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*“We are one in Christ  
and can never be at war.”*

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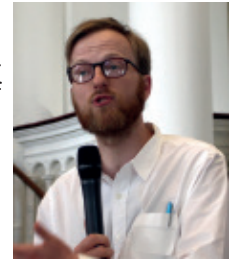
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## Directors Diary

There is the smell of cordite in the air and the sound of many a political promise whooshing past our ears. The week I write has seen the Conservative Prime Minister try to better the policy of the Opposition by naming a date when the UK Government will match the NATO ideal of 2.5% GDP spending on the military.

It's a rather depressing and frustrating set of discussions to see played out. The endless round of arguments and pressure for increase leaves little or no political room for conversation and suggestion about the alternatives. Yet through

the following pages I hope you'll capture some of the energy and life that Fellowship members bring to offering something different.



We've stories of arrests when people sit down in the road, speakers from Colombia due to visit the UK and much more. The question maybe for now is not what have the politicians offered, instead what can I continue to do to build a world of peace?

*John Cooper*

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## Chair's Chat

War is a form of extreme self-harm. It is a radical expression of our self-dislike as a human species; deep anger and disgust projected onto the 'other'. But the other is 'us' as well as 'them'. I bang my head against an innocent closing door and in my pain and anger hit myself for my stupidity.

At the heart of Pacifism for me lies the belief that all people are precious. It is just as awful to hear of the thousands of Russians who have died, been maimed, or are just grieving as it is to hear of the Ukrainians who have suffered so much. No one deserves such suffering. To say, 'they started it', or 'they had it coming', really doesn't help. However much a soldier supported the cause, however eagerly they slaughtered their enemy, they still don't 'deserve to die'.



We spend far too much energy on deciding, 'who is to blame?' and too little on asking, 'who is responsible?' One question may lead to the conclusion that someone somewhere ought to clear up the mess. But the other question leads to the more constructive, blame free, conclusion that we are all responsible and need to clear it up. Of course justice needs to be done, and seen to be done, but that is necessarily the task for a future date.

For now we need to feel a profound sense of compassion for all those caught up in the violence, and a burning commitment to take our responsibility for our future peace and reconciliation. My life is caught up in yours, even, especially, if your life is the cause of my pain. Only in loving my enemy will we find solutions and then justice can be achieved. The task of beating swords into ploughshares is exhausting but all human beings are responsible for it.

*Mark Wakelin*

## Updates on Fellowship Life

### Success for Fellowship's Lent Course

Over 5 weeks in Lent 15 people would regularly gather in two groups to explore together in the Fellowship's first ever online Lent Course. This trial using specially created material, mixed bible readings and reflections to provoke conversation about how to build peace in ourselves, our community and our world. Dave, who attended the daytime version of the course said "It was great to meet up with others and focus on our relationship and involvement with peacemaking ideas".

### New Life for Church House Campaign

The Fellowship has campaigned against the hiring of Church House Westminster by RUSI for their annual Land Warfare Conference. A social media post by Rev Luke Lerner, leading to a full article in the Church Times, has led to renewed interest in the campaign. The conference used the Anglican premises in 2023, even after an ethical lettings policy had been

announced. Breaking News: RUSI will be holding their Land Warfare Conference at Church House on 25/26 June. Protest details available soon.

### New Prayer Booklet edited by President of Methodist Peace Fellowship



The wider Methodist Church recognised the skill and expertise of Rev Dr Barbara Glasson in curating prayers by inviting her to edit a special national prayer handbook. Launched in March 2024, this booklet 'We Have Voices' is a reference and companion to help churches and worship leaders engage in a range of themes, including peace, explored in the broader Justice strategy of the church. The

## News in Brief

booklet is priced £6.99 and is available from Methodist Publishing House.

### Workshops for Clergy

John, the Director of the Fellowship, was invited to lead two workshops on reconciliation for final year ministerial students and lay readers completing their training at Ripon College Cuddesdon. Over two sessions he explored peace, reconciliation and shared ideas of how the church can nurture a culture of reconciliation.

