature films are available free to view on the Romero Trust website.

Righting the Wrong: An excellent overview of Romero's life and martyrdom. and the long process after his death leading to his canonisation by Pope Francis in 2018.

Roses in December: A moving account of the life and the death of lay missionary Jean Donovan, as remembered by her friends and family.

What Lucia Saw: A dramatic retelling of the true story of Lucía, the only witness to the killing of the UCA martyrs. A gripping and chilling tale of an attempted cover-up of the UCA massacre. Highly recommended!

Find all the videos on: <http://www.romerotrust.org.uk/videos>



The Romero Rosary by Archbishop John Wilson.

Richard Solly writes in Independent Catholic News:

Archbishop John Wilson begins this beautiful devotional book wondering whether people have picked it up because they love the holy Rosary or because they love St Oscar Romero or because, like Archbishop Wilson, they love both.

The book begins with a short biography of Romero, an analysis of his impact and legacy, and an explanation of what Mary and the Rosary meant to the saint. It then explains the Rosary, and how to pray it, for those who may not have used it before.

It includes not only the traditional Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries, but the Mysteries of Light (Jesus's Baptism, the Miracle at the Wedding Feast at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, the Transfiguration and the Institution of the Eucharist) proposed by Pope St John Paul II and new 'Romero Mysteries' devised by Archbishop Wilson himself. These gather fifteen other events from Jesus's ministry into Mysteries of Charity, Mysteries of Compassion and Mercy and Mysteries of Justice and Peace.

Each Mystery includes a short scripture passage, usually summarised, then quotations from homilies of St Oscar Romero, questions for reflection, and a final prayer. The quotations from St Oscar's homilies are extraordinarily well chosen to illuminate the Mystery in question. The final prayers bring us back time and again to the need to see Christ in the poor and oppressed and to ensure that we are moved to take practical action to serve Christ in them. Intense prayer strengthens us for practical action. This book moved and inspired me and I hope it will you, too.

Published by Pauline Books, Paperback, 159 pages, ISBN 9781904785866, £10.99

Romero week events around the country 10th to 14th March "Inspiration and Hope in Hard Times"

Our guest is Dr. Todd Walatka, professor in the Department of Theology of the University of Notre Dame in the United States.

Tuesday 10th March 6.00pm St Thomas Church, Canterbury

Wednesday 11th March 7.00pm Leeds Trinity City Campus

Thursday 12th March 4.00pm Lecture: 'Oscar Romero and the Structure of Catholic Theology:: Uniting What We Separate'
Durham Catholic Studies Centre

CAFOD & Romero Trust Holy Island Pilgrimage Saturday 20th June 2026

The Holy Island of Lindisfarne is among the most atmospheric of England's historic sites. It echoes with the memories of the monks and saints of Anglo-Saxon and medieval Northumbria.

It also offers abundant wildlife and wonderful coastal views. Lindisfarne is only reachable across a causeway at low tide, which adds to the island's otherworldly aura. We will walk across the sands at low tide in the steps of St Aidan and St Cuthbert followed by Mass in the historic St. Mary's church.

There will also be a midday service for non-walkers at St Aidan's Catholic church. You can wander through the atmospheric ruins of the richly decorated priory church and learn more about the origins of Christianity in Britain.

To join us on the Romero Trust /CAFODpilgrimage to Holy Island: arrange your own transport to Northumberland. Cars and coaches will depart in convoy at 10.45 am from Purdy Lodge, which is on the main road, the A1, at Adderstone Services, Belford, Northumberland, NE70, 7JU.

Further details on CAFOD & Romero Trust websites or please contact: rblaylock@cafod.org.uk

Saint Romero in New York

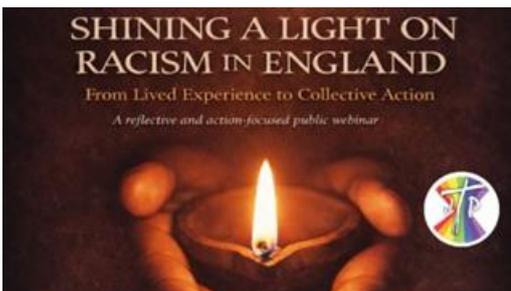
Last December Pope Leo announced the new Archbishop of New York to be installed in February 2026. His choice is 58 year-old Bishop Ronald Hicks of the Diocese of Joliet who spent years working among the poor in El Salvador. At the beatification ceremony for Archbishop Romero in San Salvador in May 2015 the then Father Hicks helped carry the relics of the martyred archbishop to the altar.

