

THE PARIS ATTACKS – A ‘BLOWBACK WAR’

The attacks in Paris on 13 November have generated enormous media coverage and outrage and sadness among so many people. The Commission does not have any answers – but in a spirit of encouraging people to look under the surface of the problems, here are a couple of places to start:

(Let us know if you have other suggestions)

Yorkshire’s own **Paul Rogers** (Professor in the Peace Studies Dept. at Bradford University) describes the attacks as a ‘blowback war’. The full article, on the Open Democracy website is worth a read:

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/paris-atrocity-and-after>

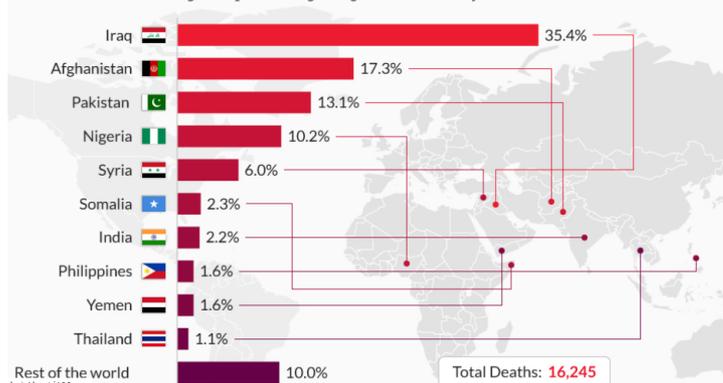
In the **Guardian** on 16 Nov there was a thoughtful piece by **Scott Atran** – which raises some question marks about the more hysterical rhetoric coming from some quarters of the media.

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/nov/15/terrorists-isis>

It’s also important to get these tragic events in perspective. This infographic from the **Independent** of a year ago gives a very different impression to what we see and read normally:

80% of 2013’s terrorism deaths took place in 5 countries

Countries with the highest percentage of global deaths by terrorism in 2013



Here is the link: http://i100.independent.co.uk/article/the-10-countries-where-terrorist-attacks-kill-the-most-people--ekK-zVZI_g

REFUGEE CRISIS – ‘WELCOME THE STRANGER’



It was a packed church!

Our Lady of Kirkstall parish in NW Leeds is made up of 3 church communities: St.Mary’s Horsforth, Holy Name in Cookridge and the Assumption in West Park.

Once a year they hold a whole parish celebration and the theme this year was “Welcome the Stranger”. On the evening of Oct 10th members from all 3 church communities crowded into St.Mary’s church for a special mass on this theme . It was a full church, with over 400 people turning out. Originally, the celebration was to have been held in July but it had to be postponed.

The delay only meant that the theme was all the more pertinent, with the refugee story unfolding daily

on our TV screens and newspapers over the course of the Summer.

From a previous event in 2011 the parish knew that there were people from over 30 countries living in the parish. In planning for an event in July the increased numbers of refugees had been borne in mind. In the run up to October, the event ended up being a reflection of the actions that people in the parish had already started to take in response to the refugee crisis. In common with many people across the diocese, parishioners in Our Lady of Kirkstall wanted to respond in some way. During the regular September church and parish council meetings the refugee crisis was the key item that was discussed.

By the middle of September there had already been a couple of open multi-agency meetings in Leeds and parishioners from Our Lady of Kirkstall had attended these. The key message coming across was not to try and do something independently but to work through the existing organisations who worked directly with refugees.

The danger in responding too quickly, it was felt, is that you address your own need to ‘do something’ – rather than addressing the real needs of the refugees.

This was taken on board at the parish council meetings. It did not mean that practical action could not be taken quickly. One church community responded to a specific request from an organisation working with refugees in Calais by having a collection of new underwear one Sunday.

