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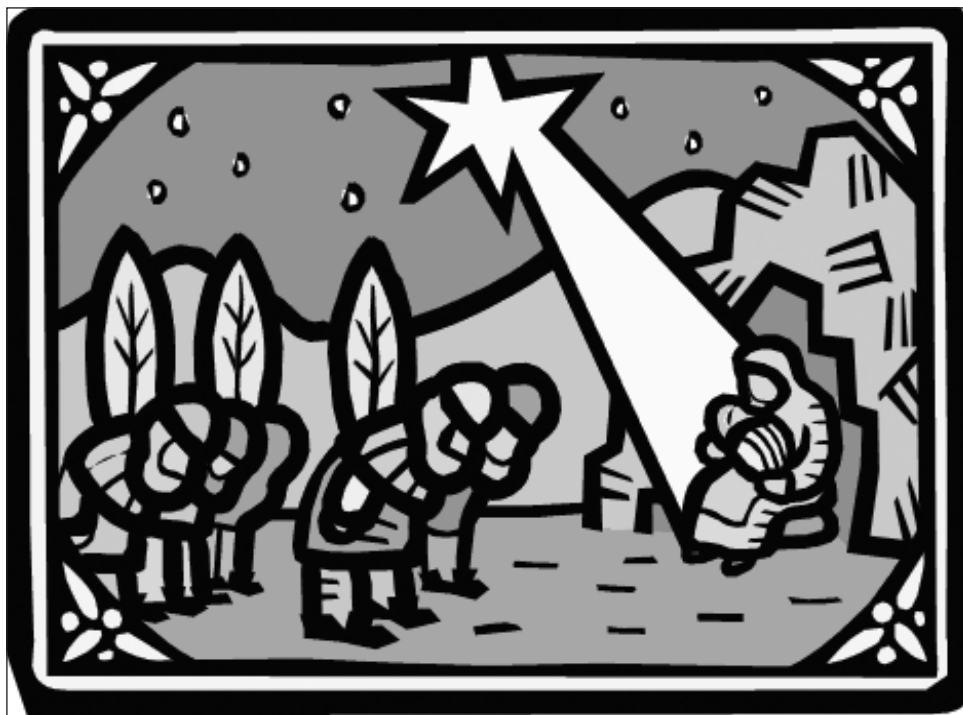


News update from Christian CND

December 2013

Christians working and praying for a nuclear weapons-free world

Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to all our members



We are sending you this *Ploughshare Plus* out before Christmas instead of the full *Ploughshare* we owe you due to time constraints! Sorry, but we will send an extra *Ploughshare* next year to make up for it!

There's some exciting plans for next year including:

- a chance to lobby your MP on the renewal of Trident, or write letters if you can't visit them in person
- you can join us in visits to London Embassies to ask about the countries' plans for the next NPT conference
- you can support local groups hosting a speaking tour on 'Rethink Trident' with Bruce Kent
- you can ask your local church/meeting/Bishop,

or representatives of other Faiths you may be in touch with, to support the 'Rethink Trident' statement organised by CND and other civil society groups

- you can join the organising group of any of these projects or even better - volunteer to join the CCND Exec!
- you can join us at of our events - details tba
- you can encourage your friends to join Christian CND - we can provide leaflets and spare newsletters on request
- If you can't do any of these, could you send us a donation?, and pray for the success of these plans, and for nuclear disarmament!

CCND AGM

The AGM was held in London on 16th November. We heard CND's Kate Hudson discuss future campaigning plans to oppose the renewal of Trident and abolition of all nuclear weapons. Kate was keen to stress how much CND appreciates the work and support of Christian CND. It seems that CND realise that CCND reaches the parts CND cannot!

Full minutes are available on request.

We had two additions to our Executive Council; Michael Gilbert and Martin Birdseye, but sadly had to say goodbye, hopefully temporarily, to Sue Bruno who had to resign. Thank you to Sue for all her support over the past year!

We also wished Patricia Pulham well, and hope she will feel able to join CCND Exec as a full member next year, and thank her for all her work over the years as Coordinator.

Our future plans were discussed, including a proposed Lobby of Parliament. Details next year!

We also hope to launch a new website very soon. This will enable people to sign up online, and order goods via the website. More soon!

CCND goods

Pack of 24 A4 sheets of Interfaith quotations on peace as used at the Creation Conference £1 a pack
CCND stickers 10 stickers for 50p, 50 stickers for £2
Legacy leaflet Free

Churches' Guide Free

T-Shirts £12 each.

Cotton bags £3 each.

Christmas Cards. £2.50 for six identical 'robin' cards

Picasso Greetings Cards. £2.50 for six.

Other CCND items available: Church Porch Poster, badges, enamel brooches, window stickers, pens and a history of CCND.

Send orders with cheque made out to Christian CND to:
Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ

Thursday Advent Vigils, Aldermaston, 1-2pm, place Tadley Gate (parking opposite),

Thursday 28th November; Thursday 5 December; Thursday 12th December; Thursday 19th December;

All Faiths and none welcome. Contacts, lifts etc.:

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2 December: Concert at Christ Church, oxford - start of the Fellowship of reconciliation centenary.
www.for.org.uk for information

9 December: Pax Christi Annual Advent Peace Service at St Aloysius Church, Phoenix Road, Euston, London Time 7.30. Followed by alternative Christmas Market with fair traded goods, goods from Palestine, Peru and Africa and mulled wine! Info: +44 (0)20 8203 4884, E-mail: info@paxchristi.org.uk

28 December: Holy Innocents.

19 January: Peace Sunday 2014. Theme: Living as one family is the foundation and pathway to peace. Info: Pax Christi, Christian Peace Education Centre, St Joseph's, Watford Way, Hendon, London NW4 4TY Tel: +44 (0)20 8203 4884, E-mail: info@paxchristi.org.uk

23 January 2014: Does Britain need to renew Trident? The case for and against. 7:30pm, The Mansel Road Centre, Trinity United Reformed Church, Mansel Road, London SW19 4AA. Join Wimbledon CND for a lively debate with Stephen Hammond MP and Dr Rebecca Johnson. Come prepared with questions for both sides of the argument! All are welcome.

14 - 16 February: Student Christian Movement Conference. CCND will be there! Details later.

February - March: CCND Embassies Walk. Details later.

4 March: Shrove Tuesday. Burial of the Alleluia. Details later.

New revised CCND publication:

'Nuclear Weapons - What can Christians Do?' - a Guide for the Churches.

Send for your free copy to give to your church - just drop us a line by post, phone or email, with your address. (Free but donations welcome!)