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News update from Christian CND

February 2019

Christians working and praying for a nuclear weapons-free world

Embassies Walk 12 March

Every year Christian CND members and supporters gather in London to visit diplomatic missions and discuss issues around nuclear weapons policy. This is part of our on-going international work and has become a key date in our calendar.

This year we are going to be visiting the Embassies of the non nuclear-armed NATO member states. As NATO is a nuclear-umbrella organisation, there is normally mixed opinion on moves aimed at nuclear disarmament. The Netherlands was the only NATO member state to attend the negotiations of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons following a motion passed by the Dutch parliament in support of attendance.

With 26 missions to visit, we need as many people to come with us as possible. We will be starting with a short service at St-Martin-in-the-Fields at 11am before sharing lunch together and heading off. We will be dividing into teams to cover the ground, and each team will be led by an experienced person, so there is no need to have done one of these walks before.

We hope to see you on Tuesday 12 March to continue our work towards a world free of nuclear weapons.

Sign up on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/552366845281483/>
or get in touch: 020 7700 4200 christians@cnduk.org



The walk will take place whatever the weather ... so dress appropriately!

Ash Wednesday

The annual Ash Wednesday Witness against nuclear weapons this year is on 6 March.

Glasgow: 2.45, South Gate, Faslane. Transport available from Glasgow, leaving at 1.30.

Contact glw@catholicworker.org.uk

Liverpool: Annual gathering in city centre. Organised by Pax Christi Liverpool. Contact JanHarper1@yahoo.co.uk

London: 3.00pm. Meet in Whitehall Gardens (closest to Embankment station.) and process around the Ministry of Defence to the front at Horseguards Avenue.

Organised by Pax Christi, Christian CND and London Catholic Worker. Details www.paxchristi.org.uk or 0208 203 4884.

CCND needs you!

After 23 years in the role our Treasurer Neil Berry is stepping down and we are seeking a replacement. Could you offer to fill this position?

Day to day finances are managed well by our office team, therefore this is largely an oversight role and not as demanding as it might sound. The role has involved the following elements, although there is the potential to review the precise nature of the role in the future:

1. Being a member of CCND national committee
2. Being a signatory to the account and one of the nominated persons for online banking; processing occasional transactions when the office staff is away
3. Reviewing income and expenditure transactions and producing quarterly summaries for committee meetings
4. Producing annual accounts for the AGM
5. Completing Corporation Tax returns and arranging any payment due
6. Oversight of the different bank/investment accounts holding our legacy money
7. Being a member of the grant committee

We are looking for someone to take over from the next AGM in October 2019. Neil will offer an induction/handover and will be on hand for the first full annual cycle for assistance if any is needed.

If you feel that this might be something you could take on, please contact the national office (christians@cnduk.org) for a conversation with the office staff and/or Neil.

20 – 23 February: Church of England Synod, **Westminster**. CCND will be leafletting outside on 21 February.

23 February: Pugwash Peace & Disarmament Conference – SYP UK Annual Conference. SOAS, **London**. <https://britishpugwash.org/sypuk2019/>

23 February: Church and Peace Conference, Bull Street Quaker Meeting House, **Birmingham**. www.church-and-peace.org

6 March: Ash Wednesday. See front page.

8 – 10 March: Pathways to Peace Conference. A joint event with Anglican Pacifist Fellowship, Fellowship of Reconciliation and Methodist Peace Fellowship. Keynote Speaker: Fabian Hamilton MP. Hinsley Hall 62 Headingley Ln, **Leeds** LS6 2BX. <https://www.anglican-peacemaker.org.uk/>

12 March: Embassies Walk, **London**. See front page.

12 – 21 April: Holy Week Walking Pilgrimage. Student Cross is a Christian pilgrimage organised by and for students, young adults, and pilgrims of all ages. London to Walsingham. <http://www.studentcross.org.uk/about.htm>

25 April: Musicians for Peace and Disarmament (MPD) Concert. A Mozart Evening with conductor Jane Glover CBE, the MPD Chamber Orchestra and guest speaker Fabian Hamilton MP. 7.30pm St James's Church, 197

Piccadilly **London** W1 9LL. Tickets: £20 / £15 concessions tickets on door. www.mpdconcerts.org

29 April – 10 May: NPT PrepCom, **New York**. CCND will be attending part of the conference.

17 – 19 May: Church and Peace AGM and international conference. **Berlin**, Germany. More info: <https://www.church-and-peace.org/en/events/>

25 – 26 May: Big Church Day Out. Wiston House, **West Sussex**. We will be there with a stall; come and say hello! <https://bigchurchdayout.com/south>

8 June: First Barbara Eggleston Memorial Lecture, Friends House, **Brighton**. 2pm - 5pm with Valerie Flessati and Bruce Kent.

26 – 28 July: Forgotten People, Forgotten Places; finding church on the margins. Annual Justice and Peace Conference. The Hayes Conference Centre, **Swanwick**, DE55 1AU. <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/>

23 – 26 August: Greenbelt Festival, Boughton House, **Northants**. <https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

2 – 13 September: (Defence & Security Equipment International) Arms Fair, Docklands, **London**. Every two years, the global arms trade comes to London. DSEI, one of the world's largest arms fairs, returns on 10 – 13 September 2019. <https://www.stopthearmsfair.org.uk/>

Kick-starting local groups

Years ago CCND had lots of local groups. These days, not so many.

A member in Oxford writes:

“A member of our congregation has had a lifetime of Palliative Care creation around the world. His own health has changed. He now wants to encourage us to think about the issues around us both locally and globally. He would like to kick start it with an evening service on CCND.”

Do you think there is a possibility of starting up a local group in your area? Why not hold a meeting, or special service in

your church? Get in touch and we may be able to provide a speaker, or maybe you would like to speak on our work, on our behalf? We can offer you materials to help you (and extra copies of Ploughshare, Churches' Guide, Ban Treaties texts, Link Leaflets etc to distribute). We can also contact members in your area to inform them about your event, and publicise it on our website and in Ploughshare.

Now is the time! christians@cnduk.org 020 7700 4200 (office hours Mon & Tues 9.30 – 2pm)

CCND Shop

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Churches' Guide Free

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Cotton bags £3 each.

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