The music and readings used at the Mass were all especially chosen to reflect the theme of welcome to the stranger. Special banners were commissioned so that key messages (such as “It is in the shelter of each other that we live” and “I was a stranger and you welcomed me”) could be on display throughout the liturgy. Children from the two schools in the Parish (St.Mary’s and Holy Name) took an active part by being involved with both the music and the reading of the Scripture. The parish priest, Fr.Pat Smythe commented “The engagement from the whole community was striking. Some hymns, and a new mass setting, were unfamiliar to some of the congregation.



Some of the banners used as part of the liturgy

The strong lead given by the choir, drawn from all 3 churches in the parish, and by pupils from the two schools, enabled everyone to join in confidently and wholeheartedly.”

The mass was followed by food and a social in St.Mary’s school hall next door. The food included international elements and there was an informal international quiz as well as some music provided by the Assumption Ceilidh Band.

A special collection was taken which, along with the profits from the bar at the social event after the mass, raised over £800. This money has been donated to the City of Sanctuary movement to help with their work with refugees.

Fr.Pat was keen to make the point that this was not a ‘one-off’ event: “People in the parish had already started to take action about refugees before we held this parish celebration. The week after the event we followed it up by having a special attachment to the bulletin listing numerous ways in which people could get involved. I am sure the situation will figure prominently in future church and parish council meetings. Who knows where it will lead? What I do know is that is great willingness from parishioners to do things and the challenge is more to find the most constructive ways of channelling all that energy.”



Do you live in or near to SKIPTON?

The Commission is meeting in Skipton, courtesy of St.Stephen's parish, on
Thursday 26 November at 7pm

This is a scheduled Commission meeting. However, the main agenda item is to listen to people from Skipton and the surrounding areas of the Leeds diocese. We want to hear about the key social justice concerns of people in your area and how the Commission can best support the work that is being done.

ALL WELCOME – please send us an email if you intend to come

AWARENESS RAISING ABOUT PALESTINE AT COTTINGLEY PARISH

By Annette Mitchell, parish of St.Mary and St.Monica, Cottingley

In our parish there are a few of us who have wanted to raise awareness about what has been happening in The Holy Land. We knew that many people did not even know that there were Christians in Palestine and that the Palestinians are fighting for survival in their occupied land through non-violent resistance. After discussions with Trish Sandbach from the J&P Commission, and looking at various options, we felt very fortunate when Tricia Griffin agreed to come to St Mary and St Monica Cottingley and talk about her experiences with The [Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel](#).

We settled on Tuesday 10th November to hold the event - an appropriate date: the day before Armistice Day. We started with a mass for Peace in the Middle East with prayers and intercessions on the theme of peace. We opened with a special prayer for the occasion:

Gather in our hearts Lord

BRING PEACE THROUGH OUR WORDS

Gather in our hearts Lord

BRING PEACE THROUGH OUR LISTENING

Gather in our hearts Lord

BRING PEACE THROUGH OUR ACTIONS

Gather in our hearts Lord

BRING PEACE THROUGH OUR SILENCE

Gather in our hearts Lord

BRING PEACE THROUGH OUR LIVES

Spirit of the living God,

Come afresh on your holy land.

Help your people to restore broken relationships.

Give them patience to break down barriers of suspicion and mistrust;

ability to discern personal prejudices and the courage to overcome fear.

Teach them to respect each other's integrity and rights

so that your kingdom may be established on earth.

For Jesus' sake. Amen.

We are fortunate to have wonderful musicians in the parish with a big commitment to Palestine. They

chose beautiful appropriate hymns, including. " Look around you can you see?". During Communion they sang two hymns one in Arabic 'Ya Rabba', and one in Hebrew 'Hineh ma tov'.



Mass was followed with a Palestinian supper. We used food recipes obtained from the new Palestinian food stall in Bradford market "**Falafel to Go**" managed by a Palestinian refugee and from the cookbook '**Women of Palestine**'. It included bread with spinach filling, falafel, coconut and semolina traybake and many more. It was simply delicious and we owe a big thank you to all who donated.

There were two stalls selling fair trade items and Palestinian ceramics. It was a good time to buy with Christmas approaching, so a good trade was done, thereby raising funds for students in GAZA.

