



What about Climate Change now?

With the referendum, Brexit, terrible stories from Calais and the coast of Libya, what's happened to climate change? My MP, David

Lammy, recently told me that **Climate had been off the agenda for him since the financial crash of 2008.** His thinking illustrates that of many of us. Involved with the poverty and racism in South Tottenham, David has not engaged with the climate change issue. But a key insight of Laudato Si' is that justice and ecology are intertwined: **'Today, we have to realise that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach: it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'**, said Pope Francis

The new Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development focuses on just such integrality. It is up to us to bring social

justice and ecology together: we think of the pollution on our big arterial roads in inner-city areas, and the fight for cheaper energy for those on pre-payment meters, an unfair tax on low income households.

Our diocese is encouraging us all to lower our parish energy consumption,

(<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/sep/01/churches-salvation-army-fossil-fuel-electricity>)

and we are going ahead with no less than 3 important meetings this Autumn. **See the details below.** We are all on board: CARITAS, CAFOD and J&P! Join us with a group from your parish—preferably with a spread of experience, to bring about a greener tomorrow! *Barbara Kentish*

Stop Press! The two biggest polluters, the US and China, have just ratified the Paris Climate Agreement. There's hope for the planet ...



LAUDATO SI AND CARE FOR CREATION—WHERE NEXT?

Autumn series of events on local and global effects of climate change, Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' and practical ways you can get involved. Range of exhibitors and talks with addresses from CAFOD, Justice and Peace and Caritas.

Sponsored by Justice & Peace Westminster, Caritas Westminster and CAFOD.

HITCHIN—Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew 24 September, 10am-1pm

CHISWICK—Our Lady of Grace and St Edward 1 October, 10am-1pm

KENSINGTON—Our Lady of Victories 15 October, 10.30 am—1.30pm

Please RSVP to barbarakentish@rcdow.org.uk with name and preferred venue.

Calais update—French closures, donor fatigue ... but a note of hope from Secours-Catholique/CARITAS FRANCE in Calais See overleaf

Turkey's coup of 15th July *Unity in the midst of crisis?* This was the title of the talk given by Professor Sinan Ciddi, (Georgetown University) at SOAS on 31 August: a personal observation on the state of Turkish politics and their involvement in Syria. Interestingly the "jury is out", on the question of the full depth of who was involved in the failed coup; the silence of other nations on the matter is significant. The role of the exiled cleric Fethullah Gülen and his extradition is still not clear, but President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is clearly strengthening his stranglehold on power in Turkey. The invasion of Syria and the oppression of the Kurds, Yazidi, and Christians are part of the whole scenario. The players like Russia, USA, Israel etc. leave the bystander very confused. Thanks to all who continue the struggle for justice, peace, care of creation and human rights. *Joe Ryan, Chair J&P*



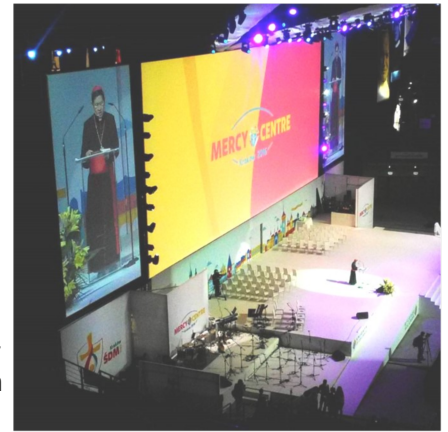
World Youth Day Krakow 2016 and Justice and Peace

World Youth Day was unusually justice-focused, with a number of justice and peace events in the news cycle. There was the fundamentalist violence in Europe and post-Brexit uncertainty, and more locally, ongoing friction between the Polish government and the Vatican over immigrants' rights there. *Continued overleaf*