### Peace House available to Let

The Trustees of the Fellowship wish to release the energy of the small staff team from building management and focus them on building a distributed network of peace campaigners and preachers nationwide. This will, in part, be achieved through the letting or sale of Peace House, Oxford. The Trustees have been thankful for the service of Peace House and feel this is the time to think big for the Fellowship and rearrange resources to deliver the growth. No change to FOR post and phone details.

### Budleigh Church Opens Garden of Peace

Temple Methodist Church, Budleigh Salterton formally opened and dedicated a new community garden on Saturday 3rd June. The garden dedicated to peace in the world was inspired by the late Derrick Rowland, and opened by his family. In 1941 when he was called up, Derrick registered as a conscientious objector, a decision which changed the course of his life. Later he became a member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. His strong principles and concern for peace and social justice always impacted on his behaviour.

The Rev'd Wayne Grewcock said that the garden

was a "space open for all to enjoy and reflect, not just on peace in the world but in our own lives as well."



## FOR Members on Trial for Non-Violent Direct Action

On 25 April Virginia Moffatt and Chris Cole faced trial in London for Criminal Damage, following their arrest outside Downing Street on 29 December when they protested the UK government's complicity in the genocide in Gaza. They poured red poster paint on the gates, and made bloody handprints; these provided a visual symbol of the blood on our government's hands and acted as a warning to it to not breach international law. They held placards (see cover picture) and read names of children killed by Israel and Hamas, making visible the human suffering at the heart of this conflict.

At the trial, Virginia said she had felt a duty to act as our government had refused to even call for a ceasefire and continued to supply Israel with arms. She had previously written to Ministers and MPs,



Reverend Dr Munther Isaac (centre), a pastor of the Christmas church (Evangelical Lutheran) in Bethlehem, spoke and stood vigil with representatives of FOR and other peace organisations outside Parliament on February 19th, on the eve of vote on an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The vigil was promoted by Christian Aid.

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and participated in large demonstrations but those had been ignored. Thus, when our government was in breach of international law and supporting a genocide, she felt it was a civic duty to act. She also acted as a Christian, inspired by Dr Rev Munther Isaac whose sermon 'Christ under the rubble' called on Western Christians to act for Gaza. Throwing paint was minimal and not violent, particularly when considering the blood spilled all over Gaza.

Chris felt compelled to act as our government was ignoring widespread evidence of violation of international humanitarian law by Israel. Both parts of their protest were equally important.

Their legal defence of the action relied on the Appeal Court Judgement in the Colston Statue case: there could be lawful excuse in certain circumstances: thus, it was a protest; there was no violence; damage occurred to public property only; the damage was not significant but 'minor or temporary'.

The judge disagreed and found them guilty. In all Virginia and Chris were given fines, costs and compensation totaling a significant £1,683.68. They are crowdfunding to support their costs.

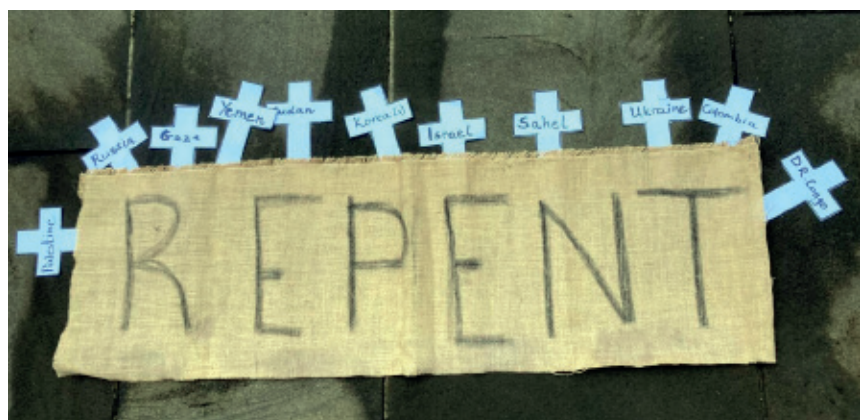
## FOR partners with the Iona Community

The Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Iona Community have been friends ever since FOR member Rev George MacLeod established the community in 1938. We have been invited to contribute and collaborate on workshops in the new Iona Community venue at the Greenbelt Festival. Workshops on self care and on climate change and peace are planned.

