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# Director's Diary

I started as Director of the Fellowship on 1st May. My time with the Fellowship so far has been marked by a lot of activity covered elsewhere in this issue of Peacelinks. Therefore I'd like to share with you some emerging priorities:

## Globally Connected

We are living in an era where significant political time and energy is being spent building walls and sowing seeds of separation. Your Fellowship is challenging that. We're connected in solidarity through the International Peacemakers Fund and I have prioritised reaching out to other branches around the world for conversation and idea sharing. It's only a small step, but it is one way to build bridges and nurture community.

## Time for Tea

Of course it isn't all big picture dreaming. Let's be honest, there are few more refreshing moments than a first sip of a cup of tea or coffee. It's not just the drink that makes it refreshing, it's the people you share the drink with. Taking a moment to listen and talk is a wonderful way to explore ideas and share experiences. So my cup is always ready if you'd like to pause for a moments conversation. I have a splash of milk in my coffee, how would you like yours? Email me

( [john@for.org.uk](mailto:john@for.org.uk) ) if you'd like a conversation about people, peace and how we can change the world together.

## People Powered-Change

The Fellowship isn't the only place where people-powered peaceful change can be found. One of the most compelling things over the last few months has been the emergence Extinction Rebellion and Nobel Peace Prize Nominated Greta Thunberg as powerful climate change campaigners. Their use of non-violence to change political options and begin a wider public conversation is inspiring. Their activities have enabled some people to find their space, place and power on issues that can seem overwhelming. Seeing and hearing the stories moved me to tears, and reminded me of a powerful hymn that I used to sing at primary school "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me".

So, until we next meet, good luck in your everyday peacemaking however you choose to start it.

*John Cooper*



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# Fellowship Fundraising Goes Digital

Fellowship Members Make All the Difference to our Fundraising

Over the last few months supporters have been central to some successful fundraising and we wanted to celebrate your innovation. Two of our supporters took the initiative to setup special fundraisers for the Fellowship of Facebook. Both had birthdays and decided to create a 'donate to FoR' option on the social media channel and each raised a sizeable amount.



Richard Bickle said “Over the past few months I’ve seen lots of friends running fundraisers on Facebook for their birthdays. When Facebook prompted me in the run-up to my birthday, I thought it was worth ago. With only a few clicks I’d soon set a target that I felt was challenging, yet achievable. I was delighted to see how my friends responded with generous donations and interesting conversations about FoR and the importance of our work”

Other supporters helped us make a difference in a very different way. For the last two years we have invited you to make ‘double the difference’

when we take part in ‘The Big Give’ fundraising drive. This matches philanthropists with charities and sees donations from the public matched by an individual.

We are only able to use ‘the big give’ if we have pledgers. These are people who promise, in the summer, to donate a minimum of £100 to our ‘big give’ fundraising drive in December. With these promises of support, we are able to apply for a new ‘match funding’ scheme. We would like to continue to make double the difference with our international work so if you are interested in helping make that happen please contact the FoR office for details about how to pledge.

## FoR On the Road!

This autumn the Fellowship will be taking its message of peace and non-violence onto the streets and into the nation’s ears.

We’ll be partnering with author, activist and FoR Member, Tim Gee for a speaker tour exploring ‘why he is still a pacifist’. This is the first time in many years we’ve taken a conversation out and about and we are excited about what it could generate. We’ll be encouraging small conversations during the daytime about what churches would imagine ‘picturing peace’ is all about. The evening would then see Tim and Diko, our campaigns officer, address the gathered crowd with stories of peace, non-violence and transformation. See the notice on the back page.

If you would like to the tour to visit you, please contact the FoR office so we can talk through the practicalities.

## FoR funds children’s work in Edinburgh

FoR is helping to fund a development of the Cooperative Games Programme in Primary Schools run by the Edinburgh Peace & Justice Centre has a team of trained Facilitators that run a Cooperative Games Programme in Primary Schools.

Rev. David Mumford said, “Work in schools to encourage pupils and staff to find nonviolent

methods of resolving conflict helps both the school and the wider community. I am very pleased that FoR is able to support this Scottish initiative. I hope that it will be replicated in other schools. Education and training in nonviolence is crucial. It tackles issues of bullying in schools and gives pupils essential skills to use at home and in society.”