World Youth Day Krakow 2016 and Justice and Peace *continued from p1*

But a festive atmosphere prevailed, and by the time our groups' week came to a close, our vision of justice and peace was a thoroughly positive one. The natural passion for justice and peace among the young was stoked by the release of the DOCAT* – a distilled and updated version of the Compendium of Social Doctrine – and an inspiring homily from the Pope which challenged us to “get off the couch” and convert the spirit of WYD into social action at home. During and after the pilgrimage, I talked to friends and fellow pilgrims about how they were inspired or affected by the experience. Most of us were enthused, not merely from the experience, but also from the interfaith nature of a lot of what was expressed. Far from just making us “more Catholic”, it seems that the spirit of WYD made us more inclined to bring that Christian spirit into the public sphere. “It’s all about ‘walking doctrine,’” said one young pilgrim. “It challenges us to actually to live what we believe... The media put out a lot of doubt about our generation, that maybe we’re lazy or not interested in social action. I hope World Youth Day can help put that to rest.” *Now available from the CTS

Edmund Dean



Letter from Calais Secours-Catholique/ CARITAS FRANCE

Dear British Friends,

After a long struggle, we are finally able to host asylum seekers in our new building in town, 39 rue Moscou, in CALAIS! For us, it's about having the ability to receive our migrant friends in a different setting, in town, in a more dignified way, for a distribution of clothes where they can have a choice, without needing to queue and with a different type of welcome, which is not possible in the Jungle. **So from September we will resume with two major distributions per month for a few hundred people at a time. For this we need donations in quantities because there are 9,000 people and we are short of everything!**

Please no women and children's clothes- only clothes for men and focusing on small sizes (S and M). Jeans, jogging trousers, T-shirts, sweaters, underclothing, backpacks, hiking boots and sneakers, coats, blankets, sleeping bags, scarves, gloves, hats. Washing powder ... We also always need bikes in large amounts. (No food please, we are not involved in food distribution)

You can deliver every Monday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon from 14h to 17h without appointment at our offices at 47 rue de Moscou, in Calais. We can also arrange appointments for sizeable deliveries. In which case please make an appointment with Christine in advance by email. Thank you for your participation in widely distributing this request and for your involvement.

Christine Descamps, volunteer manager of Migrant Relief locker room in Calais.
(M.christine.descamps@free.fr)

Vincent DE CONINCK, chargé de mission, Délégation du Pas de Calais, Tél. 03 21 15 10 20, Mob :06 84 41 35 17 www.secours-catholique.org

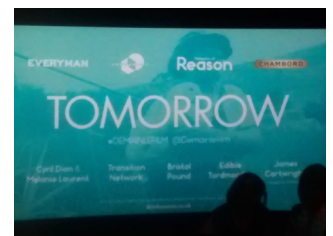
Trying to make things more permanent in the Jungle



Looking for 'green' inspiration I went to see the crowd-funded film 'Tomorrow', made and crowd-funded by French filmmakers in the run-up to the COP21 Paris talks. It features a wonderful spread of good-news stories from round the world, such as the greening of post-industrial Detroit, the Transition Town movement led by Rob Hopkins, the Incredible Edibles phenomenon of Todmorden in Yorkshire, and production without petrol in France. We CAN have a lower energy future! The film is not yet available in England for want of a big distributor, but watch this space.

PS I have a copy, but even with English subtitles and a lot of English-speaking interviews there is too much French untranslated for a parish audience.

Barbara Kentish



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The mystery person behind the events lists ..

Anne Lamont, our energetic volunteer and parishioner of St John Vianney's is a teacher. With a wide range of interests, she attends a good many events, particularly films! For us, she looks out for general justice and peace, climate, migrant and refugee issues and related church events. She also asks us to remind you that we are still beavering away on Fairtrade. Currently the EU is rejecting the anti-democratic Transatlantic Trade Partnership deal, which is good news for small farmers in developing countries. But it is not an easy world and Fairtrade continues to witness to another development model than mega-agribusiness. Anne has worked with CAFOD diocesan manager Tony Sheen to get the message out that by switching to Fairtrade products we can support the 'little man', and local community developments (*here she's organising the Fairtrade at Holy Apostles Pimlico, and below, talking to volunteer Amy Ashdown*).



