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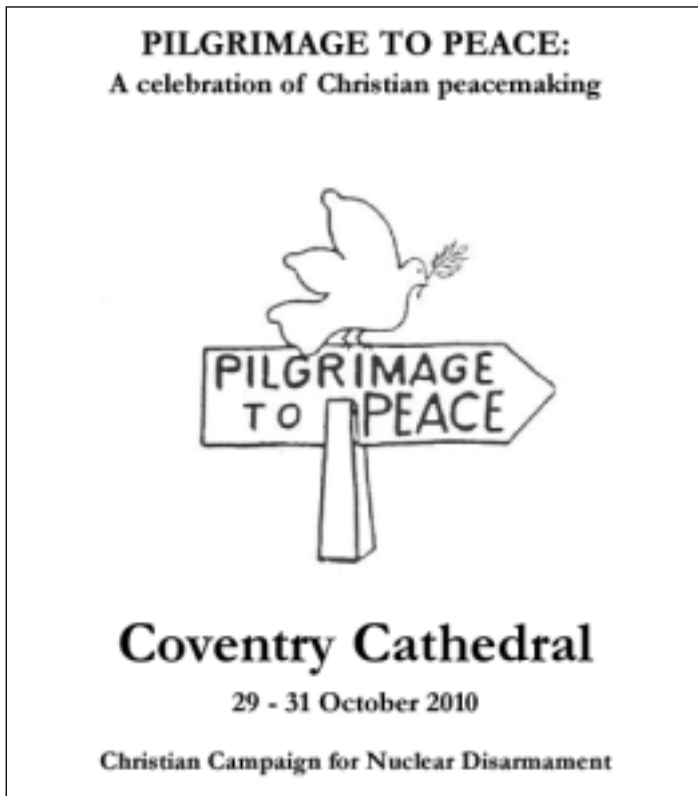
news update from Christian CND

December 2011

Christians working and praying for a nuclear weapons-free world

Happy Christmas and a peaceful
New Year to all





Pilgrimage to Peace

Our commemorative booklet of our Coventry 2010 Jubilee event will be in the office soon. There's lots for everyone to enjoy, including photos, poetry, theology and more. Even if you were not able to come to Coventry last year there will be plenty to interest you, and if you could take part it will remind you of all that went on.

If you'd like a booklet, please send a stamped addressed envelope (C5 sized envelope with a 36p stamp, or 46p if you want first class) to the office and we'll send you a copy. Please allow a couple of weeks for delivery.

Church Statements poster

Anyone who would like another copy of the Church Statements poster, please contact the Office.

Advent vigils at Aldermaston

Three important events we need to draw your attention to. The first is the annual Advent Vigils at Aldermaston. These will take place between 1 and 2pm each Wednesday in Advent, i.e. 30th November, and the 7th, 14th, and 21st December. Contact Caroline Gilbert for lifts, leaflets whatever, 01865 241 290 maasgilbert@hotmail.com

Other groups interested in taking on a day in Advent, please contact: Chris Gidden: ccnd@chg.me.uk 02076091093.

If you cannot go but would like to join in this witness, you will find suggested prayers on CCND website, or contact the office for a copy.

If you are not sure about the weather on the day causing the vigil to be cancelled, check with Chris Gidden; 07949 428011.

Holy Innocents 2011

The second important event is the Holy Innocents event which this year is on 28th December at St Martin-in-the-Fields in Trafalgar Square, London. Organised by Anglican Pacifist Fellowship under the auspices of the Network of Christian Peace Organisations. The service will be at 11.00 and the witness at 2.00 as usual. The focus will be North Africa and the Middle East so will embrace what has been happening in Libya and Syria. Info: AJKempster@aol.com

Celebrating faithful persistence

30 years of Christian witness and resistance to nuclear war preparations at the Ministry of Defence. Come along on Saturday 7 January 3-6 pm, Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY.

Have you been part of this 30-year journey? Would you like to be a part of the future journey? Bring your own stories, photographs, memories and ideas for the future and some food to share for tea.

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- Celebrate your part in the witness
- Remember past actions
- Plan for Ash Wednesday 22 February 2012

Hosted by: Catholic Peace Action, Christian CND, London Catholic Worker and Pax Christi.

If you would like to attend, please contact Pax Christi on 0208 203 4884 or info@paxchristi.org.uk

Bob Russell

We are very sorry to tell you that one of our co-chairs, Bob Russell died recently after a short illness.

Bob had a deep religious faith and it was this that motivated him to work for peace. To him, this is what the Gospel was all about.

