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news update from Christian CND

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Christians working and praying for a nuclear weapons-free world

Caring for Creation

All Faiths for Peace,



Justice, Sustainability

Saturday 29th March 10.30-5pm Oxford Town Hall

Plans for our Caring for Creation conference are coming along nicely. After a welcome from the Lord Mayor of Oxford, Cllr. John Tanner (a Mayor for Peace), we will have two keynote speakers; theologian & environmentalist Dr Edward Echlin, and Michael Meacher MP. There will be ample time for questions and answers. During the lunch break there will be a chance to have a look around the stalls from national and local groups, the art and writing exhibition from local schoolchildren, buy a sandwich or sample some Fair Trade goodies, whilst listening to some music.

In the afternoon there will be an Interfaith Panel with Monawar Hussein, Imam at Eton College, Chinta Kallie, Hindu and Anthea West, Buddhist. We may have a late addition to this panel, we are waiting to hear from a possible Sikh speaker.

After that, there's the campaigning session with Mark Dowd of Operation Noah and Carol Naughton of the

Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness Programme. The workshop leaders will get a chance to introduce their workshops, then having grabbed a cuppa, we will split into smaller groups for the workshops.

Please do come along if you are able to! Admission is free but there will be a collection bucket at the event which we hope will be well-used! We do have a grant towards the event from the Nuclear Education Trust, but there is still a shortfall which we hope will be partially covered by generous donations!

Surround the Base at Aldermaston 24 March

There will be a Faiths gathering at Noon at the Home Office Gate and then the Bluebell Wood. Friends Meeting for Worship, singing of peace songs, prayers, poems, linking scarves around the base. Ring Sarah Lasenby - 0845 458 2544 or 01865 725991. See enclosed map and list of gates or ring CND for general info.

24 March: The Bomb Stops Here: Surround the Base at Aldermaston on Easter Monday at 12pm. 2008 is the 50th anniversary of the first Aldermaston peace march. In commemoration CND is organising a special event at the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston. For more information: CND 020 7700 2393. www.cnduk.org Faiths gathering at Noon at the Home Office Gate and then the Bluebell Wood, a grassy area is suitable for even quite young children as it is well off the road. Bring a picnic/food to share, musical instruments if you have them, we need to make noise to be heard! Friends Meeting for Worship, singing of peace songs, prayers, poems, linking scarves around the base. Ring Sarah Lasenby - 0845 458 2544 or 01865 725991.

Saturday 29 March 2008: 'Caring for Creation. All Faiths for Peace, Justice and Sustainability. An Inter-Faith conference with workshops, discussions, fun! Oxford Town Hall. 10.30-5pm. Speakers include: Dr. Edward Echlin, (Theologian and environmentalist); Michael Meacher MP; Carol Naughton (WMD Awareness Programme) and Mark Dowd (Operation Noah). Ellen Teague, (Chair Board Social Responsibility) facilitating and welcome from the Lord Mayor: Cllr. John Tanner. All welcome – admission free. Sponsored jointly by Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Christian Ecology Link, Fellowship of Reconciliation and Pax Christi.

The event has the generous support of the Nuclear Education Trust.

Friday 28 & Saturday 29 March: Peace History: People, Politics and Culture. A two-day non-residential conference at the Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1. Organised by the International Peace Bureau and Movement for the Abolition of War in association with the Imperial War Museum. MAW, 11 Venetia Road, London N4 1EJ.

Thursday 8 April: British Pugwash Group: Workshop on 'Trident Replacement: The Practical Implications' led by John Ainslie. 14.00 - 16.30 Chadwick Lecture Theatre, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1 (nearest tubes: Euston Square and Warren Street). All are welcome. Admission is free. Phone 020 7405 6661; email pugwash@mac.com

Saturday 19 April: Nuclear Power and Nuclear Proliferation; World Disarmament Campaign AGM and Spring Conference. With Dr Frank Barnaby. Wesley's Chapel, 49 City Road, London EC1Y 1AU, 1030am - 4.30pm. More details later. info: editor.worlddisarm@ntlworld.com

26 April: Chernobyl Day. <http://www.chernobyl.info/> LIVERPOOL. Chernobyl Day anniversary event at the Peace

Garden, St John's Garden, 1pm. info@01517026974. www.mcnd.org.uk

26 April-16 July: International Peace Walk. London to Geneva through France. All are invited to join in a journey of walking in solidarity for a nuclear-free future. Visit the website for a full schedule of the walk. For more information: marcus@footprintsforpeace.net ka@footprintsforpeace.net or visit www.footprintsforpeace.net

28 April – 9 May: Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) of the Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in Geneva. www.reachingcriticalwill.org/legal/nlt/NIR2007/final.html

Monday 15 May: International Conscientious Objector's Day. <http://www.wri-irg.org/co/15may.htm> There will be a ceremony in Tavistock Square at 12 noon with guest speaker Norman Kember and MC Bob Russell (CCND co-chair).

3 May: Musicians Against Nuclear Arms Concert for Peace. With John Williams, guitar. 7.30pm St James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London. MANA Administration, 71 Greenfield Gardens, London NW2 1HU. 020 8455 1030. www.mana.org.uk

Saturday 17 May: Levellers' Day in Burford, Oxfordshire. webenquiry@levellers.org.uk <http://www.levellers.org.uk/>

Sunday 1 June: 23rd Annual Multifaith Pilgrimage for Peace in London. Organised by Westminster Interfaith, 020 7361 4790.

Sunday 8 June: Day of Prayer to end the arms trade. For more information contact Alun Morinan at christian@caat.org.uk 020 7281 0297.

Friday 4 July: Independence FROM America demonstration at Menwith Hill. Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases - CAAB. www.caab.org.uk

18 - 20 July: 'Hear my People Cry'. National Justice & Peace Network Conference. The theme is: living as Christians in our modern time, exploring what it means to 'love tenderly, live justly, and walk humbly with God.' Speakers include: John Battle MP, Dr Patrick Riordan SJ, Sr Margaret Scott aci, and CAFOD will coordinate a visit by a partner from South America to speak on the realities of living in an urban setting in the 'majority world'. National Justice & Peace Network (NJPN), 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX Tel: 020 7901 4864 www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference.html

6 August: Hiroshima Day.

London Hiroshima Day Commemoration, Tavistock Square, 12noon. Contact London Region CND. Tel: 020 7607 2302 david.lrcnd@cnduk.org

Milton Keynes Hiroshima Day – Lantern Floating Ceremony at the Peace Pagoda. Nipponzan Myohoji, Milton Keynes, MK15 0BA, 01908 663 652.

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