

# Pax Christi England and Wales Report to NJPN and Dioceses April, 2024

#### Pax Christi AGM

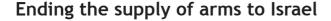
Saturday 1st June, 11.00 to 5.00 Quaker Meeting House, 22 School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BT and online

All are welcome to join in this annual general meeting which will include:

- reports on activities and finances
- elections to its Executive Committee
- a reflection from its President, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, OP
- a discussion of how Pax Christi develops for the future

These are significant times for Pax Christi. With increased tension and violent conflict around the world, we are holding to our vision of being a community of peacemakers bringing the hope of active nonviolence to a fractured world.

There is still time for nomination to the Executive Committee. Find more details at paxchristi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Pax-Christ\_Exec-Recruitment-



Pax Christi is calling on the UK Government to end the supply of arms to Israel and has prepared a template letter for members and supporters to send to their MPs. The Government needs to know the strength of opinion on this issue and our brothers and sisters in Gaza and Palestine are asking us to speak up. You can find a copy of the template for you to adapt here:

Arms to Israel - Template Letter to MP

Given the number of emails received by MPs, please consider sending the letter by post if at all possible. And please let Pax Christi know of any replies you receive.



## **National Ceasefire Protests**

Many Pax Christi members have been taking part in the regular National Ceasefire Protests in London and Cardiff and in the innumerable local vigils and protests around England and Wales. Many of us have walked with the newly formed 'Christians for Palestine UK' who have distinctive Peace Placards that can be printed locally. We are in regular touch with our friends and partners in Palestine, in both the West Bank and Gaza and continue to assure them of our prayers.



# 'Peace is never made with arms but with outstretched hands and open hearts'

Pope Francis, Easter Message

### **Dates and Events**

# April

Public Meeting with Virginia Moffatt and Chris Cole.
Virginia and Chris were charged with criminal damage after protesting about the UK government's complicity in the genocide in Gaza. They will be discussing the case at this public meeting, joined by Kirsten Bayes of CAAT and Milan Rai, Coeditor of Peace News. Thursday 24 April, 7.30pm at The London Catholic Worker, 49 Mattinson Road, London, N4 5BG.

### May

- National Justice and Peace Network AGM with Margaret Ann Fisken: 'New Definition of Extremism 2024 What it will mean in Practice'. CAFOD, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB, 10.30 for 11.00 till 16.00.
- Nakba Day we are asked to mark this day with prayers and vigils for peace
- 15 Conscientious Objectors Day https://www.ppu.org.uk

#### June

- Pax Christi England and Wales Annual General Meeting, Quaker Meeting House, Liverpool. 11.00 - 5.00. (See above)
- 29 Pax Christi Merseyside Retreat @ Iraneus Project
  A quiet day to explore and reflect on the power of nonviolence in our lives and our
  world. The event is free but a donation would be appreciated. Accommodation
  may be available. Iraneus Project, Great George's Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22
  1RD.

#### July

19-21 NJPN Annual Conference - 'Just Politics' at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/

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