On news of his appointment to New York, Bishop Hicks said: "I go with a shepherd's heart...My favourite saint is St Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who, at the end of his life said something very beautiful to his people, and I love what he said: How easy it is to be a good shepherd with these people. And that was also my experience, it was easy because of the people, the unbelievable people from there". At such a critical time in the United States it is likely that Hicks' voice as Archbishop of the second largest diocese in the country will have a national resonance.

This information comes from the Romero News Spring 2026 You can read all of this plus much more about Oscar Romero on www.romerotrust.org.uk

**"Let us not tire of preaching love; it is the force that will overcome the world. Let us not tire of preaching love. Though we see that waves of violence succeed in drowning the fire of Christian love, love must win out; it is the only thing that can."
Oscar Romero**

The first of the NJPN 2026 'Shining the Light' events



This well attended webinar with Brian O' Toole as moderator brought together church leaders, theologians, campaigners and community practitioners just days before Racial Justice Sunday on February 8th. It formed part of a wider ecumenical call for renewed commitment to racial justice under this year's theme, "Love Your Neighbour."

NJPN Chair Anne Peacey welcomed participants and gave a brief account of the roots and present day work of NJPN for newcomers.

Then Dr Beverley Prevatt Goldstein — academic, historian and long-standing anti-racism advocate — spoke from both personal and professional experience. Born in Trinidad, she was among the first Black women from a mainstream British school to enter Oxford University in 1968. Her decades of work have focused on challenging monocultural narratives and recovering the long history and contribution of African communities in the North of England.

She started by suggesting these were difficult challenging times but there were signs of hope which she described from her own experience in the North East. She went to talk about shining a light on racism. This must be done without embarrassment ready to accept the consequences of doing so which maybe greater or less than we expect.

Understanding racism we need to remember

- i. We are all members of the human race
- ii. We all belong to several different and overlapping groups
- iii. We are all totally individual

Remembering this we must treat all people equally and avoid stereotyping. We must be prepared to call out racism which is found everyday on the street, in clubs, in the workplace.

Quoting Bishop Pizzaballa she suggested we are called 'to affirm and denounce the painful truth of injustice and evil that surrounds us, without letting it pollute our relationships. It takes courage to be able to demand justice without spreading hatred.' She finished by encouraging us to act. Webinars are not repair. We must act in such a way as to bring about transformation, shift risk and interrupt harm. And her final challenge – how can you do this?

The second keynote speaker, Richard Reddie, Director of Justice and Inclusion at Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI), addressed racism in the context of migration, asylum and public discourse. He spoke candidly about the social and political climate, arguing that progress on racial justice has stalled and, in some respects, gone backwards since he worked twenty years ago for the secular organisation 'Race on the Agenda'. He thought politicians today were prepared to use language that was intemperate at the best but downright racist at the worst. He gave several recent examples from MPs comments. In the past someone like Enoch Powell would be forced to resign for his comments but today some party leaders seem to support their MPs. It is seen as being tough on the racial justice and asylum issues where as kindness and empathy are seen as a weakness. Mr Reddie reminded us that as Christians we are all made in God's image so we must treat all our fellow human beings with dignity. All refugees and asylum seekers must be treated hospitably rather than harshly using the Good Samaritan as an example. For the Church, anti-racism is not optional but integral to discipleship and public witness.

Mr Reddie, who has helped CTBI develop resources for Racial Justice Sunday suggested that racial justice should not be confined to one Sunday each year but embedded in the Church's weekly life. These resources can be used at anytime and he encouraged us to share them widely . <https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Racial-Justice-Sunday-resource-2026.pdf> He challenged participants to carry forward three questions — the “3 Rs” — after leaving the comfort of the webinar: **Remember** the importance of racial justice and the fact that racism is a reality not only in church but in society **Reflect** on the fact there is human diversity which is a gift of God . It is not something we should be ashamed of or frightened about but something we should affirm. And thank God for. **Respond** by working to end injustice, racism and ignorance through prayer and action All Christians are called to be prophetic on questions of racism.

