



Justice and Peace Newsletter – Corpus Christi 2018

**'You who fear him, trust in the Lord – he is their help and shield
(Psalm 115:11)**

**'The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion
(Psalm 116:5)**

Justice and Peace Fieldworker

We begin with great news that Paul Bodenham has accepted the role of J+P Fieldworker. Paul lives near Nottingham and has worked in policy advice for various organisations since 1990, mainly in the East Midlands. His experience includes issues affecting rural areas, economic strategy, community planning, funding for the voluntary sector and heritage. He has been active in faith-based initiatives such as establishing a 24-bed Foyer project at Newbury YMCA to give vulnerable and homeless young people a start in life. Paul has long recognised that climate change is the most urgent and complex crisis facing the world today. This led him to develop Operation Noah, to encourage the UK government to lead international negotiations to avert dangerous climate change, and to ensure fair shares for the poor in a cleaner world economy. He has recently been working on a campaign for a new economy which safeguards human dignity, justice and the environment.

National J+P Network Annual Conference 2018

This year's national conference takes place from Friday 20th until Sunday 22nd July at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbys., DE55 1AU. The event is in partnership with Housing Justice, Church Action on Poverty, Prison Advice and Care Trust; 'it is in the shelter of each other that the people live'. This will be a conference to explore the meaning of 'home' in the context of being a church for the poor.

Pax Christi AGM

The Pax Christi AGM 2018 will be held on Saturday 2nd June 2018 at Our Lady & St. Patrick's in the Meadows, Nottingham. All are welcome <http://paxchristi.org.uk/>
The event runs from 10-16.30 with Mass at 15.45, celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm. The

focus of the day is drones in warfare, and what can be done to challenge their use. Please bring and share lunch – there is a large car park and the church is one tram stop from Nottingham Station (towards Clifton South) – Queens' Walk.

J+P in the Multi-Academy Trust

September will see schools in the diocese join a new multi-academy trust (MAT). This provides a superb opportunity to raise the profile of J+P. The summer 2018 national J+P newsletter (<https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/cms/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Summer-2018.pdf>) features two teenagers who say "there is no community for us to join yet that lets us be active members... It would be great if the NJPN could help establish Justice and Peace groups within parishes and provide them with opportunities and ideas for action". Along these same lines, thought needs to be given to creating dialogue in MAT schools about J+P issues in order to lay the foundations and conditions for opening eyes and hearts to the world's injustices and how, by working together, we can challenge them.

Co-op Signs Anti-Slavery Charter

Co-op CEO Steve Murrells has contacted all his counterparts at FTSE100 companies (see <https://www.antislavery.org/co-op-signs-anti-slavery-charter/>) to encourage them to sign the Anti-Slavery International Charter. Co-op, on the 19th May 2018, was the first British company to do so. Supply chain transparency is essential to root out child labour, and assertion of the rule of law protects the vulnerable and poor. Please consider joining Steve Murrells and write to some FTSE100 CEOs to make your voice heard.

Save the Date

The Nottingham Diocese AGM will be held in at St. Hugh's, Lincoln on Saturday November 10th. The theme will be Catholic Social Teaching.