# Pathways to Peace

Members of FoR, APF, BPF, MPF and URCPF came together for our annual conference at Hinsley Hall, Leeds from 8-10 March. The diverse programme had something for everyone.

Hope in Troubled Times was a seminar featuring Paul Rogers, Professor of Peace Studies at Bradford University and Janet Fenton, a Quaker feminist internationalist who participated in the negotiations at the UN for the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

Paul identified three drivers for conflict:

- Security: rectifying problems by handing them to the military, to put the lid on (Lidism).
- Climate Change
- Global Economy.

To turn round our situation, changes could mean more control of financial systems and taxes, and a move to a mixed economy. We need more political will to use better technologies to stave off the threat of worse climate events. And we should rethink security: it does not simply mean defence. See [rethinkingsecurity.org.uk](http://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk)

Janet Fenton talked about the UN Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (also known as the ban treaty). It had been signed despite the efforts of the Nuclear Weapons States. The treaty addresses the shortcomings of NPT and CTBT. Some non-nuclear states who signed the treaty have already ratified it and more are committed to doing so. So the treaty could enter into force by the NPT Review conference in 2020.

Both Paul and Jane gave examples of how quickly positive change had previously come about, such as the 1952 Great Smog of London that led to clean air acts, and the 1915 founding of WILPF in response to the First World War.

Methodist Rev. Dan Woodhouse described how he and Sam Walton had been acquitted of causing criminal damage at an aircraft factory. The magistrate could see that they were convinced that they felt they had no choice but to take action but ruled this did not make a legal precedent.

Peace is a Global Public Good was the title of a talk by Fabian Hamilton MP, shadow minister for peace and disarmament, his role since October 2016. He had been the only UK establishment person to attend the first conference in New York

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on the prohibition of nuclear weapons treaty, which he hopes his party would sign if they get into government.

Labour propose a Peace Doctrine that brings together some of the resources of externally-facing government departments - FCO, MoD, and DFID, DFT and the British Council - that will overhaul how the UK responds to conflict, and work with institutions in civil society. It would be an open consultative doctrine, not owned by the Labour party.



Some of the speakers and peace organisations' reps.

## Civil Courage workshop

Led by Oliver Robertson, participants examined ways to practice nonviolence in everyday life. They used role plays to focus on nonviolent responses to conflict and oppression, and creative peacemaking through building relationships with enemies. The conclusion was that there were many ways to practise nonviolence and that no one technique works in every situation. The goal is to diffuse the situation, so no-one is being harassed or oppressed.

## Engaging with the Media workshop

Led by Philip Austin, participants envisaged a transformed world and considered the media issues which impede the realisation of this vision. They examined the media agenda and how to change the narrative of selfishness, and that of doom and gloom.

Points to emerge included:

- Keep hopeful and imaginative,
- Cultivate relationships with sympathetic media people,
- Practice and rehearse our interactions with the media.

Thanks go to Sue Gale, Julia Mercer and Gabriele Britton-Voss for contributing workshop reports. Some of the main talks were recorded and can be found on [facebook.com/forepeace/videos/](https://facebook.com/forepeace/videos/)

# Pathways to Peace

*Methodist Peace Fellowship member Rev. Gabriele Britton-Voss was inspired by her first FoR conference.*

“...be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:24b

Travelling the distance on the M1 from Sussex towards Leeds was quite an adventure. I had only driven a similar distance once before and was excited. I looked forward to meeting new people who also had peace and reconciliation in mind; by the end of the weekend I was not disappointed.

The programme was jam-packed with speakers, workshops, worship, fellowship and information. Friday night opened with Professor Paul Rogers exploring drivers of peace and conflict, and Janet Fenton providing a feminist perspective on the need to ban nuclear weapons. Saturday brought a wide range of talks. Elaheh Pooyandeh explained about the Tehran Peace Museum and its memorial to the lasting pain of chemical warfare while Camillia Freeland-Taylor shared her work as a member of the US Peace Corps in Zambia. FoR's John Cooper spoke about Stop the Arms Fair and Rev. Alastair McKay started the day reflecting on art to talk about peace. My colleague, Rev. Dan Woodhouse shared his experience of being arrested and brought before a judge for breaking into the BAE aircraft factory.

Workshops on offer were Spoken Word Poetry, Civil Courage and Engaging with the Media. I chose poetry, as I am keen on The Word and how Poetry can explore it. By the end of the workshop I was so excited by this tool for mission that I decided to organise a Poetry Slam on Saturday 21st September, as part of the build up to Peace Sunday on the 22nd September 2019.