You can view the full webinar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nf4ATixjK10>

WHAT YOU LOVE CAN CHANGE THE PLACE WE LOVE : GIVE A DAY TO KENDAL

People in Kendal are being asked what they're “bothered about” – and what could be done to address these issues. Give a Day to Kendal 2026 aims to bring together the people with a passion for making a change with the volunteers who could get involved to make that difference. It might be to tidy up an unloved area, a local facility in need of support, or a DIY-SOS style makeover - to take place throughout the first week of June 2026 which is national Volunteers Week. The ideas must come from the community, and be community-focused, so they deliver tangible, positive and enduring outcomes for the residents, groups and neighbourhoods in Kendal. These might be based around community spaces, schools, cultural or sports facilities, and should aim to make life better for people, the climate and biodiversity, health and wellbeing or accessibility, for example. Each project will have a Community Champion or small team who lead the project, with support from the Give a Day to Kendal team.

Over the coming months the hunt will be on to identify a number of different projects across Kendal to be undertaken during Volunteers Week, and to recruit the willing individuals to help deliver these projects. Volunteers could sign up on their own, or with a team from their school or neighbourhood. Give a Day to Kendal is also looking to local employers who have corporate responsibility programmes to get involved, for example through workforce volunteering schemes and/or sponsoring some of the cost of materials where relevant. The projects should present a challenge but be achievable within the timeframe. There is no direct funding available from the organisers: projects must be achievable without paid funding, relying instead on donated time, skills, materials or equipment from volunteers, local organisations or businesses. Wherever possible, materials, tools and expertise should be sourced locally to support community connections and reduce environmental impact.

Give a Day to Kendal has previously delivered projects including creating a vegetable garden and raised bed garden at Eskdale House, a supported living scheme for adults with learning disabilities. Organisations and individuals donated time, expertise, materials, and machinery to make it happen. It is hoped that scaling up Give a Day to Kendal in 2026 will enable more people to experience the buzz of volunteering on a worthwhile project and deliver more benefits to Kendal.

Give a Day to Kendal 2026 is being coordinated by Churches Together in Cumbria, Cumbria CVS, Kendal Town Council and Westmorland and Furness Council. Projects will be considered from Kendal and the immediate satellite villages including Oxenholme, Natland, Brigsteer and Burneside, within a 3 mile radius of Kendal Town Hall.

Jonny Gios, who is chairing Give a Day to Kendal 2026, said “I'm really excited to see Give a Day to Kendal grow and flourish. It can only develop by more people getting involved and making a difference however small. All those small generous acts can be infectious and build a greater community spirit for all residents. If you're at all bothered about any part of Kendal, why not get involved with many others who want to make a difference in our beautiful town.”

Councillor Helen Chaffey, the Westmorland and Furness Cabinet Member for Communities, Customer Services, Culture and Communications, added: “I am delighted to see Give a Day to Kendal is growing bigger, which will mean more lasting impacts for the communities of Kendal, and more people getting to experience the benefits of giving a day as a volunteer. This is Community Power in action: empowering individuals to make a difference to where they live, bringing significant wider benefits for all.” Anyone wishing to nominate a project should visit the Cumbria CVS website: [What you love can change the place we love: Give a Day to Kendal | Cumbria CVS](https://www.cumbria-cvs.org.uk/) . Give a Day to Kendal 2026 looks forward to hearing from you – and seeing you in the first week of June!

Please visit the Westmorland and Furness YouTube channel <https://youtu.be/JnkKiSNZW8A> for this video explaining more about Give a Day to Kendal 2026 which also shows how the Eskdale House transformation was carried out.

LANCASHIRE MOVEMENT FOR RECOVERY SUMMIT

On 20 January 2026, leaders, practitioners and volunteers from across Lancashire gathered at St Luke's Blackburn for the Lancashire Movement Summit — a significant moment for the growing Movement for Recovery.

The summit brought together people from faith communities, charities, the NHS, local authorities and civic services to explore how we can work more intentionally across sectors to address health inequalities, social isolation and increasing pressure on public services. Throughout the day, a shared conviction emerged: lasting change happens through relationships, trust and collaboration rooted in local neighbourhoods.



Starting with a keynote address from Dr Andy Knox (left), interim medical director of the Integrated Care Board, speakers and workshops highlighted the vital role that faith and community networks already play in supporting wellbeing, alongside practical tools for mapping activity, strengthening partnerships and reducing duplication. Stories from across Lancashire showed how welcoming spaces, community hubs and social prescribing partnerships are already making a difference.

Joanne Holland, Places of Welcome national coordinator said "I loved the modern link to the story of the Good Samaritan and how it relates to the great and inspirational work being carried out by individuals and groups across the region to bring hope and real solutions. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop connection, learn from and with each other and realise how much more we can achieve when we work together."

Mark Reynolds, Community projects officer, Lancashire County Council commented "It was a fantastic event bringing people from the VCFSE* sector together with statutory organisations to celebrate shared values, strengthen relationships and harness the collective power of partnership to create lasting positive change for communities across Lancashire."

*Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise

James Lawrence, canon missionary, Blackburn cathedral reflected "It really was a great day, I learnt a lot. The highlight for me was the community spirit among practitioners: people coming together to support, challenge, and encourage one another in a very practical way".

Mapping the County: Understanding Need and Faith-Based Impact

As part of an evolving strategy, Movement for Recovery Lancashire is working closely with the Gather Movement – a national network that supports Church unity movements across the UK, to explore how we can better understand and respond to the needs of our County.

One of the tools is service mapping: a process of gathering data that reveals what the Church (and wider faith communities) are already doing through activities such as food banks, toddler groups, youth mentoring programmes, refugee support, elderly care, debt advice, and mental health initiatives.

For both civic authorities, churches and faith groups, mapping offers a shared evidence base to:

- Celebrate and make visible the scale and diversity of what the faith sector is already doing.
- Identify where partnerships can have the most impact.
- Inform better decision-making and resource allocation.
- Avoid duplication and build on existing strengths.

As we seek to strengthen collaboration between civic and faith leaders across Lancashire, mapping provides the insight needed to work more strategically, effectively, and fairly. It helps create a joined-up picture of the County, revealing both the pain points and the potential for healing and hope.

For more information about mapping, and how to undertake it in YOUR part of the county, get in touch with me – details below

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CHRISTIAN AID CHANGEMAKERS CONFERENCE 2026

Saturday, 14 March - 10:00 am

During the conference, we'll shine a spotlight on the incredible work of our trusted partner organisation – Beacon of Hope. Beacon of Hope is a faith-based NGO in Kenya, and we've partnered with them since 2021 on projects that create economic opportunities and strengthen the social wellbeing of communities living in Nairobi's informal settlements.



You'll hear about their inspiring initiative, Imarisha Kilimo – which means “strengthen agriculture” in Swahili. This project is helping families in Dagoretti, Kenya, build sustainable livelihoods through improved farming practices.

Join us to discover powerful stories of change, explore creative fundraising ideas, and learn how, together, we can make a lasting impact in the fight against poverty.

How can I join Changemakers 2026? You'll be able to join our 2026 conference in one of three ways.

Our in-person London Event

The conference runs from 10:00am–1:00pm, featuring powerful speakers, inspiring stories, and a first look at our fundraising resources. After lunch, dive into interactive workshops and seminars from 2:00pm–4:00pm to spark ideas and connect with fellow fundraisers. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/events/changemakers-conference>

One of our in-person Regional Watch Parties

From 10.30am-2pm churches and Christian Aid groups across England are hosting watch parties, live-streaming the conference. Join fellow supporters to share fundraising ideas, get inspired, and be part of the movement. Find your nearest watch party and make a difference! <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/events/changemakers-conference/regional#register>

Livestream from Home

From 10.30am-1pm watch the conference live from the comfort of your home or office—and why not invite friends round to share the experience? Grab a coffee, tune in, and be part of the movement wherever you are.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/events/changemakers-conference/online>

CHRISTIANS MARCH TOGETHER

Walk on 28th March to show that that we stand together for love, hope, compassion and justice in the face of those who bring division, hate and the injustice of climate denialism. The Together Alliance which is organising this march is a large coalition of civil society organisations, including environmental and faith groups, and along with other Christian organisations we have joined the alliance because we believe that a better world is possible, and our faith calls us to participate in making that happen.

We invite supporters, volunteers, parish groups to walk with us. Join JRS UK group htas we stand together for a society where everyone can find safety, belonging, and hope.

Your presence will be an important witness to a world where all are welcomed with love.



People of all faiths and none are welcome, as are new and old supporters alike. To help us plan, please fill in the form below if you're planning on coming. We'll have badges, banners, t-shirts and more for everyone walking with us!

<https://forms.fillout.com/t/taUVQsj1dyus>



HEALING FROM CONFLICT Joint Peace Conference 24th-26th April 2026, Kents Hill Park, Milton Keynes

This ecumenical conference with Pax Christi, FoR, CHIPS, APF and Church and Peace invites speakers and participants to explore the question of how individuals and communities truly heal after conflict to pave the way for peace, justice and hope. Over a weekend of learning, reflection, and connection, we will consider how genuine healing can pave the way for communities to flourish in peace, justice, and hope.