We in CCND have a small Executive Committee with big ideas. We were delighted when Bob agreed to be one of our Co-Chairs. He was solid, reliable, practical and realistic but never a wet-blanket or kill-joy! Our meetings were often enlivened by laughter when Bob told us another little anecdote about another meeting he had just been to; maybe about the way pacifists can fall out when planning an event - (we all care so much, but maybe don't always appreciate ideas that are different from our own.) Bob took part in the planning group that organised the annual Conscientious Objectors' Commemoration in Tavistock Square, and often took a leading part in this. He was also an enthusiastic representative of Christian CND on the National CND Council.



Bob at a vigil outside the MoD Embassies that were rele-



Bob and Enid Russell at an anti-war demo around 2004

vant to our work concerning the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Bob was a good speaker and had plenty of experience as a Preacher in his Church. When he joined our schools team, we were not sure how he could adjust his style to Inner-City teenagers, but there was no need to worry. The youngsters gazed at him open mouthed, amazed that anyone who could talk about picking up schrapnel from the streets in the Second World War could even be still able to breathe, let alone give them an interesting and lively talk on Just War theory!

We in the London Office of Christian CND knew how dear to his heart his own Essex CCND was. We were full of admiration at how this local group continued to meet and organise events, even when many local groups had faded away. The big event here was the annual exchange of candles with the Japanese peace movement and survivors of the Hiroshima Bomb. He was so pleased when Beryl and Roger could actually visit Hiroshima and take the candles from Essex themselves.

We are grateful for his unstinting loyalty and integrity. We don't know how we will fill the gap he has left, but we will. We owe him this, at least.

30 November, & 7, 14, 21 December: Aldermaston Advent Vigils 1-2pm, All Faiths and none, bring candles, tell your friends. Contact Caroline Gilbert for lifts, leaflets whatever, 01865 241 290. maasgilbert@hotmail.com Other groups interested in taking on a day in Advent, please contact: Chris Gidden: ccnd@chg.me.uk 02076091093

Prayers for Advent Vigils. Use in your own area - or print off and come to Aldermaston! Download from the website: <http://www.ccnd.gn.apc.org/html/events.php> or ring the office for a copy.

Thursday 24 November: Thursday lunchtime conversation: Is military intervention ever the answer? Professor Philip Spencer, Director of Research in Politics and International Relations, Kingston University, will introduce and lead the discussion. All Saints Parish Church, Market Place, Kingston-on-Thames, 1pm - 2pm. All welcome. Hosted by the Rev'd Jonathan Wilkes, Rector of Kingston, in conjunction with Kingston Peace Council/CND. Fully accessible. Info: www.kpc.gn.apc.org eevans298@btinternet.com 020 8898 4850.

5 December: Pax Christi Annual Advent Peace Service. 7.30 St Aloysius Church, Euston. Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London, NW4 4TY 0208 203 4884 www.paxchristi.org.uk Followed by alternative Christmas Market in Maria Fidelis school hall also in Phoenix Road.

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Saturday 7 January: Celebrating faithful persistence! Ash Wednesday 2012 will mark the start of 30 years of acts of repentance and resistance to nuclear war preparations at the Ministry of Defence in London. Have you been part of

this 30-year journey? Would you like to be a part of the future journey? Come and help us celebrate, remember and plan for Ash Wednesday 2012. Bring your own stories, photographs, memories and ideas for the future and some food to share for tea. 3 - 6 pm, Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral Southwark Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY. Hosted by: Catholic Peace Action, Christian CND, London Catholic Worker and Pax Christi. Please RSVP to Pax Christi on 0208 203 4884 or info@paxchristi.org.uk

15 January: Pax Christi - Peace Sunday. Theme: Education Young People in Justice and Peace. Materials will be ready in November and on website www.paxchristi.org.uk. Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London, NW4 4TY 0208 203 4884

27 January: Holocaust Memorial Day. <http://www.hmd.org.uk/>

9 February - 1 April: FIRST BLAST (1940 - 1992) Part of the The Tricycle Goes Nuclear. The first part of THE BOMB - a partial history, with plays by John Donnelly, Elena Gremina, Amit Gupta, Zinnie Harris and Ron Hutchinson. The FIRST BLAST is part of THE BOMB - a partial history which is a season of plays in two parts and can be seen on consecutive nights or on an afternoon and evening over the weekend. <http://tinyurl.com/5rw4h7j> £14/£12. The Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 7JR. Box office 020 7328 1000.

6 February - 1 April: SECOND BLAST (1992 - 2012). Part of the The Tricycle Goes Nuclear. The second part of THE BOMB - a partial history with plays by Lee Blessing, Ryan Craig, David Greig, Zinnie Harris, Diana Son and Colin Teevan. The SECOND BLAST is part of THE BOMB - a partial history which is a season of plays in two parts and can be seen on consecutive nights or on an afternoon and evening over the weekend. <http://tinyurl.com/6h7bbfc> £14/£12. The Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 7JR. Box office 020 7328 1000.



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