

## Dear Justice and Peace Supporter,

As this summer comes to an end both the Amazon rainforest, and arctic tundra are experiencing wildfires. At the southern borders of the USA children are being ripped from their families and kept in cages, while European leaders are refusing to allow humanitarian rescue vessels working in the Mediterranean to dock. In Glasgow we see the Home Office and their for-profit partners SERCO seeking to throw out dozens of people from their houses, similarly, my latest travels took me to Liverpool where we learnt that 5 young people who had planned to come to spend a week at our summer camp instead found themselves removed from the UK with almost no warning. It's really easy to get despondent and feel that any progress of recent years is being undone. But there are inspiring stories out there. The force of activists, including students prepared to walk out of school has put the climate crisis back on the agenda and governments are finally starting to recognise the emergency we are facing. While populist politicians continue to use their platforms to divide we can look to the heroism of people like Carola Rackete and Pia Klemp, along with officials and judges who defy unjust policies and ensure that ships are able to complete their rescues, and to the courageous witness of groups in the USA prepared to go to jail to disrupt the targeting of minorities by I.C.E under Donald Trump. Here in the UK we need to keep up the pressure on our politicians, and not allow the debates over Brexit to freeze all other activity. When the earliest members of the church proclaimed "Jesus is Lord" it was with the full knowledge that they were also saying "Caesar is not!". St Mary of Paris reflected that *"the way to God lies through love of people. At the Last Judgement I shall not be asked whether I was successful in my ascetic exercises, nor how many bows and prostrations I made. Instead I shall be asked did I feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and the prisoners. That is all I shall be asked. About every poor, hungry and imprisoned person the Saviour says 'I': 'I was hungry and thirsty, I was sick and in prison.' To think that he puts an equal sign between himself and anyone in need .... It fills me with awe"*. We need to keep the pressure on politicians since we also know that Jesus is Lord, not them.

Danny (Co-ordinator)

## NEWSLETTER Summer 2019



## SEASON OF CREATION

We are fast approaching the **Season Of Creation** which runs from **1st September - 4th October** and this brilliant new liturgical resource produced by [Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh](#) Caritas and Justice and Peace Group has everything you need to celebrate the Season of Creation in your parish or school. Please take a look and pass it on!

[https://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Portals/0/Articles/Creation%20Time%202019\\_CJP%20Final16038%20\(6\).pdf](https://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Portals/0/Articles/Creation%20Time%202019_CJP%20Final16038%20(6).pdf)

Tickets are still available for our **Laudato Si, Care for our Common Home** conference on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019** at

**Renfield St  
Stephens  
Centre, 260  
Bath Street  
Glasgow G2  
4JP.** Don't  
delay get your

ticket today on Eventbrite at this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/laudato-si-care-for-our-common-home-tickets-59884089925>



Join us for a day of reflection on the environment and our stewardship of the earth as  
inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical :

*Laudato Si'*  
**Care for our Common Home**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September  
10am—4pm

For details and to book your place visit :  
[www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk)

Renfield St Stephens's, Glasgow  
£10 Lunch included

Justice and Peace Scotland  
Ceartas agus Sith

Speakers include: Lorna Gold – Divestment from fossil fuels, Stephen Curran – Eco-Congregation Scotland, Dr Pete Walton – Climate Science, Jonathan Richards – Ethical Finance, Maggie Ngwira - Programme Coordinator helping Malawian women overcome climate change.

Our five expert speakers will explore important topics on the environment ranging from divestment from fossil fuels to ethical finance. There will be time for discussion and questions to each speaker giving an opportunity to ask questions directly to the experts. The day will start at 10am with registration and coffee. At 10.30am Bishop Nolan, President of Justice and Peace Scotland will welcome everyone and open the conference. Lunch, including vegetarian and vegan options, will be provided also.



Thank you to Pax Christi International for approving our application to be a member organisation - we hope to participate fully with the 120 other member organisations, with the help of our Scottish supporters.

If you live in Scotland and have been a member of Pax Christi in the UK, now is the time to contact us and arrange to join **Pax Christi Scotland** (membership £10 pa, £5 for unwaged).

And look out for details of our first AGM at Xaverians Conforti on November 8 and our 'Language of Nonviolence' event there from **November 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>**.

Contact us on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PaxChristiScotland/> Or by email at [marian.pallister@zen.co.uk](mailto:marian.pallister@zen.co.uk)

Archbishop Philip Tartaglia will preside at the 5.15pm Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow on **Thursday, 26th September**. Mass will be in honour of Our Lady Star of the Sea, patron of seafarers' charity **Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)** which was founded in Glasgow in 1920.



