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FAIRTRADE CERTIFICATE



The Justice and Peace Group agreed that it was important that all workers across the world receive a fair wage. Awareness raising relating to Fairtrade became a priority and in 2008 St Peter's achieved fair-trade status. This involved all church organisations signing up to use Fairtrade products at their events and meetings.

Fairtrade groceries can be used to cook entire meals; they are not just a few minor products that are available on an ad hoc basis. The J&P group ran a non-profit dinner in 2011, in order to spread this message. It was a huge success – many people commented that the dinner helped make them more aware of the range of Fairtrade products.

The image is a poster for a Fairtrade Dinner Menu. The title is "FAIRTRADE DINNER MENU" in large green letters, with a yellow and white checkered border at the top. The date is "26th February 2011". The menu is divided into two sections: "Main Course" and "Dessert".

Main Course

- CHICKEN TAGINE**
Chicken cooked with aromatic Fairtrade spices and dried fruit
- FAIRTRADE RICE**
Flavoured with sundried tomatoes and herbs
- MIXED VEGETABLES**
Seasoned with za'atar—a Fairtrade Palestinian herb mix

Dessert

- FRUIT SALAD**
Of Fairtrade oranges, dates and almonds
- CHOCOLATE & BRAZIL NUT BROWNIES**
Made with Fairtrade ingredients

At the bottom, there are images of a fruit salad, a chocolate brownie, and a bowl of mixed vegetables. Text below the images says: "Tickets available at all Masses from 5th February 2011". At the very bottom, it says "Justice & Peace Group, St. Peter's, Bromsgrove".

FAIRTRADE FASHION SHOW



In 2012 our Fairtrade fashion show, using jewellery and clothing from around the world, manufactured by workers who were paid a fair wage, was a big success.

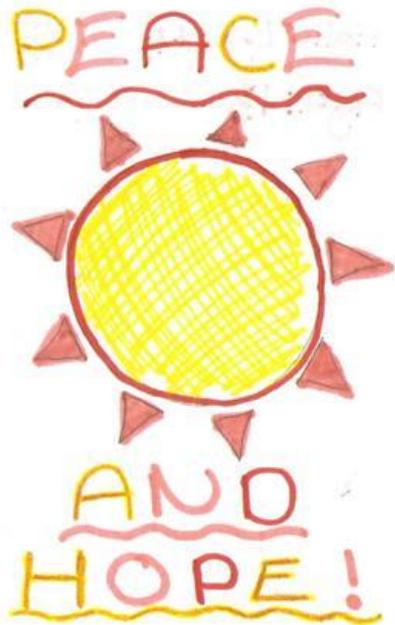
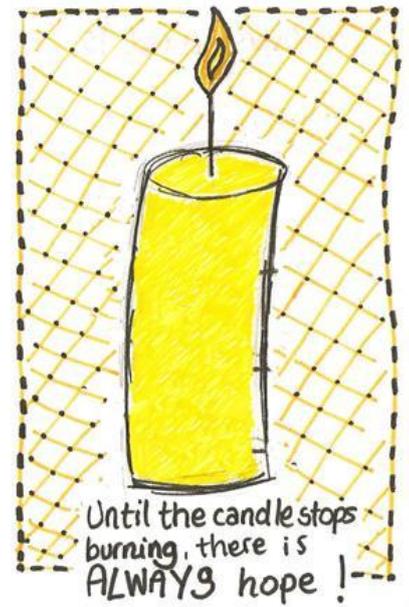
Children and adults from the Parish modelled Fairtrade clothing in a range of different styles. Attendees were able to buy Fairtrade clothing that are sold by companies who specifically obtain products from local people around the world.

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Prisoners of Conscience

Every Christmas, the Justice and Peace Group organises a Prisoners of Conscience Card campaign, enabling parishioners to send personal messages of support to political prisoners and human rights campaigners highlighted by Amnesty International.

These are the winning designs of cards created by children from our Parish during a competition run by the Group, specifically aimed at this campaign.



Homelessness in Bromsgrove



What is the average age that a homeless person dies at?

Answer: 47 years

<http://www.crisis.org.uk/data/files/publications/Crisis%20homelessness%20briefing%20January%202014.pdf>

2014 saw a focus on raising awareness of homelessness. The J and P group's awareness raising event that year involved supporting a speaker from the Basement Project (<http://www.bromsgrovebasementproject.org.uk/>) together with displays featuring issues many homeless people across the region face on a daily basis.



Why do people become homeless?

- 37%** Parents, family, or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate
- 20%** Loss of private dwelling
- 19%** Breakdown of relationship with partner
- 4%** Mortgage arrears
- 2%** Rent arrears
- 18%** Other

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homelessness_in_the_United_Kingdom



In which area of health do homeless people experience the most difficulty?