Advance notices

Sat 1st Oct **Laudato Si and Care for Creation— where next?** Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' and practical ways you can get involved. Range of exhibitors and talks with addresses from CAFOD, Justice and Peace Westminster, Caritas Westminster and CAFOD. CHISWICK—Our Lady of Grace and St Edward 10am-1pm

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Introduction to Edible Forest Gardening 1- 2 October 2016 Course presented by ecological design practice Natural Flow. This two day course will cover: - how a forest garden functions, - design elements of a forest garden, - useful permaculture design principles, - building compost, biofertilisers

and soil fertility For more information contact hello@thequadrangletrust.com

Tues 4th Oct **Women as Agents of Change Panel Discussion** 6.30pm, St James's Church, Piccadilly. A panel of experts in their fields discuss the role of women in creating a fairer world for everyone. JustShare. Panellists will include: Christina Rees, CBE, writer, broadcaster and activist within the Church of England, Katie Allen, Policy & Programme Grants Manager Women for Women International, Anneke van Woudenberg, Dep. Director of the Africa Division, Human Rights Watch; Chaired by Rev Lucy Winkett

We Love Immigration - Comedy Benefit Evening Starts at 8.00pm at Leicester Square Theatre, 6 Leicester Pl, London WC2H 7BX Enjoy a night of comedy that unashamedly celebrates immigration and its fantastic impact on Britain while supporting the work of Migrants' Rights Network. TICKETS £21 full price, £15 concessions Buy your tickets here! <https://leicestersquaretheatre.ticketsolve.com/shows/873558674>

Wed 5th Oct **World Mission Day Conference** 10.30 am – 3.30pm at Heythrop College, W8 5HN Speaker: Fr Robert O'Neil MHM Learning from the past to shape the future: The contribution of the Church in England and Wales to overseas mission and its enduring legacy. Free: Lunch provided. Registration essential at: www.cmu.org.uk/conference or 01704 533708

The Death of God and the War on Terror (Theos Annual Lecture) lecture by Professor Terry Eagleton at One Birdcage Walk. Doors will open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start, and the lecture will be followed by a drinks reception. <http://www.onebirdcagewalk.com/contact-us> (venue phone number: 020 7973 1248). Please let us know by 14th September at the latest if you are able to attend by emailing events@theosthinktank.co.uk or telephoning 020 7828 7777.

Thurs 6th Oct **Business, Markets and the Common Good: the Challenge of Laudato Si'** 6.30pm

A public discussion with Speakers: Dr Sam Gregg, The Acton Institute, USA, Fr Augusto Zampini Davies, CAFOD, Sian Ferguson, The Sainsburys Family Trusts, Fr Séamus Finn MI, Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility, USA, Moderator: James Featherby, Chair of The Bible Society and the Church of England Ethical Investment Group at St Michael's Cornhill, City of London Entrance Free. Register via Eventbrite. <http://bit.ly/MarketsOct6> Presented by Together for the Common Good in association with the Benedict XVI Centre at St Mary's University Twickenham, CCLA, Social Stock Exchange and St Michael's, Cornhill.

Fri 7th Oct **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.** Weekend for CAFOD Harvest talks and distribution of envelopes in Parishes Sunday 2nd October Weekend of Harvest Fast Day second collection Sunday 9th October. Further information and resources: 0208 449 6970 or email us at westminster@cafod.org.uk

Sat 8-16 Oct **CAFOD Week of Action on the Climate.** See link for information and resources: <http://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/One-Climate-One-World/Speak-Up-week-of-action>

Sat 15th Oct **Laudato Si and Care for Creation— where next?** Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' and practical ways you can get involved. Range of exhibitors and talks with addresses from CAFOD, Justice and Peace Westminster, Caritas Westminster and CAFOD. KENSINGTON—Our Lady of Victories 15 October, 10.30 am—1.30pm Please RSVP to barbarakentish@rcdow.org.uk with your name and the venue you wish to attend.

Sat 22 Oct **Columban Missionaries present 'Sharing Gospel Joy - Perspectives on Mission in Today's World** at 11.30am – 4.30pm in Maria Fidelis RC School, Phoenix Rd, London NW1 1TA This event is offered on the eve of Mission Sunday especially for the people of Westminster Diocese, where Columbans are visiting parishes during 2016 for the annual Mission Appeal. We hope to have many of the parishes we have visited represented on the day, but spaces are limited. To book, please call 01564 772 096 or e-mail sharinggospeljoy@columbans.co.uk Free, but a voluntary donation of £5 per person is invited for the lunch.