After people had eaten and looked at the stalls we had a presentation by Tricia Griffin. She shared her experience of living in Bethlehem where she spent three months working with The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme observing and recording human rights violations. Her talk had many moving stories of terrible injustice to the Palestinian people. There was timer afterwards for a lively discussion and questions.

Between 40 - 50 people came along to the evening and we raised about £130. The money will go to EAPPI and to Students in Gaza. After such a successful evening we hope to have further events in the future.



A Taste of Palestine



Tricia Griffin and a friend are offering this session for church and other groups that are interested.

Would your church community like to learn about the part that food plays in Palestinian life and culture?

They will demonstrate a simple Palestinian recipe and give everyone a chance to taste the result. At the same time you can learn something about the lives of Palestinian families living in the West Bank.

Simply email us at jandp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk if you are interested in organising an evening like this in your parish or church community.

25 November: Bethlehem – Keeping Hope Alive

Come along to Mill Hill Unitarian Chapel (6pm-8pm) in City Square in Leeds to hear Nimala Kharoufeh talk about the current situation in occupied Palestine, particularly about her home town of Bethlehem. She will suggest ways we can support the Palestinians at a time of heightened Israeli violence and intimidation against them. More details on the J&P website

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE LEEDS DIOCESE

Justice & Peace Commission half-day conference and AGM – 7 November 2015

Our Conference and AGM was held at **St. Benedict's parish centre in Garforth**. They have a lovely parish centre and it is easily accessible by both car and public transport. We thank the parish for their warm welcome – and refreshments throughout the conference and soup & cake at lunchtime.

The conference opened with the Chair, John Battle, spending just a few minutes explaining how the Commission has had to re-orientate itself in the last year and what it has been doing.

You can read more about this in the Annual Report which is also being sent to everyone on our contact database.

To lead us into thinking about 'Laudato Si' we had an initial reflection which was simply some of the most important quotes from 'Laudato Si' accompanied by images.



adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation. Climate Change is a moral issue and we must hear “both the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor”. Indeed, “ecological conversion” is called for. This interconnectedness between Climate Change, facing up to problems of poverty and injustice must inform our actions as both individuals and members of society. This theme was also reflected in the inputs provided by our other two speakers.

Andy Challinor is Professor of Climate Impacts at the University of Leeds. When he was at school he thought he would like to work for CAFOD. However, he was good at physics and ended up following an academic science route towards his current position. Prior to being asked to speak at this conference Andy had not looked at 'Laudato Si' in any detail and he spoke with feeling about how what the Pope says ties in with so much of what he is doing in his professional life.



We then asked our speakers to introduce themselves and why they were passionate about Climate Change. After that we asked everyone to introduce themselves to their neighbours and say what had brought them along to the conference.

Our opening Speaker was **Ellen Teague, from the Columban JPIC team**. Ellen pointed out key issues in Laudato Si' - Climate Change, Biodiversity and Water- and the concept of integral ecology where Pope Francis says that we cannot

Andy is currently working on the UK Food Security Risk Assessment for the UK Government. In the UK we import 50% of our food. In assessing the security of the UK's food supply we need to take this into account. We are not untypical of the rich countries of the North and the movement of food across international borders is common. This whole food production and trading system is a complex one. Poor wheat harvests from key producing countries such as Russia or Australia can have a big impact on price in a particular year. However, Climate Change impacts need to be considered across a longer timeframe. So the key question in Andy's work is what will produce greater resilience at a 'systemic' level. Are there key weaknesses in our food supply system where positive action could improve food security in the UK? Which are the most important weaknesses for us in the UK? And so on. –