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Answer:

Mental health problems 70%

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Various speakers over the years:

Jim Quinn CAFOD volunteer spoke on the *Trade Justice Campaign*

'Justice and Peace in Zimbabwe. A personal Experience' John Gilmurray

Dr Tony Armand Consultant Psychiatrist spoke about the work of *Amnesty International and the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture*

Elaine Mortimer of Bromsgrove Homelessness Forum spoke about *Homeless Young People in Bromsgrove*

CAFOD's Helen Moseley spoke about her recent visit to projects in *Ethiopia*

PAX CHRISTI Ann Farr spoke on *'People of the Holy Land need Bridges not Walls'*

Barbara Mayhew spoke about *The Right to Education in Palestine*

David Wetton spoke on his experiences on a recent visit to *Palestine*

Paul Mukerji talked to the group on *How can we help to achieve a just and lasting settlement to the Palestinian/Israeli conflict?*

Barbara Hayes of the Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility spoke about *Ethical Investment*

CAFOD Jim Quinn spoke about his time as *'a CAFOD volunteer in Burma'*

Captain John Bentley, Church Army, spoke about the *ABC social project* based at St Andrew's Church, Charford

'Muslims & Christians Today' was the focus of Dr Chris Hewer's talk.

'Jesus and the Kingdom of God a Challenge for Church and State' speaker David McLoughlin

CAFOD Jim Quinn spoke on the campaign *Hungry for Change*

Campaign against Arms Trade - Anglican Peace Activist Tony Kempster discussed *'Aid not Arms: ending the International Arms Trade'* and sang to his own guitar accompaniment.

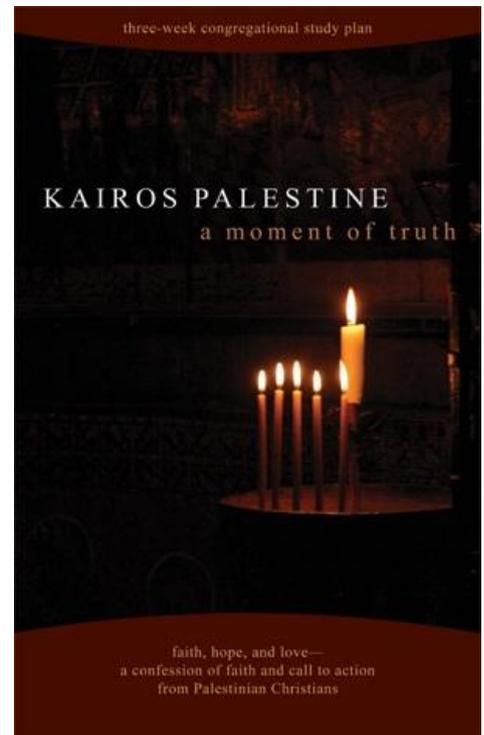
Jackie Hooper Operations Manager of *Basement Project* spoke about its work.

Sister Margaret Walsh, St Chad's Sanctuary *The Hidden Homeless*

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The conflict between the Palestinians and Israelis has been the international focus of the Bromsgrove Justice and Peace Group since it was founded in 2004. Our aim is to raise awareness of the situation in Palestine by:

- Inviting speakers with first-hand knowledge to the Parish Centre e.g. Ann Farr from Pax Christi and EAPPI (Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel) , Arthur Goodman of Jews for Justice for Palestinians.
- Showing films e.g. The Stones Cry Out.
- Publishing posts on Facebook from Jewish Voice for Peace, Medical Aid for Palestinians, the Worcester-Palestine Friendship group, the Israeli Committee against House Demolitions, Kairos Palestine etc.
- Raising our concerns with Sajid Javid MP



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The work of ***Pax Christi – the Peace of Christ*** – is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form. Pax Christi is rooted in Catholic Christianity but is open to all who share its values and work.

<http://paxchristi.org.uk/>



J&P members joined the 45,000 strong Big IF demonstration in Hyde Park on June 8th 2013, organised by Enough Food For Everyone IF (a coalition of over 200 UK organisations including CAFOD). As a result:

- Aid promise kept – the campaign made sure the Chancellor, George Osborne, committed to spend 0.7% of national income on life changing aid.
- Better nutrition – world leaders pledged \$4.1 billion, which will help 20 million children get the food they need
- Unearthing land grabs – put land grabs on the G8 agenda for the very first time
- Backing climate finance – got a plan in place to get the funds to help poor countries adapt to climate change.
- Transparent Tax – In the UK: George Osborne failed to reform UK tax laws, but he couldn't ignore our calls to tackle the elephant in the room - our own UK tax havens.

www.cafod.org.uk