Sun 13 Nov **Enfield Justice and Peace Group's 18th Fairtrade Fayre** in the Mount Carmel Centre, London Road, Enfield EN2 6DS from the end of the 9.15 Mass (about 10.10) until after the 12.00 noon Mass (about 13.30). (Note this is Remembrance Sunday)

WE CONTINUE TO CAMPAIGN FOR PARISHES TO AFFILIATE TO FAIRTRADE. LET'S MAKE WESTMINSTER A FAIRTRADE DIOCESE BY FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT, 2017! MORE INFO FROM CAFOD, JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION, FAIRTRADE FOUNDATION.

Justice, Peace and related events

- Thurs 1st Sept** **World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation.** Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. We prepare to celebrate the second annual World Day of Prayer in September 2016, inspired the landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared earth. See CAFOD at <http://cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/World-Day-of-Prayer>
Pope's Video requesting our prayers for Creation <http://seasonofcreation.org/>
"One Year to #StopDSEI" launch event 6.30pm, LIFT, 45 White Lion St, London, N1 9PW. Find out about actions against arms fairs that have happened around the world, meet inspiring people who disrupted the arms fair last time and get involved in planning to #StopDSEI for good. Organised by Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT)
- Sat 3rd Sept** **We Are All Migrants - Arts Event** (3-4th Sept) a weekend of art and events about attitudes towards migration. Starts 12 Sat at Gallery O London 92 Brick Lane, E1 5RL. Details ; <https://www.facebook.com/events/544260612442687>
Direct action to #StopDSEI training day. 11am-4pm, Britannia Village Hall, 65 Evelyn Road, West Silvertown, London, E16 1TU. Seen the videos of the fun and creative ways people have intervened in the arms fair's business? Come along to this training day to explore the site of the DSEI arms fair as well as the tactics we can use to stop it. Organised by Campaign Against the Arms Trade.(CAAT)
- Sun 4th Sept** **DOWRY OF MARY Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham** organised by Society of Our Lady of Lourdes in the week of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady. Coaches from Westminster Cathedral, Victoria (depart 7:30 am prompt). And from Golders Green. To book your ticket, please: Visit Padre Pio Bookshop, 264 Vauxhall Bridge Road, Victoria, London SW1V 1BB. Tel: 020 7834 5363. Or phone/text mobile 07424 86 53 54. Pre-paid tickets preferred but there may be stand-by on the day. £20 adults, £10 children.
- Tues 6th Sept** **The Byron Burger case - Panel Discussion.** 19.00 - 20.30 at SOAS, University of London, Room G3, WC1H 0XG. A closer look on the Byron Hamburgers case and the challenges it puts forward for trade unionists and others concerned with the rights of workers, the devastating consequences for the targeted workers and their families and important questions about employers' duty of care towards their workers. Co-hosted by SOAS Solidarity with Refugees & Displaced People. Free.
The Role of Faith in the future of the Labour Party 6pm Debate and discussion hosted by the Good Faith Partnership at the Oasis Centre, 1 Kennington Road, London SE1 7QP. Join Jeremy Corbyn, Owen Smith and senior leaders from Britain's faith communities in what to discuss the role of faith in the Labour movement, how the Party might better engage with faith communities and the role in the renewal of our politics and public life.
- Sat 10th Sept** **Caritas Westminster- Mass for Volunteers** will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols as part of the Jubilee of Mercy. Through their work your volunteers are practising the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, sharing God's love and compassion in their local communities. Celebrate volunteers and the difference their work makes to the lives of many people. The Mass will be BSL interpreted for those who are deaf. At Westminster Cathedral, London SW1 2pm
- Mon 12th Sept** **Meeting in Parliament: 'When is a refugee not a refugee?** The case of Eritrea as a paradigm for Africans seeking sanctuary' 12 Sep 2016 - 16:00 - 17:30 Committee Room 12, House of Commons, SW1A0AA Chair: Baroness Young of Hornsey. To register go to link <http://bit.ly/29OerEk> For questions please contact knea@parliament.gov.uk