**Apostleship of the Sea**  
Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

All are invited to come along for Mass to pray for seafarers and their families, and for the work of Stella Maris as it prepares to celebrate its Centenary next year in 2020.

**26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 5.15pm, Metropolitan Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew**, 196 Clyde St, Glasgow G1 4JY. Please contact Rev. Joe O'Donnell for further information

[josephodonnell@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:josephodonnell@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk) or 07793 489 193



**Action For Churches Together in Scotland – Anti-human Trafficking Group** are hosting a conference exploring the ethical and faith based response to **modern slavery** for both consumers and suppliers on **Saturday 2nd November 2019** at the **Edinburgh Methodist Church**, **9.30am – 4.30pm**

Keynote speakers: Dame Sarah Thornton, UK Anti Slavery Commissioner and Dr. Elaine Storkey. Book your place click here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/selling-out-to-slavery-tickets-66016656597?ref=eios>

## 29th September 2019 - The World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for many different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for the challenges and increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.



For 2019, Pope Francis has chosen the theme **“It is not just about migrants”** to show up our blind-spots and make sure no one remains excluded from society, whether a long-time resident or someone newly-arrived. Download the Toolkit Resources for this year’s day here <https://migrants-refugees.va/>



Justice and Peace Scotland  
Speakers List

Remember to keep checking on **our new look website!**

Are you looking for a speaker for your group? If so then take a look here at our new **‘Speakers List’** <https://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Get-Involved/Speakers-List> detailing our members, friends, and partners who will travel to groups/meetings and deliver talks on a variety of different topics. The contact details for each speaker is listed so that you can be in touch directly with them to make arrangements. Each speaker listed has information on the issue they will speak to as well as information on the geographical areas they are prepared to cover and whether equipment or expenses are required. Speakers wishing to be added to our ‘Speakers List’ should email [office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](mailto:office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk)



We are also continuing in our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary to campaign for **Care for Creation** <http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Campaigns/Environment/Care-for-Creation> with new campaigns added each month.

### Music for Worship

*A selection of music for praise, thanksgiving, and comfort inspired by faith.*

**Matt Maher – Least of these** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgV5-gnnZG0>

Matt Maher is a Canadian, Catholic, worship leader and composer. He has performed for both Pope Benedict XVI (USA visit 2008), and Pope Francis (WYD Rio 2013). Least of these looks at the repeated command in scripture to welcome the widow, the orphan, and the stranger.



**Hillsong United – Oceans (Where feet may fail)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9GcyHpptMk>

Hillsong United are the Australian worship band connected with the Hillsong church, which since the 1990s has become famous for its music. Oceans reflects on the story of Peter having confidence to get out of the boat and walk on water towards Jesus

### Food for thought

*Each edition we will try to bring something thought provoking, and perhaps challenging for you to reflect on. This edition we have three selections. First from the BBC, looking at the some of the Syrian families who now call Scotland home.*





<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0007sws/our-lives-series-3-from-syria-to-scotland>

*This Our Lives documentary tells the story of the Syrian refugee families who, since December 2015, have made the small Scottish island of Bute their home. Bute's newest residents have found sanctuary on this peaceful isle – a place of safety after the horrors of the Syrian war they have escaped.*

*Our second is also from the BBC, looking at the activists asking the question; Extinction Rebellion : Last Chance to Save the World?'*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p07fvjfs/extinction-rebellion-last-chance-to-save-the-world>

*2019 has marked a change in public attitudes to climate change driven in part by a huge new global protest movement. In this timely and powerful documentary, reporter Ben Zand gains access to the most important of the protest groups, Extinction Rebellion. He is with them for four months as they build towards "the rebellion" - 11 days of protest in April during which they take over and occupy four iconic locations in London.*

*The film follows three young people who have been inspired to join and lead the protests. Many are not only protesting for the first time in their lives but are also putting their liberty on the line to demand radical action from the government. We are there as they organise street protests and direct actions - risking arrest for their commitment to the cause.*

*The third item comes from filmmaker Tristan Daws. Made in 2016 using footage of 'the Jungle' refugee camp in Calais.*

<https://vimeo.com/158990770>

*'Refugee Blues' is a documentary poem. Using the words of W.H Auden from 1939, along with images filmed in Calais.*

**Don't hesitate to be in touch with the Justice and Peace National office on 0141 333 0238 and please consider printing out a copy of our newsletter and leaving it at the back of your church, or sharing it with a friend in print, or by email.**

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**If you have any upcoming events, interesting articles, music selections you think would be good to share with the Justice and Peace network in Scotland please get in touch!**