In identifying these risks, politics inevitably comes into the equation. 'Positive action' implies implementing policies at a national level that will help to reduce the risks identified. However, the way in which the debate about Climate Change is framed has an important bearing on the policy options that are suggested. The predominant narrative is one where technology-driven agriculture is the principal means of mitigating the worst effects of Climate Change and ensuring that the world has enough to eat over the next 50 years. Andy stressed that technology, including GM crops, can be a powerful tool in adapting to climate change. However, they should be considered alongside the full range of options, rather than being promoted as a silver bullet solution. A lot of the debate is framed around assumptions about food requirements in the next generation. Andy suggested that there is an alternative narrative to be explored by varying the key assumptions. The majority of studies relating to this area assume that consumption patterns continue changing along current trends (e.g. if you can afford meat then you eat meat - as is occurring in China) – What if people wasted less food and materially changed their diet? (by, for instance, eating less meat) – This may provide a way of both mitigating some of the effects of Climate Change and improving public health at the same time. However, little work has been done to date on exploring the policies that might support these options. Yet these policy options are the ones that resonate most strongly with the messages expressed by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si*.

This idea of an alternative narrative was taken up by **Alex Scrivener**, from [Global Justice Now](http://GlobalJusticeNow.org). He was very pessimistic about the outcomes from the upcoming Paris Climate Change conference. Too many vested interests from the rich countries and from multinational corporations will ensure that any agreements do not deliver the radical changes that are needed, he thought. However, rather than getting totally depressed about this situation, Alex was surprisingly upbeat!



He found encouragement in conferences like this. Campaigning actions are needed but the focus needs to be different from hoping that the Paris conference will solve everything. The Pope's analysis in '*Laudato Si*' he thought was very helpful in this regard. Once again the pope's phrase about 'ecological conversion' was mentioned. However, as Alex pointed out, Francis does not stop at saying that we should all change our *own* way of living but insists that we need to **act**

together to overcome Climate Change issues.

After these thought-provoking inputs we wanted to give everyone a chance to say something so we split into smaller groups for discussion and to think about the commitments that each of us could make about Climate Change. We asked everyone to think of one thing they could do at a 'personal' level (like use public transport more or eat less meat) and one thing they could commit to at a 'public' level (like writing to their MP or joining in with other people on some action related to Climate Change).

The small group discussions were followed by a Panel Discussion with our speakers.

Alex and Ellen were critical of the role of multinational corporations in their initial inputs and this was something that was questioned in the panel discussion. Some people argued that they exist and are not going away so we must lobby them to change the way they operate. However, Alex disagreed. Some multinationals (oil companies, some large agri-businesses and



multinational mining companies for instance), he maintained, were not interested in changing and he likened the situation to the late eighteenth century when discussions about the slave trade were ongoing. "I'm sure some people had similar feelings then: the slave traders are not going to go away so perhaps we can get them to be a bit more humane – give people double rations, or something similar", he remarked. "In 100 years' time there are a number of corporations that should just no longer exist".

Like Andy, Alex had not really looked at 'Laudato Si' until he was preparing for this conference. He was both surprised and delighted to find that the Pope's messages aligned closely with what Global Justice Now was trying to achieve and the way in which the Pope linked theology to social activism.

In total, over 200 actions were logged on the conference 'Action Board (which can just be seen behind the speakers in the picture above). The 'public' actions can broadly be split into lobbying of one sort or another and educational / awareness raising work within parishes across the diocese. More details about this will be appearing on our website in the next week or so. The conference may have raised more questions than it answered for many people – but there was a palpable desire from many attendees to explore the questions in more depth and to take more action.



Alex Scrivener, Andy Challinor and Ellen Teague pose with John Battle in St. Benedict's garden – which the parish is using to grow flowers and vegetables as part of their journey towards becoming a 'LiveSimply' parish. If you have some spare land in your parish it is something that you could explore.



SILENT VOICES EXHIBITION

The Commission has obtained a further loan of this exhibition for an extended period over Lent and Easter in 2016. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the exhibition is of photographs depicting life in the West Bank village of Bil'in. This village is famous for its weekly Friday protests against the building of the Separation Barrier and Israeli occupation of Palestinian land. They have been steadfast in their determination to pursue Non-Violent Direct Actions in support of their aims.