- Heart to heart encounters** 6:00 PM St Ethelburga's Centre. Meeting to acknowledge Muslims' compassion for humanity, our shared grief for loss of lives and solidarity in the pursuit of peace on the 15th anniversary of the "9/11" tragedy. RSVP: Dr Zaza Elsheikh on 01322 314 820. zaza@bimagroup.org £8.00 towards cost of supper. St Ethelburga's Centre (BIMA), 78 Bishopsgate, EC2N 4AG
- Wed 14th Sept** **Caritas Volunteer Service Information Afternoon,** This afternoon will be a chance for you to hear what the Caritas Volunteer Service does, how it works, and how you can sign up volunteering opportunities. Time: 2:00-3:30pm Venue: Conference Room, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN Nearest Tube: Victoria. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk by Friday 9 September
- Sat 17th Sept** **Solidarity With Refugees March. Assemble 12.30 at Park Lane, London and march to Parliament Square.** Organised by Solidarity with Refugees. This September, world leaders will meet to discuss the refugee crisis at two crucial summits. This is the biggest opportunity of 2016 to show our Government and the world that Britain is ready to welcome more refugees.
Welcoming the stranger: Ecumenical service of hope for refugees 12pm – 12.45pm, then walk to the march in Park Lane at St James' Roman Catholic Church, Spanish Place, 22 George St, London W1U 3QY For booking see link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/welcoming-the-stranger-an-ecumenical-service-of-hope-for-refugees-tickets-27150534981>
CAFOD Supporters Day, CAFOD Westminster, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, N14 4HE. 10 am -12 pm. Hear from CAFOD's representative for Bolivia (focus of Harvest Day), Nikki Evans will give a first-hand account of CAFOD's work in Bolivia. Booking essentials: Call CAFOD Westminster volunteer centre on: 0208 449 6970 or email us at westminster@cafod.org.uk
- Tues 20th Sept** **Catholic Worker Refugee Vigils** resume at Home Office 12.30-1.30pm (1st Tues at Foreign Office, 3rd Tues at Home Office). Prayers for refugees and message of welcome.
- Wed 21st Sept** **What next after Paris? Faith for the Climate Symposium** Join our renowned speakers for an evening of sharing best practice and moving forward. For all concerned people, activists, NGOs and faith-based organisations. An evening of positive action! SPEAKERS: Bishop Nicholas Holtam, Dr Husna Ahmad, Sir David King and George Marshall. CO-CHAIRS: Rabbi Natan Levy, Maiya Rahman (Islamic Relief), Canon Giles Goddard (Operation Noah). From 17:00 to 21:00 (BST) at St. John's Church - 73 Waterloo Road, London, SE1 8TY Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-for-the-climate-tickets-25694181990>
- Sat 24th Sept.** **Richmond Park Walk for Christian Aid.** Family day out and raise funds for communities living in poverty around the world. Registration time: 10am Venue: Cambrian Centre, Richmond TW10 6SN Register to take part NOW! Contact rpw@christian-aid.org or call 0207 523 2061
- Sun 25th Sept** **People of the Earth Pilot Project (Deadline for applications)** Calling young Londoners concerned about the refugee crisis. If you are between 20 and 35 years old, don't miss this opportunity to apply for our innovative pilot refugee project, People of the Earth. Application deadline is Sunday 25 September.. Runs from October 2016 to February 2017. Organised by St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace. Details at <https://www.stethelburgas.org/people-earth>
- Tues 27th Sept** **Brexit: consequences for the UK and EU Citizenship or Monstrous Citizenship** When: 18:30 - 19:30 Where: Skeel Lecture Theatre - People's Palace, Queen Mary University of London 327 Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS. One of the key issues which appears to have moved the British public to vote to leave was EU citizens right to free movement, work and residence anywhere in the Union. Elspeth Guild will examine the issue of citizenship – EU and UK from a legal perspective in light of the political consequences of the BREXIT outcome. Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brexit-and-its-consequences-for-the-uk-and-eu-citizenship-or-monstrous-citizenship-professor-tickets-26919399649>