The programme will include keynote talks, panel discussions, practical workshops, and creative sessions, alongside dedicated space to meet others who share a passion for peacemaking. Together, we will draw on experience, wisdom, and imagination to explore pathways toward healing and renewed community life. It will include prayer and worship, yet we warmly welcome participants and speakers of all faiths and beliefs. Live interpretation will be provided between French, English and German for the main sessions. Speakers to be announced soon!

For more information and to book your place <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/jointpeaceconference/1973949>

Full weekend individual room: £230. Day tickets are available from between £25 and £90.

Please get in touch with Aisling at education@paxchristi.org.uk if you would like to know more about the possibility of a subsidised place.

WHAT'S ON AT BOARBANK?
Boarbank Hall, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, LA11 7NH



New programme for 2026

Thinking Faith 13th-14th March 2026 Lent Zoom weekend: What is Love? Friday and Saturday 8-9.30 p.m., talks, conversation, Compline. Time out for working Catholics.

Craft Weekend 1st-3rd/4th May 2026 Bring your own arts or crafts, enjoy working and sharing together.

Two Wings and Some Prayers 9th-14th/16th May 2026 Prayer, walks and birdwatching, with a focus on learning birdsong.

Our Lady in Latin 10th-12th/13th July 2026 Learn about the Latin and the music of our best known hymns to Our Lady. Beginners welcome.

Thinking Faith: Mary, Mother of God 1st-8th August 2026 Time out for working Catholics.

St Augustine on the Psalms 22nd-26th/28th August 2026 All welcome.

Re-Creation! 1st-6th/8th October 2026 Renegise your commitment to living your faith in hope in a world of ecological challenges. Talks, fun, conversations, art, liturgy, gardening, walks. All welcome.

Credo! 23rd-25/26th October 2026 Follow up to Our Lady in Latin, on the Creed and the Mass.

Hope in Health 4th-6/7th December 2026 For all who support or care for anyone who is sick, professionals and others.

We will also include our Thinking Faith Advent Zoom retreats. Dates to be confirmed.

For more information or booking, email margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk. Website: www.boarbankhall.org.uk

ALSO

Lancaster Diocese Environmental Justice Group would like to invite you to a Day of Reflection on 18th July for parish Laudato Si' representatives, or those interested in encouraging Care for Creation through their schools and parishes and among their fellow-parishioners.

This will be an informal day of meeting, greeting and sharing in the lovely, peaceful, surroundings of Boarbank Hall.

We envisage the following timetable:

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| 10 am Mass | 10.30 am Coffee and introductions |
| 11.00 am Reflection by Sr Margaret Atkins: 'Inspiration from our faith' followed by time to pray, reflect and enjoy the garden and chapel, including | |
| 11.50 am Midday Prayer | 12.30 pm Lunch provided (outside if fine weather) |
| 2 pm Sharing what we are doing within the diocese; sharing challenges and solutions. | |
| 3.30 pm Tea and departure | |

There is support with travel costs available for those who need it.

We much look forward to hearing from you.

With every good wish, in Christ,

The Diocesan Environmental Justice Group

Stephen Garsed (Diocesan Environmental Lead)

Sue Grubic (Diocesan Faith & Justice Worker)

Sr Margaret Atkins (Boarbank Hall)

If you are interested in attending or would like any more information, please contact Sue Grubic at ldfsue@gmail.com or text her on 07791444417



In a recent podcast (January 28th) of the Britain Palestine Project, host Diana Safie was joined by Rabbis Dr Dana Sharon and Anton Goodman.

Rabbi Dr Dana Sharon is Director of the Rabbis Network at Rabbis for Human Rights. Ordained at Hebrew Union College, where she now teaches, Dana is also a board member of Women of the Wall. She works across Jewish denominations to ground human rights advocacy in religious and ethical traditions.

Rabbi Anton Goodman is an Orthodox Jewish activist and Director of Partnerships at Rabbis for Human Rights. He works extensively in the West Bank on protective presence, humanitarian accompaniment, and advocacy. He is a member of the Global Diplomacy Lab and has published widely on conflict resolution

Rabbis for Human Rights is an Israeli NGO grounded in Jewish ethical and religious values made up of rabbis and Jewish educators from across the religious spectrum. They work to promote human rights, equality and justice grounded in Jewish ethical and religious values. They advocate for the rights of Palestinians living under occupation particularly in the West Bank and amongst other activities they run protective presence programs to protect Palestinian communities facing settler violence and displacement.