This has often been at much personal cost to the people involved. This is very movingly evoked in the film "5 Broken Cameras".

So far, 4 parishes have expressed an interest in hosting this exhibition.

There is still time to request it for your parish – please email the office by the end of November.

The office also has a copy of the DVD of "5 Broken Cameras" and this is also available for loan to parishes.

UPDATE FROM OUR BELGIAN CORRESPONDENT!

The Little Brothers of Jesus, came to the Leeds Diocese in 1952. They live in small communities (of 2 to 4 brothers) sharing the daily life and work of ordinary people. This 'life of Nazareth' was the basic intuition of Charles de Foucauld, and the brothers feel the call to follow Jesus in this way. They have been involved in Justice and Peace in the Leeds Diocese since its very beginnings in 1973. It was at this time last year that the last remaining brother, Xavier Chevillard departed to take up a new role based in the fraternity house in Brussels (but which involves significant travel). Many people will have fond memories of both Xavier and Br.Guy Jarrosson who died in February 2013.

One of the first engagements of Bishop Marcus was to preside at the farewell mass at Holy Family Church in Wortley at the end of November last year. There are not many people who have the opportunity (or willingness) to make such big changes in their life at the age of 67!

Xavier writes:

'There, but for the grace of God, go I'. There has been such a change in my life since September of last year that I often wondered if I could go through with it; certainly not on my own.

True, I did not wish to remain alone in Leeds in a fraternity of 1, and I was offered to 'work' with 2 other brothers in the service of others around the world. There are only 189 of us at the last count, but fairly scattered, and I am not in the oldest group! I would summarise my service as one of communications, and this involved a fair number of visits.





As you probably know, it is rather difficult to visit the UK as a tourist coming from countries of the ‘South’, and conversely, coming from Europe, we also have a few hurdles to climb; so far it has worked, even for our brother from South Korea. It may not be ‘green’ to fly so much, but more comfortable, safer and faster than the journeys undertaken by missionaries of old. It allowed me to visit some countries of Asia, Africa and America –not counting Europe. The drawback was the language barrier, but the privilege was to meet people I knew –mostly- who had lived and worked in those countries for a long time.



What is the purpose of all this?... We are not looking to draw a new world order, but I reckon that neither did Jesus at Nazareth, whom we are trying to follow. The Church sends us to ‘be brothers’ to people, at work and at home. Of course these home and work situations will vary immensely depending on the cultures and places.

What I find is, compared with living in Leeds, people who are living simply, certainly not eating meat that often; some would say that their country provides a safe environment, but not really thinking –or able to say- how it could be made better, and the dream and drive to get out and have a better life elsewhere is not far below the surface.

Living often in Brussels, we do get information about the European Union and its efforts to progress in some cohesion over so many national interests. On environmental issues, which seem to have still such a low profile behind World trade, I have not seen much follow up on the analysis done years ago, that said that one of the ways that helped the world to overcome the effect of the 1930’s recession was the war effort on all sides; I don’t recall reading about the concern then about debt and deficit...The question then is: why cannot this effort take place now in building ‘green’ infrastructure and transport?

Kind regards to all, with so many good memories;
Xavier Chevillard Little Brothers of Jesus

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING EXPLORED AT ACTA CONFERENCE

THE 4TH NATIONAL ACTA CONFERENCE was held at Leeds Trinity University on Saturday Oct 31st 2015

– “A Call to Action” came into existence as a movement nationally and in the Leeds Diocese in 2012. It has a mailing list of well over 200 supporters in the diocese.



“We are a group of Catholics, many of whom are ordained, brought together by our love of Christ’s Church and our anxiety about its future. Still inspired by the Second



Vatican Council we want to contribute fully to the life of our church so that we may be a more effective sign of the Kingdom of God. To do this, we believe that an atmosphere of openness and dialogue both with each other and with our church leadership needs developing. Accordingly, we aim to supply channels of free and frank communication. We desire to help create a climate of trust and respect for all where this dialogue may be fostered.