Throughout the weekend there was a regular mix of Worship. It was led by many of the ecumenical gathering, reflecting URC, Quaker, Anglican, and Baptist styles, and was welcomed by all.

I enjoyed the weekend, and already look forward to next year. I wish to thank my Methodist circuit and superintendent for giving me the time to be part of this gathering of peace-loving and active peace makers. I'll continue to pray for the FoR, inspired by the parting words of the founders, Friedrich Siegmund-Schültze and Henry Hodgkin: “We are one in Christ and can never be at war.” This is so true. We are all one people in this broken world, and have a task to do.

## Poetry Workshop

“... My eyes are spent with weeping;  
my stomach churns;  
my bile is poured out on the ground  
because of the destruction of my people,  
because infants and babes faint  
in the streets of the city.

They cry to their mothers,  
“Where is bread and wine?”  
as they faint like the wounded  
in the streets of the city,  
as their life is poured out  
on their mothers' bosom.

What can I say for you, to what compare you,  
O daughter Jerusalem?  
To what can I liken you, that I may comfort you,  
O virgin daughter Zion?  
For vast as the sea is your ruin;  
who can heal you? ...”

Lamentations 2:11-13

I chose this passage randomly, letting the Spirit guide me, and it seems that it speaks right into the current world of pain, death, and also of love. In the wake of the New Zealand massacre, this passage seems suitable, and I could not have chosen a better fragment myself, the stanzas talk of pain, the pain that humanity feels as we turn on one another again and again and again.

I was so excited and fired up by the workshop, countering with my youth in Germany, when the local newspaper published my work, and then, here in the UK, when I was published in the ecumenical magazine Connections some years ago. Writing other than sermons is again calling me. Writing about what is in God's heart through myself is a calling I have felt for a long time, but it has been re-awakened, and that is thanks to Abdullah Adekola and Tai Ogun, leaders of the Poetry workshop, who, through their enthusiasm for the Word, have given me the courage to speak up in words again.

God's love is with us, but we have to seek this love. We have to accept this love, we have to work and nurture this love. For you,  
“O Lord, reign forever;  
your throne endures to all generations. ...”

Lamentations 5:19

# Church and Peace conference

*Church & Peace Board Member Barbara Forbes reports on the conference In Birmingham.*

“Peace is not a Fairytale.  
We have to work to make peace happen!”

*Dekha Ibrahim Abdi*

Seventy years ago, the International FoR was instrumental in founding a European ecumenical peace church committee, together with Mennonites, Church of the Brethren, and British Quakers. It was a natural development to form a European network following the 1948 statement of the World Council of Churches that “War is contrary to the will of God”. This committee later took its current name Church & Peace. With its head office in Germany, it now embraces corporate members as diverse as the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship, Youth For Christ Croatia and Friends House Moscow, as well as a large number of individual members. It works in several international networks including the Conference of European Churches and the WCC itself.

In Britain & Ireland, Church & Peace had a relatively low profile over the last twenty years, however, this is changing. There have been three national conferences in Birmingham, the most recent of which took place in February 2019 and was co-organised with FoR.

The theme of the 2019 conference was “Peace is not a fairy-tale – we have to work to make it happen”. We underpinned our understanding of this with Romans 14:19 - let us do what leads to peace and builds our common life.

Our “common life” was very much the theme of our keynote speaker, local Anglican vicar Al Barrett. Having lived for the last nine years on an estate on the edge of the city, his ministry focuses very much on building community and overcoming the effects of poverty. He identifies this as poverty of relationships, poverty of identity, and poverty of resources. He works to encourage those who live on “his patch” to re-shape the dominant narrative, which would condemn them to being further forgotten, and instead claim the right to tell their own stories and build a strong and vibrant community. He threw out many challenges to the mainly white and middle-class participants, in particular about the temptations of being seduced by different types of power – the “power

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of the provider” (which sees “the other” only as a recipient); the “power of the performer” (which sees “the other as an audience to be impressed or to have their opinions changed); and “the power of the possessor” (which sees “the other” as helpless subjects who are to be helped by “our” projects). This provoked reflections from the participants about our relationship with our activities, our fund-raising, and our relationships with under-privileged groups such as asylum-seekers. We were aware that most of us have performed all these roles, sometimes all at once – and raised the question of whether or not the church should give away its power even when it can be an engine of liberation? Obviously, we did not reach any satisfactory answers.

