

Dear Justice and Peace Supporter,

In Hong Kong, Chile, Haiti, Catalunya, London, and Lebanon people are on the streets. Each place, and each protest is calling for different things, but they all are demanding that governments listen to what people are asking for. At the start of 2019 in his letter for Justice and Peace Sunday Bishop Nolan wrote about the importance of engaging with our political process. With Brexit dominating the headlines this can feel like more like a penance than an opportunity, but what we have seen through the Extinction Rebellion and Climate Strike events over the last year is that it isn't impossible to bring other important issues back into focus.

Next year Glasgow is going to host COP26. COP (short for 'Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change') is the gathering which gave us the Kyoto Protocol, and more recently the Paris Agreement, both recognised as serious attempts to bring nations together to address climate change. COP26 (the 26th meeting) is expected to be as critical as Kyoto or Paris. We have recognised the climate crisis that we are facing and now need to do everything to make sure that our government is taking concrete action to begin to limit and ultimately reverse the course which is currently being followed.

COP26 being in Scotland gives us a unique chance, and a unique responsibility to welcome the world and make our voices heard. Over the next year we will need to engage with political leadership, our friends, neighbours and allies across the country if we are to make the most of it

Danny (Co-ordinator)



The next **Dungavel Solidarity Gathering** will take place on **Sunday 24th November 2019 at 1pm**. Please join us for a peaceful witness at Scotland's only immigration detention centre in solidarity with those who are detained.
Strathaven ML10 6RF.

If you haven't already please consider booking to come along to the **Action For Churches Together in Scotland – Anti-human Trafficking Group** conference exploring the ethical and faith based response to **modern slavery** for both consumers and suppliers on **Saturday 2nd November 2019 at South Leith Parish Church**, (6 HENDERSON STREET EH6 6BJ), **9.30am – 4.30pm**.
Please note the venue for this event has changed since the advert appeared in our last newsletter.

Keynote speakers: Dame Sarah Thornton, UK Anti Slavery Commissioner and Dr. Elaine Storkey.
Book your place click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/selling-out-to-slavery-tickets-66016656597>

Your support is crucial if we are to achieve our aim of ending human trafficking in Scotland.



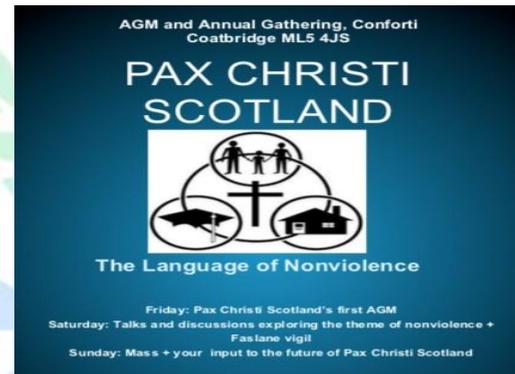
Encounter : Calais



As stories of lives lost and attempts to cross the Channel continue to make the news there is increasing awareness of the humanitarian disaster taking place at the UK border for thousands of vulnerable refugees. The **Integrating Life and Faith** group at **St Joseph's Church, Clarkston** are hosting Danny Sweeney (Justice and Peace Scotland) who will speak about the situation from his firsthand experiences as a volunteer with Care4Calais, one of the aid organisations on the frontline of the UK's hostile border policies. The evening will provide space for learning, reflection and discussion. **9th December, 7:30pm**. All are welcome.

Pax Christi Scotland are hosting a free weekend at the **Xaverian Missionaries' Conforti Institute** in Coatbridge from **8th – 10th November 2019**. The whole weekend is free of charge (thanks to the generosity of the Xaverian Missionaries, but donations are welcome), registering at 6pm on the Friday and leaving after Mass and our final session on the Sunday morning.

You can, of course, come along as and when you are able, but when you email Anna Sweeney (anna.sweeney@xavs.org) to book (compulsory), let her know when you will arrive and leave, and what your dietary requirements are. The first Pax Christi Scotland AGM will take place on the Friday evening, and we will welcome your input and nominations for office. On Saturday 9th November, there will be a range of talks and discussions on the theme of the language of nonviolence, as well as a vigil at Faslane. Sunday morning offers Mass and a final plenary session