The “action” we seek is honest dialogue within the Church – the better to become “missionary disciples” outside it.

The 4th Conference took as its theme: “TO CHANGE THE WORLD”. There are obvious overlaps between ACTA and the work of J&P in terms of our joint aims. The keynote speakers were:

JON CRUDDAS MP. He asked: “What is Justice?” Old orthodoxies are shifting. “The free market did not create the world or us.” Recent experience has led him to believe that politics needs the new exciting model which Catholic Social Teaching presents. He found it reflected in this year’s pre-election letter written by the Anglican Bishops. We need to develop a new language and education to describe what we mean by human development in society and politics. What are the virtues which could act as the basis for a new politics? “MAKE HOPE POSSIBLE RATHER THAN DESPAIR CONVINCING”.



JENNY SINCLAIR (Founder of “Together for the Common Good”) Her emphasis is on the “Together” part. The Churches are well placed to work TOGETHER for the common good. A secure footing in prayer and spirituality is basic. She asked: “Why do we not teach about CST? Why do we not go out and meet others and work together for the good of all? ST Teresa of Avila: “We shall be judged not by the quality of our buildings but by the quality of our love.” The laity can do a lot – with or without the Church or the parish! (hopefully with – but if not, what is the priority?) Overall she provided a challenge to us to become a church turned outwards seeking to work with others for the common good. We too often find it easier to “do our own thing”.



LESSONS FOR ACTA: To work with Together For The Common Good and J&P to establish Catholic Social Teaching as an integral part of formation in schools and parishes – in sacramental and adult education - alongside developing an awareness of the spirituality and practice of dialogue.

A TEST FOR ACTA: To ask if our attempts to develop dialogue in our situation will free us up to “transform society” or will only result in us being “tied (more firmly) to tasks within the Church”! (Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium*)

For full details of the Conference see: www.acalltoaction.org.uk

ACTA seeks to “act” to have a healthy and close dialogue with J&P folk in the Diocese so that TOGETHER we can be an effective expression of a community turning outwards in the “**loving service of all that exists**” (Pope JP in his apostolic Letter “On the Beginning of the New Millennium”)



It is hoped to set up an **ACTA in the Leeds Diocese Website** soon. In the meantime, for any further information, please contact David Jackson (Chair of ACTA Planning Group and Coordinator for ACTA in the Leeds Diocese): dandt43@gmail.com

EVENTS

 Sat 21 Nov	<p>KIRKLEES CAMPAIGN AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE: TWO ACTIONS <i>Huddersfield town Centre 10:00 to 1:30pm</i></p> <p>In the morning there will be a protest about the influence of the fossil fuel industries at the Paris Climate Change talks and over lunchtime there will be a 'Paris Conversation' with the public. Email kirkleesccc@hotmail.co.uk for more details</p>
 Thur Nov 26	<p>COMMISSION MEETING IN SKIPTON <i>St.Stephen's Presbytery, Castle View Terrace, Skipton BD23 1NT, 7pm – 9pm</i></p> <p>Usually, the Commission meets in Leeds at Hinsley Hall. However, we want to engage more with parishioners from around the diocese. This is the first in a series of such meetings. Everyone from Skipton and the surrounding areas is welcome to come along and join in. We want to hear your stories and your social justice concerns. Please email us if you intend to come along, so we know how many people will need refreshments</p>
 Fri 27 Nov	<p>ADVENT REFLECTION DAY: 'COME LET US GO TO BETHLEHEM, TO SEE...' <i>NW Friends of Sabeel UK, Luther King House, Manchester, M14 5JP 10:00 – 15:30</i></p> <p>Rev Raj Bharath Patta gives a talk and leads reflections and discussions on the theme of "Pilgrimage as a Vocation and not a Vacation: An Advent Challenge" More details and a booking form from the Sabeel website http://www.friendsofsabeel.org.uk/events/</p>
 Sat 28 Nov	<p>LEEDS PILGRIMAGE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE <i>Locations around Leeds and Leeds City Centre</i></p> <p>People are invited to join one of the locations at the 4 corners of Leeds to march into the City centre for a service a Leeds Minster at 12:30pm with a rally in City Square at 3pm. Full details are available here http://fortheLoveofYorkshire.org/event/leeds-pilgrimage-for-climate-change/</p>
 Sat 28 Nov	<p>THE YORKSHIRE CLIMATE CHOIR EVENT <i>York City Centre – timetbc but likely to be 2:30pm</i></p> <p>This is a one-off choir to draw attention to the Climate Change talks in Paris. They comment on their Facebook group "This is our attempt to make a big noise about climate change, get people talking about it and start that process in Yorkshire. After all, we showed the world what we could do with the Grand Depart - so let's lead the way!" You can find out more from their Facebook page : https://www.facebook.com/groups/1654622228124621/</p>