This was a thought-provoking start to the day, in which three panellists - Rev. Inderjit Bhogal, Dr. Charmian Kenner, and Ruth Tetlow - reflected on

- building a network of Churches of Sanctuary which develop a mission of hospitality, welcome, and, where necessary, advocacy
- interfaith work on climate change
- difficult dialogues after the Brexit referendum – building friendships between regions which were at opposite ends of the voting spectrum

The afternoon workshops continued the discussion on those topics, as well as the first-ever pilot run of a workshop on “Everyday Civil Courage”, developed by Oliver Robertson. For more details of this subject see page 4.

Overall, the day touched on aspects of “living on the edge” which Al had identified in the morning - being open to unplanned encounters; creating “edge-spaces” where we meet people who are different from us; building up our common humanity and creating our common home; taking small steps to heal small divisions, when some divisions are currently too deep to be easily healed, and; building up our “everyday civil courage” to promote cooperation in place of oppression and aggression.

All of this is essential in the broken and divided UK, a country riven by division to an extent which none of us has ever experienced before.

# We are at war with ourselves

Eastertide 2019 was a moment like no other in recent UK history. A wave of nonviolent direct action occurred in central London, changing the public conversation around climate change. The activity, co-ordinated by a new group called 'Extinction Rebellion', had a strong faith element within it.

Prior to the week of activity there was a special moment of worship and reflection outside St Paul's Cathedral. One of the speakers was the Rt Reverend Rowan Williams, who spoke at our centenary service in 2014. His reflection, shared below, wove together images of earth, environment and peace:



I greet you all with great joy. It is wonderful to see such witness and such vision and strength that has been expressed.

My name is Rowan Williams and I am speaking as a Christian to you. I'm speaking at the beginning at the most important week in our Christian Calendar: our Holy Week. At the end of this week we remember the crucifixion of Jesus, raised up on what Christians call the Tree of Life. A tree of life that connects heaven and earth. A tree of life which restores to us our freedom and our vision. This is what this week is about. A moment which we Christians believe is the moment in history where heaven and earth flow together and where the spirit is set free in us, transforming the face of the earth.

Jesus said we must love God and love our neighbour as ourself. Somebody asked him: "who is my neighbour?" When Jesus replied, telling the story of the good Samaritan, he identified the neighbour as the one who gives life. That is why we have to learn to think and feel that the earth itself is our neighbour. Giving us life.

The neighbour we must love. The neighbour we must love as ourselves, because we are not separate from our neighbour. We are not

a detached part. We are not living in another universe or in our heads. We are living in and with the life of our neighbour, which is our earth. We must love it. If we cannot love our neighbour we cannot love ourselves. If we do not love ourselves we cannot love our neighbour and we cannot love God.

Our crisis today is one that could be called being at war with ourselves. We have declared war on our nature, when we declare war on the natural world. We are at war with ourselves when we declare war on our neighbour, whether our neighbour is human or non human.

We are here tonight to declare that we do not wish to be at war. We wish to make peace with ourselves by making peace with our neighbour earth and with our God."

Rowan concluded by inviting all sat with him to share in the 'Prayer of Sorrow' written for the United Nations Environmental Sabbath Service.

The full event is recorded here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/ExtinctionRebellion/videos/live-from-st-pauls-cathedral-in-london-rowan-williams-leads-a-meditation-on-the-e/776238409429468/>

# International Peacemakers' Fund

*Padmakumara writes about the work of organisations in Sudan and Zimbabwe that have been helped by your donations to our International Peacemakers' Fund.*

Late last year Mamoun Abdallah emailed the FoR Office, "I am okay, shooting was very heavy. Nine from the protesters were killed and more than 200 were injured."

Mamoun Abdallah is the Executive Director of the Sudanese Organization for Nonviolence and Development (SONAD). Based in Khartoum, Sudan, they are right at the heart of the protests that began in December 2018. This has especially been the case since the sit-in outside the military headquarters started on the 6th April. Recognised as the only group offering training in nonviolence in Sudan, staff and volunteers have been involved in tracking the demonstrations, playing a vital role in de-escalating the potential for violence. Despite the shootings Mamoun refers to above, thus far there has been remarkably few outbreaks of violence.