Background to Rabbis for Human Rights: Anton explained how this was founded at a time of crisis during the first intifada over 30 years ago. Since then until today there has been a process of interactions, of engagements and of really seeing the situation of human rights on the ground in Palestinian society in the West Bank. For them it is a faith-based approach. They believe in the sanctity of life and this is something that can actually bring them closer together with their Palestinian peers who share these values of the sanctity of all human life and human dignity. They feel shared identity helps change and stops the slide towards brutality that they are facing in their Israeli society. They look outwards at their Palestinian peers and look inward at their Israeli peers and try to engage with both populations.

The conversation explores how faith-based activism is being used to confront and resist extremist settler violence, forced displacement, and systemic human rights abuses faced by Palestinian communities in the West Bank - particularly in Area C. Speaking in a personal capacity, Dana and Anton reflect on the moral, theological, and practical dimensions of their work, from protective presence and olive harvest accompaniment to advocacy within Israeli institutions.

Anton introduced the conversation by suggesting they are in dark times in a brutal period where they are seeing such human suffering and the lack of human rights in their region. He feels that what they are experiencing is not just a crisis of geopolitics or of diplomacy or of military strength but a crisis of identity, a crisis of faith. And this is the moment that they come together as Rabbis for Human Rights as a faith-based organization who advances activism against the extremist settler violence that the Palestinian communities are facing in the West Bank.

Dana adds: The Rabbis Network holds 170 rabbis from all across Jewish sects. We're the only rabbinic organization that is non sectoral or, if we're borrowing from Christianity, ecumenical. We're very committed to that. What we're trying to do is be both activists taking care of our neighbours while at the same time objecting to other Jewish values that are now echoing through the Israeli public sphere in a way that we find to be extremely problematic. We have seen religion weaponized in this region in a very scary way with a very harmful outcome. So I think we're trying, and here our interfaith work comes in massively, to deweaponize religion and not only deweaponize it but then use it as a vehicle to promote common values of peace, justice, equality and equity.

Human rights on the ground in the West Bank Anton speaks: The most important area for us is area C of the West Bank. Area C is 60% of the West Bank but sparsely populated by only about 10% of the Palestinian population. And area C is the area where there is no sign or trace of the Palestinian Authority. It is just the Israeli army and police.

There we are experiencing communities who have been disenfranchised of personal security on any kind of agency over their lives, on their ability to make a living, to live freely, to have freedom of movement or for their children to go to school. This is the area that the most extremist settlers are taking advantage of and with complete impunity are carrying out terrible attacks and real human rights abuses.

He then gives two examples he has recently personally experienced the previous week (January 22-29) He feels both should be spoken about very loudly because you see people who have no control over what's happening to them. These are the most vulnerable within our society and this is the most important category to care for.

One involves the Bedouin community of Ras 'Ein al 'Auja in the South Jordan Valley. This was probably the largest Bedouin community in that region of area C. with 135 families, 7800 people, maybe more were already displaced persons. These are Bedouin tribes who in 1948 in Israel's war of independence and the Nakba were displaced from the Negev. They found their way to this area of the South Jordan Valley under Jordanian rule. Then in 1967 when Israel conquered the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the the Golan Heights and more, they fell under Israeli hands. So we're talking about a community that's been displaced

throughout by these kind of military endeavors that have happened around them and are totally irrelevant to their existence. These are people who live within the desert and know how to make that work. The conditions that these tribes are living in are not easy. The South Jordan Valley is notoriously hot. One of the reasons that they had resettled in this area all those 70 years ago was the natural water source, the head of the spring near Auja which gives some kind of sustainability to this community that has lived there for many years.

Three or four years ago there started to be extremist settler interest in the area and the setting up of a number of illegal outposts. These illegal outposts grew over time and pursued an incessant campaign of intimidation, of violence and of arson - what we call terrorism. And this terrorism last week came to a head and all 135 families successfully expelled from Ras 'Ein al 'Auja. This was not being carried out by the government of Israel or by the army of Israel but by a militia, nothing less than a militia of settlers. And yet it is being tacitly supported by the government of Israel with the extremists who are in office and it is being ignored by the Israeli army. It took years for the Bedouin tribes to leave, but it ended the conquest of their lands. And I was there the day that it happened that the settlers came, plowed up a huge area of the village and cut off the families water supply, their electricity and their access to the outside world which made it intolerable for them to stay.