## FOR attends 'Freedom for all' Seder Meal



Birmingham based members attended a special interfaith Seder meal to mark the Jewish festival of Passover. The meal had been put on by members of the Jewish Community in Birmingham who wished to use the festival to reflect on freedom in the context of ongoing war in Gaza. Richard, an FOR member, who attended said afterwards "I'd never been to any kind of Jewish religious event before. To be made so welcome and to find common cause with people seeking peace and justice, while sharing stories of liberation through Jewish history, was very moving."



## Global Updates

### Encouraging and Affirming Weekend in A World of Violence

Members of International FOR (IFOR) branches from around Europe travelled (virtually and in person) to Granada, Spain, for an annual time of learning and sharing (12-14 April).

The gathering was organised by our branch member Peter Cousins. He has been studying at Granada University and created an itinerary that included a public colloquium at the Peace Institute, a walking protest against military spending and some thematic reflections from guest to the meeting Fr Joan Morera Perich of the Jesuit Community.

Peter said “It was great to welcome FOR members from around Europe. The vibrant city matched the energy of the meeting. Through IFOR visiting we laid foundations and energy for a new branch to emerge so will have a real lasting legacy.”

Outside of formal public events, sessions were led by different branches. This included responding to increasing militarisation, learning more about the EAPPI programme and exploring potential deeper collaboration on ‘Rethinking Security’.

A key part of the event was a workshop lead by our own Jack Woodruff and Annie Sharples. They encouraged us to view our personal journey of peacemaking as a tree and to make time to tend our roots, so all can encourage the fruits of peace. Reflecting on the whole experience, Annie said “I found it encouraging, affirming and inspiring to talk and hear about peace in a world which so often seems overwhelmingly violent and dark.”

In line with travel policy, delegates from our branch travelled by train. This meant 24 hours of travel there and back. Next year the journey will be shorter as we will be joint hosts of the meeting with Cymdeithus Y Cymod, potentially hosting the event in Cardiff.

Thinking about the weekend, Jack said “Travelling to Granada by train made me appreciate the distance travelled in a way you don’t get with flying. And these distances were matched by others at the conference who travelled from all over Europe. It was great to learn about peace work in other countries and the challenges they face, whilst also being inspired by stories of local efforts for promoting nonviolence and peace.”

## The Right to Conscientious Objection



The Object War Campaign, founded in 2022, is an alliance that includes many FOR partners around Europe, including our branch and the FOR branch in Germany. The alliance promotes a week

of action on behalf of conscientious objectors from May 13th to 19th; it includes of May 15th, International CO Day.

One focus for actions for all those who have refused to take part in the war in Ukraine, regardless of which side they are on. The alliance demands protection and asylum for thousands of people who refuse to serve on either side of the war.

Another focus will be to support Israeli conscientious objectors, such as Sofia Orr, who went to prison for her decision: “I choose to refuse because there is no military solution to a political problem. And now, with the war that has become more apparent than ever. And so my refusal is more important to me than ever.”



In the UK, on CO Day, there are vigils in some towns and cities, notably at the dedicated stone in Tavistock Square, London, at 1pm.

Other places where events are taking place include Howard Palmer Gardens, Wokingham from 12.30 pm, and at the Quaker Service Memorial in the National Memorial Arboretum, from 2.30 pm.

For details of events in other places, or to add your own, please visit the Peace Pledge Union website [co-day.org](http://co-day.org).

Readers who attend Friday Prayers for Ukraine online, may also be interested in an article about the situation for war resisters written by Yurii Sheliashenko, of the Ukrainian Pacifist Movement: <https://peacenews.info/node/10910/future-peace-ukraine-depends-civil-society>.