When we opened applications for 2019's International Peacemakers' Fund in October 2018 the latent disquiet of the Sudanese people was little known in the international community. Mamoun and his colleagues saw the potential for political protest and know very well the history of violent suppression that has often accompanied calls for change. Convinced of the importance of nonviolent resistance, and inspired by its advocates throughout the Fellowship's international community, SONAD applied to the Fund for the relatively small amount of £3,500, to further extend their capacity to educate key people within political and religious communities. It looks like we have been able to assist at exactly the right time. This would not have been possible without your donations.

Further down the continent, in Zimbabwe, another IFOR partner, FOR Zimbabwe, is similarly placed as one of a very small number of organisations promoting nonviolent resistance in a country that suffers terribly from injustice, unrest, and violent suppression. Cognisant of the need to tackle the extent of unemployment amongst the young in particular, Makios Phiri, FOR Zimbabwe's Director, partnered with Novafeed, a Zimbabwean Agricultural Cooperative. Students receive training in nonviolence and farming techniques that can help them find work. Together, they thus help to tackle both the causes of violent conflict and the conflict itself. Again, the Fund award of £2,800 was only possible due to your generosity.

Finally, I'm delighted to inform members and supporters that we again held a successful fundraising campaign in November-December 2018, resulting in another £4.5K for the Fund, and ensuring that we could support two, and therefore both of these, projects, in 2019. Thank you again to everyone who donated.

Wish to Donate?

Contact [office@for.org.uk](mailto:office@for.org.uk) or telephone 01865 250 781 and ask to speak to Padmakumara.

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Lana Haroun

Alaa Salah shot to internet fame for her part in the resistance. Women have been central to the nonviolent resistance at the heart of the protests.



Makios Phiri

Proud Trainees show their certificates following the seminar.

# No Thanks for Nukes!

Members of FoR were at the annual service of witness held at the North gate of the Trident Submarine base at Faslane on April 13.

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Galloway, William Nolan, was the main speaker. He addressed both the immorality of weapons of mass destruction and how wrong it was to spend resources on preparing for death rather than life when there was so much need in the world.



Bungie

“This money of course could be better spent in actually doing good in the world, helping to alleviate poverty or the causes of injustice.

“And of course one of the things that is scandalous is how easily any proposal to renew Trident in parliament gets passed.

“Everyone seems to have bought into the fallacy of nuclear deterrents as if some how or other peace is established.

“If you put a gun to someone’s head and they hold a gun to your head, well in this case it’s not guns that are being pointed but nuclear missiles, which can lead to the destruction of humanity. That is not peace.



Bungie

Peace is when nations and people come together, try and understand each other, respect each other and try and live harmoniously together not living under the threat of nuclear destruction.”

Richard Frazer, convener of the Church of Scotland’s Church and Society Committee, also spoke.

The service was devised by the Rev. Mitchel Bunting, minister of the United Reformed Church in Helensburgh who numbers people working at the base among his congregation. It took the readings of the death and raising of Lazarus as showing how we could move from preparing for death to celebrating life.

*David Mumford*

Quotes are from the Scottish Catholic Observer: [sconews.co.uk](http://sconews.co.uk)

## Witness at Westminster Abbey



Christian CND

On Friday 3 May more than 150 Christians from across the country came together for a witness for peace outside Westminster Abbey.

Inside, Prince William was among those attending a National Service of Thanksgiving for 50 years of British nuclear weapons being at sea, described

by the Royal Navy as a ‘celebration’.

FoR was one of the groups supporting the event, organised by Christian CND.

Over 200 Anglican clergy had signed Christian CND’s statement and more than 1000 people signed a petition to the Dean of Westminster, calling for the service to be cancelled. Although the service went ahead, the mainstream Christian view was expressed outside, nuclear weapons are nothing to be thankful for. There were Bible readings, prayers and contributions from a range of denominations.

Nearby, CND held a die-in. Around 500 people were there. The act of witness was covered by television news, newspapers and radio, and several clergy gave interviews.

# Knives, Nonviolence and Networking

*There was a gathering of delegates from European Fellowships of Reconciliation (EuFoR) in Birmingham and Coventry on 26-28 April.*

FoR was privileged to host the recent meeting of European Branches and Affiliates of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation. Meeting in Birmingham, the 2-day conference included a speaker from the recent peaceful Extinction Rebellion campaign in London and a vigil for peace beside a 'Knife Angel' outside the internationally famous Coventry Cathedral.

