



Wrap up Trident!



Join Christian CND
in early bird
**PRAYER AND
PROTEST**
11.00 AM

... THE CHURCHES SPEAK ...

St Martin-in-the Fields, Trafalgar Square

- 11.00 am** Prayers in the Dick Sheppard Chapel in the basement.
- 11.30 am** Lunch together in St. Martin's Cafeteria (profits to their Homeless Project)
- 12.15 pm** Readings of Church Statements against Nuclear Weapons, on the Steps of St. Martin-in-the Fields, Trafalgar Square
- 12.30 pm** Process down Whitehall, with Statements & the Pink Peace Scarf.
- 1.00 pm** Wrap up Trident: Join the Peace Scarf round Parliament & the Ministry of Defence.

What the Churches say:

Nuclear deterrence and the threat of mutually assured destruction cannot be the basis for an ethic of fraternity and peaceful coexistence among peoples and states."

Pope Francis, 10 Dec 2014

Coming events with Christian CND

18 March: 11am Dick Sheppard Chapel, St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, for liturgy & lunch then join our annual Embassy Walk round the Embassies in London to ask them what progress they are planning to make towards 'the elimination of all nuclear arsenals' at the Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in May this year.

Christian CND 2014 Annual General Meeting 2014

The Committee had chosen to hold this year's AGM in Oxford, as Oxford and London are the places with the biggest clusters of Christian CND members, in the hope that some local CCND members would attend. Two long-standing members from the Oxford area came along. It was proposed that we should cherish our existing members as much as possible, and as a first step towards that we should tell our members well in advance of any CCND events and that for any national events we should have a members' meeting place so we could easily go together to the larger event. Rather sooner than we would have chosen, there is indeed a large event, 24th January, "Wrap Up Trident", so we were jump started into arranging 'Trident, The Churches Speak'.

We hope to see you at St Martin-in-the Fields from 10 am - in the café before the liturgy at 11am in Dick Sheppard Chapel. After our event we will then process together with placards showing Church Statements and carrying lengths of Pink Scarf (including 90 metres from France) and Wrap up Parliament & Trident.

At the AGM, Shirin Shafaie, working at the London School of African and Oriental Studies and at Oxford on Muslim theology, spoke to us on possible inter-faith work and hopes to come and film us and the Wrap Up Trident demo on 24th January.

Bruce Kent spoke to us on Campaigning in the

Churches. In discussion, several practical ideas came up. Bruce complained that he had never seen a Christian CND leaflet in a Church; well, the Revd David Paterson says he will put one up in St Michael's, Marston, Oxford. We will soon have our new general leaflet, as well as the one for the 24th. We do have 'a window of opportunity' right now to do something about Trident. At the Exec meeting on the 16th December the international focus was reaffirmed but this is only worth while if we can get it back to the general public here in Britain. We really need to get the idea over here that most of the world thinks it very odd to have nuclear weapons, which is a strange idea for us in the middle of a nuclear state. So we really need our members on the ground - there will be more suggestions of things you can do in the next *Ploughshare*. Election packs are available now from CND. We discussed holding Exec meetings where there was a 'cluster of members'. CCND members are always welcome at Exec meetings, just phone beforehand for venue.

The new Exec consists of: Co-chairs: Caroline Gilbert, Martin Birdseye. Treasurer: Neil Berry. Other Exec members: Kelvin Gascoyne, Angela Rayner, Patricia Pulham, Michael Pulham, Michael Gilbert.

Thank you to all who attended, and/or agreed to serve on Exec.

Full minutes are available on request from the office.

Other events

18 February: Ash Wednesday Witness at Ministry of Defence 3 pm - 4:30 pm. Annual witness of Repentance and Resistance to nuclear war preparations. Meet in the gardens off Horseguards Avenue, near the Ministry of Defence at 3.00 pm to start our act of worship. Procession into Horseguards Avenue for prayer and reflection at a number of stopping points. A joint Pax Christi/Christian CND event.

2 March: Burghfield Lockdown. Mass nonviolent blockade at AWE Burghfield to peacefully disrupt the construction of nuclear weapons, and get in the way of preparations for Trident replacement. Briefing pack available from Action AWE. info@actionawe.org or mobilise@actionawe.org 01547520929 <http://www.actionawe.org/burghfieldlockdown>

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27 April - 22 May: 2015 NPT Review Conference in New York.

<http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/resources/calendar/event/9473-2015-npt-review-conference>

Parliamentary update

Joan Ruddock MP has succeeded in gathering cross-party support for an Early Day Motion (EDM, essentially a parliamentary petition) urging UK support for the Austrian Pledge to prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons. The co-sponsors of EDM 659 include MPs from Labour, Conservative, LibDem, SNP, SDLP and the Green Party. *Please contact your MP and urge them to sign up to this EDM!*

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