## Fellowship Members Join Actions to Stop the Arms Fairs

FOR members have been active in opposing Arms Fairs in London and Telford. This opposition has taken many forms and we share some news, personal reflections and a news update on this:

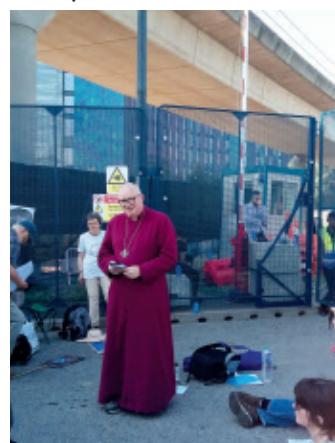
Last September, The Defence and Security Equipment International (DSEI) returned to the Excel Centre in London's Docklands. It is held for a week under heavy security and supported by the UK government.

Stop the Arms Fair is a broad coalition of groups and activists that unite in a shared aim of showing civil societies rejection of the Arms Fair. For two weeks, they organised a range of actions and themes. A peace camp was pitched for the duration outside the centre's east gate. Nearby a special art exhibition was put on and a pilgrimage came on foot from Oxford.

Faith Groups united for a No Faith In War day, up to a hundred people at any one time attended. There was a multi-faith procession to the east gate where the Bishop of Colchester, Rt.Revd Roger Morris and others spoke, garnering interest

from inside as well as outside the security fence; some lorries had to be diverted after they were held up by this. Nearby the Quakers held silent vigil. Several people were arrested for sitting in front of a container lorry that was trying to gain access.

Meanwhile West Midlands based members joined Quakers, supporters of Campaign Against the Arms Trade and more to protest outside the Specialist Defence and Security Convention held in Telford. The protest had particular meaning because a number of churches have held their annual conferences in the venue. Following the protest FoR members have worked in the



Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District to send a memorial (message) to the Methodist Conference asking the Church to reconsider using the venue for the length of time the Security Convention continues to hire the venue.

## Arrested at DSEI

*An Abridged Reflection by Diana Francis,  
former President of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation*

On 7th September 2024, Nick and I attended the No Faith in War Day outside DSEI. We went prepared for arrest, wanting to commit a small act of nonviolent resistance through this protest.

When we arrived at the gathering, a few long delivery lorries were queueing to get through. Other protestors were standing around in the carriageway and on the grass, some singing, waiting for the Meeting for Worship to begin at 1.00 p.m.

Someone approached me and asked if I could go and take the place of a woman standing in the traffic lane, as had we over an hour earlier. She was exhausted and I was only too glad to comply, thanking her and seeing her relief. Over the decades, I have been involved in many such actions, so I wasn't nervous and joined to two others sitting in the road. Nick joined us.

Almost immediately, the police moved in, pressing us to leave and warning us that we would be arrested if we refused. One of them told me that I

should heed St. Paul's teaching about respecting state authorities. When I said that my Christianity meant that it was Christ I had to try and follow, his response was that I couldn't pick and choose!

When the police had exhausted their arguments and we had made it clear that we were not going to move, they began to arrest us. They went through the necessary words and asked if we understood what they were saying. I got up and allowed myself to be led to the side of the road..

My arresting officer was very polite and so was I – indeed friendly. Explaining her obligations, she took my bag from me, going through my possessions, checking what else I had in my pockets and bagging them all up. We were led away to three different police vans. I found myself in the same one as my Cornish friend, along with six police officers. I sat in friendly companionship with my arresting officer, and it was all very relaxed, bordering on the jolly – which was just as well, because we stayed in that van outside

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Barking Police Station for about three hours, being the last to be taken in, one at a time, and processed. before being taken to our cells.

My cell was cool and spacious, almost comfortable, for a short stay, with its own loo more or less out of sight from the door. There was also a bell



I could ring to ask for anything. I used it variously, to ask if Nick was OK, to ask for loo paper, then for a cup of tea and, finally, for something to eat. The rest of the time I spent first in quiet recollection, reflection and thankfulness; then in enjoying my book: the longest read I could remember. At some point I was

taken out of my cell to have my 'mugshot' taken – front, side and side - a mouth swab for my DNA, and also my fingerprints.

It was some time after eight that the cell door opened and I was taken back to the desk, this

time to sign for my possessions and then to be told that I was to be released on bail, on condition that I signed my undertaking to present myself at Charing Cross Police Station at 2.30 p.m. on October 2nd (to be told whether or not I would be prosecuted), and not, in the meantime, to return to the scene of my crime and repeat my offending behaviour.