One of the key conversations explored how to respond to the European Elections due the following month. The delegates wished to highlight how important it was to remember the original purpose of the European Union, to bring about peaceful coexistence. The recent disregard for human rights and the unwillingness to react to the current climate emergency endangers these achievements.

The delegates reaffirmed their belief that the climate crisis is urgently threatening world peace. Global warming will destroy the environment and lead to wars over resources. People are losing their livelihoods and becoming climate refugees.

Delegates shared concern about the increasing militarisation of the European Union. They condemned the way European countries profit from ongoing wars all over the world by producing and exporting weapons. Conversations explored a shared belief that the European Union should promote peace in the world by investing in development projects, by intensifying efforts towards diplomacy and by promoting and investing in nonviolent conflict transformation and human rights. As a result of these conversations, delegates from around the European region were urged to question their local candidates for the European parliament on their peace policies.

Two keynote discussions shaped proceedings. The first was concerning the right to be a conscientious objector. This was given by Derek Brett, IFOR representative to the UN in Geneva.

He told the conference: "Since we oppose military intervention as a solution to conflict, we strongly support people's right to refuse military service. Even in European countries there are challenges to conscientious objection that need to be monitored and overcome." The meeting agreed all branches should keep a particular watch on the situation in Greece.

The second keynote talk was given by a guest to the gathering, Father Martin Newell, a Passionist Priest from Birmingham. He talked about his recent experiences as part of the nonviolent 'Extinction Rebellion' movement in London. Central to his input were stories highlighting that faith actors were welcomed within the wider environment and nonviolent movement.

An act of public protest is a key moment for any European Gathering. This time delegates travelled to Coventry to hold a special vigil for peace. They stood alongside the iconic eight metre Knife Angel, made up of over 100,000 blades, installed outside the Cathedral. This was followed by conversation and personal prayer and reflection in the ecumenical chapel attached to the Cathedral.

## Nominations Wanted

Do you know of someone or an organisation that has done something to promote reconciliation or peace this year? Nominations are now sought for the 2019 Wilson Hinkes Peace Award, to be presented on 13 October 2019 during the annual Week of Prayer for World Peace service which this year is at Rumi Mosque, London. This is the start of the week, which encourages people of all faiths to pray for peace. The Award carries a value of £500.

Nominations can come from any individual or group. Submissions in the form of a letter describing the nominee's contribution to peace and justice issues should be sent, by 15 August 2019 to the WPWP Committee members:

Sue Gale [billandsuegale@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:billandsuegale@blueyonder.co.uk) and Sue Claydon [chair@anglicanpeacemaker.org.uk](mailto:chair@anglicanpeacemaker.org.uk)

**Every Tuesday: Witness and protest at NSA Menwith Hill**, by the A59 near Harrogate, 6-8pm, 01765-600928 <https://www.caab.org.uk/>

**Every Wednesday: Vigil outside HM nuclear base Faslane, Scotland**, north gate on Maidstone Road, near Helensburgh 4-5pm. [banthebomb.org](http://banthebomb.org)

**June 21-23: The Great Get Together** [www.greatgettogether.org](http://www.greatgettogether.org)

**June 26: "The Time is now" mass Climate Lobby of Parliament** [www.thetimeisnowmap.co.uk](http://www.thetimeisnowmap.co.uk)

**June 29: Cross & new Peace Sign dedication, ex-USAF nuclear base** (now intelligence analysis) **Molesworth, Peace Corner** on B660, 11am, [christiancnd.org.uk](http://christiancnd.org.uk)

**June 29: Save the Earth, Abolish War** conference at Mander Hall NEU, London WC1, 9.30am- 5pm, [abolishwar.org.uk](http://abolishwar.org.uk)

**July 1: Politics & Faith in the US: Pursuing justice in divided times**, free lecture 8pm, Birmingham (near NEC) [facebook.com/jointpublicissues/](https://facebook.com/jointpublicissues/)

**July 13: FoR's AGM & Supporter Day**, London, see back page.

**July 26-28: Forgotten People, Forgotten Places**, annual Justice and Peace Conference Swanwick, [justice-and-peace.org.uk](http://justice-and-peace.org.uk)

**August 6: Hiroshima Day August 9: Nagasaki Day**

**August 23-25: Greenbelt Festival** [www.greenbelt.org.uk](http://www.greenbelt.org.uk)

**September 2-13: Stop the Arms Fair**, London, [stopthearmsfair.org.uk](http://stopthearmsfair.org.uk) including 'No Faith in War' Day September 3.