 <p>Sun 29 Nov</p>	<p>THE PEOPLE'S CLIMATE CHANGE MARCH <i>Central London - 12:00 -16:00</i></p> <p>The Paris Climate Change talks start the day after this event. It will bring together J&P supporters and other Climate Coalition members to give the strongest possible message to delegates attending the Paris Conference that they have a mandate for significant action on Climate Change.</p> <p>The march will assemble at Park Lane at 12pm. It will set off around 1pm and march past Green Park, Pall Mall and move down Millbank to gather at Parliament Square for the closing rally. If you live in Kirklees then planning is in place for joint rail transport.</p>
 <p>Mon 30 Nov to Fri 11 Dec</p>	<p>PRAYER SPACE FOR COP 21 CLIMATE CHANGE TALKS <i>St. Anne's Cathedral, Leeds and Clare Chapel</i></p> <p>A special prayer space for people to come and prayer for just outcomes from the Paris Climate Change talks. It will be available all day and every day for people to drop in.</p>
 <p>Fri Dec 4</p>	<p>3 ACRES AND A COW <i>Holy trinity Church, Boar Lane in Central Leeds 7:00pm</i></p> <p>This is a history of land rights and protest in folk song and story 'Three Acres And A Cow' connects the Norman Conquest and Peasants' Revolt with current issues like fracking, the housing crisis and transition town and food sovereignty movements via the Enclosures, English Civil War, Irish Land League and Industrial Revolution, drawing a compelling narrative through the radical people's history of Britain in folk song, stories and poems. Google '3 acres and a cow Eventbrite' to find the booking page</p> <p>Guest appearances by Brendan Croker and Boff Whalley of Chumbawamba.</p>
 <p>Sun 17 Jan 16</p>	<p>PEACE SUNDAY 2016 – "OVERCOME INDIFFERENCE AND WIN PEACE"</p> <p>This is the theme for the 2016 World Peace Message from Pope Francis. Resources for this Sunday are prepared annually by Pax Christi with the support of the International Division of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales</p> <p>There are various resources available. These include a Liturgy booklet (with ideas for bidding prayers, homilies and hymns to be used at masses on that day), a prayer card and a short video introducing the theme.</p> <p>Resources can be downloaded or you can order them from Pax Christi. The details can be found using this link:- http://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/peace-sunday/</p>
 <p>Sun 24 Jan 16</p>	<p>HOMELESS SUNDAY</p> <p>Nationally, hundreds of churches celebrate Homeless Sunday each year. It is an opportunity for churches to connect with homeless people, challenge politicians as well as committing themselves to practical action.</p> <p>More details and resources to be used in liturgies can be found on their website:- http://www.homeless-sunday.uk/</p>
 <p>Find us on Facebook</p>	<p>'Like' our page on Facebook and 'follow' us to help keep up to date with the key campaigns that the Commission is supporting.</p>

Please forward this email E-News onto anyone else who you think might be interested. Even better, get them to send us their email address so we can add them to our contact database.