Then last night (January 28th 2026) there was a mass attack further south in MasaferYattra in the area in the South Hebron hills. It was a planned very large attack of settlers coming in from a nearby outpost, but obviously having drawn more hilltop youth in for their attack and descending on four different small, some of them very small, Bedouin Palestinian communities. This is in an area where these displaced people who have been living there for decades, have already suffered and there's been major attacks of arson, stealing over 150 head of sheep and many Palestinians who are still in hospital. The whole MasaferYattra region is suffering. We feel the pain for their community members today as well. It's hard not to feel it when you know the community members, when you see people as equals and have a human experience with them. And so the work that we're trying to do is to develop that muscle, that empathy, and that solidarity in the hope that it can make a difference to the human rights situation on the ground. This has been the theory for a number of years and we've been trying to push this forward. If there is real resistance to the human rights abuses in the occupied territories, something that is really credible and loud towards the Israeli public, then this can play a role in changing attitudes.

At the moment, we're seeing that the extremist settlers are acting much more quickly than we can. And this feels like a losing battle with what is happening in the West Bank. And so, it's with a heavy heart that I share what we're doing that comes from a faith place because it's also very upsetting and disappointing to see such terrible things taking place. Basic justice is the whole reason that religions and our religion were created and we have numerous texts and sources that back us up on the deep respect and advance of human rights that is in our tradition. And during these hard times, we're seeing that flaunted in a completely opposite direction.

In the Knesset Today I was in the Knesset and I was attending a hearing of the internal security Knesset committee about a law entitled 'mandatory death sentence for terrorists'. I can't imagine this law will pass because it is such an irrational and violent law that opposes most of the Israeli legal books that exist. But to see the Knesset discussing death rather than life and saying that this was an acceptable Jewish opinion, this is what we're facing and this is what we're fighting against. We don't believe that we're alone. And something that gives us strength is the work that we do with our Palestinian partners.

Planting justice project. Dana speaks: We are planting over 2,000 olive trees in the West Bank and providing an opportunity for hundreds of people to come to experience what is happening. We only go where we are asked to because we feel there is so much imposition going on with these communities that imposing our presence is definitely counterproductive. So we only go where we're openly invited. The communities who invite us know that they're working with a Jewish Israeli organization. And that is also something that we take really seriously because we do think partnerships should be equal and everybody should be treated with respect and dignity.

Sharing the Olive harvest. We do this with the olive harvest as well. When olive harvest is going well, these are really wonderful days Harvesting olives with Palestinian farmers who are facing either intimidation or violence to get to their lands is a long running project. The olive tree has so much religious significance that for us all, Palestinians and Jews, and coming together harvesting physically brings us close together. We hope that most of the days that's what happens. But that's not always what happens. And last season we had a very violent olive harvest.

We have seen farmers being threatened for inviting us. We've seen people who come to help, Jewish American citizens, being detained. One of our lovely partners who's a Jew, a German pastor who came to retire here, lives in Psanina and does incredible work with the local community, was detained for many hours and the Israeli government is threatening not to renew his visa. So that is really devastating.

And then I think that the hardest day from our perspective in what was already a quite a difficult week was when we were escorting a group of American rabbis. We had a group of volunteers to pick olives at the plot of a farmer we've been working with for many years. At some point throughout the day, a recent outpost that has been hustling and pushing and bullying the local residents for some time now, unleashed a drone on us. It was a huge military drone zigzagging above our heads and by design or by mistake it ended up hitting me in my arm in three places. Fortunately for me, Samir, our field coordinator, is a trained first responder. So, he was able to patch some things up which meant I didn't get infected and I was able to come out quite all right. Unfortunately for them, the drone broke from hitting me. One of the Israeli media outlets reported that I assaulted a drone! The people who came to retrieve the drone, dressed in full military uniforms, carrying what looked like a military issued weapon, decided to shoot at

us when we told them that we refused to give them the drone because that's tampering with evidence. Of course, we called the police and the Israeli army many times. Nobody came.

So, this is where we're at. This is how deeply law enforcement here is discriminatory and how much the police and the military police and the people who are supposed to be maintaining some kind of law and order in the West Bank are failing completely to an extent where it feels very intentional against obviously Palestinians but also Israeli human rights activists. I think for me something that is so hurtful is the lack of accountability.

Anton and Dana went on to consider questions put in the chat box.