**September 21: International Day of Peace**

**September 22: Peace Sunday** see information below.

**October 13-20: Week of Prayer for World Peace**, resources at [www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.com](http://www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.com)

**October 20-27: One World Week**, [www.oneworldweek.org](http://www.oneworldweek.org)

**October 24-30: International Disarmament Week**

**November 10: Remembrance Sunday**. Order white poppies from FoR.

**December 1: Prisoners for Peace Day** [www.wri-irg.org/](http://www.wri-irg.org/)

## Some useful websites

[for.org.uk](http://for.org.uk) - our main website

[facebook.com/forepeace](https://facebook.com/forepeace) - our Facebook page.

[twitter.com/forpeacemaker](https://twitter.com/forpeacemaker) - FoR on Twitter.

[for.org.uk/peacesunday](http://for.org.uk/peacesunday) - Peace Sunday resources.

[for.org.uk/ipf/](http://for.org.uk/ipf/) - International Peacemakers' Fund.

[flickr.com/photos/forengland/with/13875423525/](https://flickr.com/photos/forengland/with/13875423525/) - FoR's photographs web pages.

[ifor.org](http://ifor.org) - International Fellowship of Reconciliation and links to other branches around the world.

[cymdeithasycymod.org.uk](http://cymdeithasycymod.org.uk) - Cymdeithas y Cymod.

[mpf.org.uk](http://mpf.org.uk) - Methodist Peace Fellowship.

[baptist-peace.org.uk](http://baptist-peace.org.uk) - Baptist Peace Fellowship.

[urc.org.uk/our-work/peace-fellowship](http://urc.org.uk/our-work/peace-fellowship) - United Reformed Church Peace Fellowship.

[quaker.org.uk/our-work/peace](http://quaker.org.uk/our-work/peace) - Quaker Peace & Disarmament.

[anglicanpeacemaker.org.uk](http://anglicanpeacemaker.org.uk) - Anglican Pacifist Fellowship.

[ncpo.org.uk](http://ncpo.org.uk) - Network of Christian Peace Organisations.

# Peace Sunday & Remembrance Sunday

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Across the country hundreds of Churches will be holding 'Peace Sunday' services on Sunday 22 September 2019. It's the Sunday closest to UN International Peace Day. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate the Prince of Peace and respond to his call for us to be 'peacemakers' on earth.

Our Peace Sunday resource aims to provide you with engaging and inspirational materials, prayers, hymns and reflections for you to run a meaningful Peace Sunday service.

We also have a 'Remembrance Sunday' resource which FoR co-created with Peace Pledge Union (PPU). This combines worship materials with a pre-packed bundle of white poppies ready for re-selling at your church.

To order or download either free resource visit the FoR website: [for.org.uk/resources/](http://for.org.uk/resources/).

## FoR Seeks the Ear of the Nation

Friends, Peacemakers and Justice-seekers.  
Lend us your ears!

The Fellowship of Reconciliation will be launching the first UK Christian Peacemaking podcast later this summer. Mixing interviews with personal devotional material, we're expecting the podcast to be an eye-opening (or should that be ear-opening?!) tour into the many reasons peace can grow or violence break out. For more details check the FoR website in July 2019.

# Picturing Peace Tour

- featuring -



**Tim Gee**  
Author of  
'Why I am a Pacifist'



**Diko Blackings**  
FoR Campaigns Officer

Coming to towns and cities throughout  
England, Wales and Scotland

- running -

September 2019 – November 2019

Find out more

[www.for.org.uk/tour2019](http://www.for.org.uk/tour2019)

# Fellowship of Reconciliation Annual Council

including

AGM & Supporters Day

**Saturday 13th July**

Hear FoR's story from 2018, and help shape the future at our Annual Council. The full day will include elections for trustees, a keynote address from Revd Dr Jongikaya Zihle, Chair of London Methodist District. View the World Council of Churches Exhibition '12 Faces of Hope'.

Come and share in Fellowship.

Start 11am (arrivals from 10.30). Finish at 3.30pm.



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