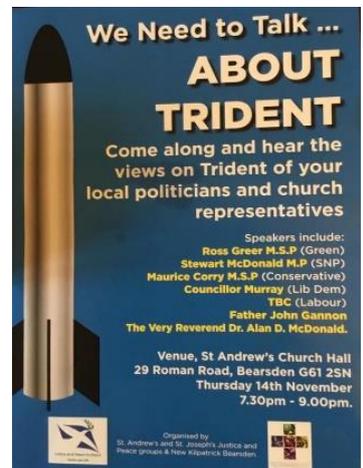
Saturday 16th November Bishop Nolan, President of Justice and Peace Scotland will be one of the speakers at '**Nuclear Disarmament – What Happens Next**' a Scottish Christians Against Nuclear Arms (SCANA) event at **St George's Tron Church**, 163 Buchanan Street Glasgow G1 2JX from **12 noon – 4pm**. Please come along and support SCANA in their work to rid Scotland of nuclear weapons.

We are continuing in our 40th anniversary to campaign for **Care for Creation** <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Campaigns/Environment/Care-for-Creation> New campaigns and themes are added each month



Please consider submitting a 500 word personal reflection for our weekly blog. Perhaps you are involved, (or know someone who is) in social justice work in the community or maybe you have been inspired by something you have read, heard or been to see recently, if so we love to hear about it, get in touch by email to frances.gallagher@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

We Need to Talk....about Trident - Thursday 14th November 7.30pm – 9pm at St Andrew’s Bearsden, Church hall, 29 Roman Road, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 2SN. Come along and hear the views on Trident of the local politicians as well as the church view. All Welcome. Speakers include: Ross Greer MSP (Green), Stewart McDonald MP (SNP), Maurice Corry (Conservative), Councillor Murray (Lib Dem), Fr John Gannon and The Very Rev Dr Alan McDonald.



Now available on the homepage of the **Justice and Peace Scotland website**, the **CST Quotes for 2020**. Quotes for each week of the year themed to match the Sunday scripture readings, or a significant social justice event in the coming week.

Download the document and use them every week in your parish or school newsletter or social media. Visit our website, or click [here](#).

Three years ago the Calais jungle was demolished and thousands of people displaced. Since then the situation hasn’t improved. As we face three years of this humanitarian disaster taking place at our borders Justice and Peace Scotland has compiled a **Calais Resource List** containing reports, news articles and videos which document and explore the situation. Suitable for anyone who wants to learn more about the background and current reality for those on the frontline of the hostile environment. Visit the **Justice and Peace Scotland website**, or click [here](#).



Those who were at our recent **Laudato Si’ -Care for our Common Home** conference were able to hear from the amazing speakers who contributed so much to the success of the day. If you were unable to be with us, or would like to share what you heard all the talks from the day are available on our **Youtube channel**. Click [here](#).

Music for Worship

A selection of music for praise, thanksgiving, and comfort inspired by faith.

Kutless – Carry me to the Cross <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BahULUIdf0>

Taize – Veni Sancte Spiritus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmxXwAgkhWQ>



Food for thought



Each edition we will try to bring something thought provoking, and perhaps challenging for you to reflect on. This edition we have three selections. First from Dispatches, looking at the UK's role in the ongoing conflict in Yemen.

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches/on-demand/69110-001>

With BAE helping to keep Saudi jets flying, and British military officers working in the Saudi Air Operations Centre, Dispatches investigates the extent to which the war in Yemen is made in Britain.

Our second is a trailer of the documentary For Sama

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsvBqtg2RM0>

For Sama is both an intimate and epic journey into the female experience of war. A love letter from a young mother to her daughter, the film tells the story of Waad al-Kateab's life through five years of the uprising in Aleppo, Syria as she falls in love, gets married and gives birth to Sama, all while cataclysmic conflict rises around her. Her camera captures incredible stories of loss, laughter and survival as Waad wrestles with an impossible choice—whether or not to flee the city to protect her daughter's life, when leaving means abandoning the struggle for freedom for which she has already sacrificed so much.

For Sama is due to be broadcast in the UK at 9pm on Saturday 26th October on Channel 4

The third item comes from The Guardian. A report filmed in 2016 as the Calais jungle was demolished. As we mark the three year anniversary of this event, and recognise that the situation is still unresolved.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfadGZO6lcs&t=>

Don't hesitate to be in touch with the Justice and Peace National office on 0141 333 0238 and please consider printing out a copy of our newsletter and leaving it at the back of your church, or sharing it with a friend in print, or by email.

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If you have any upcoming events, interesting articles, music selections you think would be good to share with the Justice and Peace network in Scotland please get in touch!