You can find the full podcast on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dUffITFcdM>

DIARY

MARCH

2 Christian Aid Lunch 12 noon – 1.30 pm Wesley Methodist Church St. John Street Chester CH1 1DA (catered by the cathedral)

6 World Day of Prayer service prepared by the women of Nigeria 'I will give you rest, come' <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

8 International Women's Day roundtable discussion on line 7 – 8.30 pm see page 3

9 Christian Aid Lunch 12 noon – 1.30 pm Wesley Methodist Church St. John Street Chester CH1 1DA (catered by St Werburgh's & City Road Presbyterian church)

12 Merseyside Pax Christi meeting 2 pm at Quaker Meeting House, 22, School Lane Liverpool L1 3BT. All welcome

13- 14 Boarbank Hall Thinking Faith Lent zoom weekend 'What is Love ?' 8-9.30 p.m page 9

14 Christian Aid Change Makers conference from 10 am in London and on line more details page 8

16 Visit to Liverpool of Nicholas Paz of the Pax Christi International Nonviolence Initiative. Open meeting: ' Non Violence- a Radical Response to our Violent World' at 6.30pm at Quaker Meeting House, 22, School Lane Liverpool L1 3BT. All welcome. (drinks available from 6.00pm, bring sandwiches) see <http://www.paxchristi.org.uk> and local contact Jan Harper 07591082195 email janharper20211@outlook.com

17 St. Patrick's Day Although not listed as a specific event, many local parishes and communities will mark this day with Masses and gatherings to celebrate the patron saint of Ireland. Please check with your local parish for details of services, prayer meetings, or community lunches. This is also a wonderful opportunity to reflect on themes of peace and unity, continuing the spirit of Lent with fellowship and generosity.

20 Christian Aid Lent Lunch 12 – 1.30 pm Hoole URC, Hoole Road, Chester 18 Kilmorey Park Avenue Chester, CH2 3QU

28 Christians March Together – in London see page 8

APRIL

4 EASTER SUNDAY

9 Merseyside Pax Christi meeting 2 pm at Quaker Meeting House, 22, School Lane Liverpool L1 3BT. All welcome

25 NJPN Day in Sheffield 'Shining the light on Food and the Environment' see page 2

MAY

1 – 3/4 Craft Weekend Boarbank Hall, Grange-over-sands, Cumbria see page 9

9-14/16 Two Wings and Some Prayers Boarbank Hall, Grange-over-sands, Cumbria see page 9

10 – 16 Christian Aid Week <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

14 Merseyside Pax Christi meeting 2 pm at Quaker Meeting House, 22, School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BT. All welcome

16 NJPN 'Shining the light in an All Night Vigil ' on line page 2

15 International Conscientious Objectors' Day <https://nationaltoday.com/international-conscientious-objectors-day/>

21 Feast of Blessed Franz Jägerstätter Pax Christi's updated pack with biographical information and ready to use service and reflections £6 available from <https://paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/bl-franz-jagerstatter/>

Advance notice JUNE 5 World Environment Day <https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day>

11 Merseyside Pax Christi meeting 2 pm at Quaker Meeting House, 22, School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BT. All welcome

JULY 18 Lancaster Diocese Environmental Group Day of Recollection at Boarbank Hall see page 9

24-26th ' Just Talk ' NJPN Conference at Swanwick NB Bookings after May 15th incur booking surcharge

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National Justice and Peace Network <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/>

Independent Catholic News <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/>

NW NJPN Bulletin produced by Anne O'Connor <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/category/njpn-north-west/>

Actions and Reflection Suggestions for a Livesimply

Lent 2026



Livesimply challenges us to respond to God's call to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor.

St. Alban's Justice and Peace Group invite you to use this calendar to help you live more simply each day during Lent

J/P



Livesimply Prayer

Compassionate and loving God,
you created the world for us to share,
a world of beauty and plenty.
Create in us a desire to live simply,
so that our lives may reflect your
generosity.

Creator God,
you gave us responsibility for the earth,
a world of riches and delight.
Create in us a desire to live sustainably,
so that those who follow us
may enjoy the fruits of your creation.

God of peace and justice,
you give us the capacity to change,
to bring about a world that mirrors your
wisdom.

Create in us a desire to act in solidarity,
so that the pillars of injustice crumble
and those now crushed are set free,
Amen.

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What is CAFOD?

The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development is the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. With the purpose of reaching out to people living in hard-to-reach places, in war zones and those who are discriminated against.

With the belief that if one of us is hurt, hungry or abandoned, we all are hurt, hungry and abandoned. No one should be beyond the love and support they need to live a dignified life.

CAFOD are part of one of the largest aid networks in the world and a member of a global Church network with a presence in 165 countries. The local Church is trusted even in the most dangerous countries, regions and communities regardless of religion. This means that your support will help those who are truly in need. The local experts help some of the most difficult-to-reach people in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. They help anyone regardless of faith, gender and ethnicity.

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