I found Nick and my co-arrestee in the Station's reception room, where two young Quakers had been waiting to greet us. Nick and I then set off on our journey home. Thanks to our early arrest, we arrived there, tired but satisfied, at a quarter past midnight, our small job done – for now at least.

More importantly, we heard the next day that Sadiq Khan intends to prevent any the holding of any future DSEIs in London.

Did our action make any difference? Who can say? Nonetheless, I'm glad I did it – and I think Nick and all the others feel the same.

Diane and Nick/Nico were one of 9 people arrested on September 7. After a preliminary court appearance, their trial has been set for Stratford Magistrates Court, London on May 20, 21 and 22.

### Hear First Hand from Colombian Peace Accompaniers

We have long had a relationship with peacemakers in Colombia. From 14 – 16 May we are lucky to be part of a tour from members of the Peace Communities and Environmental Defenders from Colombia. We are holding a special joint webinar on Monday 14th May at 12.30 where we will hear first hand experiences of the peace community.

### Can Pacifism Respond to Putin?

Swedish-based nonviolence and pacifism writer Majken Sørensen will be joining us for a special webinar on Monday, 17 June, at 7.00pm. Her current book 'Pacifism Today: A Dialogue about Alternatives to War in Ukraine' is guaranteed to

provoke a strong conversation. We have 20 copies of the book which we can supply to people interested in attending the webinar. The books are free but we would appreciate a donation to cover postage costs.



### Peace Conference coming in September

Your Fellowship is working with Pax Christi, Anglican Pacifist Fellowship and CHIPS

to put on a Peace Conference in September 2024. Booking will open in May 2024 and is due to happen 27 – 29 September at Yarnfield Park Training and Conference Centre, Stafford.

### Simone Ramuucci awarded

Simone Ramacci received the British Empire Medal for his volunteering during the pandemic. His citation included reference to his time as an FOR Trustee in this period and his work to support FOR in its on-line community building.



# Obituaries

## John Johansen-Berg

The Fellowship of Reconciliation was deeply saddened to hear of the death of Rev John Johansen-Berg. He was Chair of the Fellowship from 2005-17. In his time he oversaw the move into Peace House in Oxford, helped grow the International Peacemakers Fund and guided the Fellowship through its Centenary year.

John's time as a public face for the Fellowship included engaging the media when he attended vigils in support of fellow trustee, Norman Kember, who had been taken hostage in Iraq.



His authority in the media came, in part, from his significant catalogue of publications of prayer and worship material focussed on peace and nonviolence.

Richard Bickle, who took over from John as Chair of the Fellowship paid tribute to him saying,

“John Johansen-Berg was a significant peacemaker, liturgist and theologian of the post-Second World War era. He was a respected voice for peace within his own Church, the URC, and co-founded the Community for Reconciliation as a way to enable and resource practical peacemaking in the UK and around the world – with a particular interest in the Balkans after the 1990s wars there. He also played a part in activating churches towards healing in Rwanda after the genocide.

In retirement, John took on chairing the Fellowship of Reconciliation at a time of transition in its history. He led the recruitment of two successive

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Directors, the relocation of the office from rural Northamptonshire to the city of Oxford, a time of growth in the Fellowship's work, funded by a number of large legacies and external funding.

John was committed to interfaith dialogue and understanding. He valued this part of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation tradition and introduced these ideas and practices to friends, colleagues and congregations throughout his long ministry”.

Chris Cole, who as Director of the Fellowship when John was elected chair, said,

“John Johansen-Berg dedicated his life to peace, and in particular, a peace that was rooted in prayer. Whether with church leaders at an international ecumenical conference or outside a military base with protestors his work and his witness was for nonviolence rooted in scriptures and prayer. Tireless in his work for peace, he will be much missed.”



Millius Palayiwa, who was Director for the end of John's time as Chair said,

“JJB was truly a man of Peace and Reconciliation, with a deep understanding and appreciation of the biblical basis and foundation of Pacifism, and Nonviolence.

May his work and contribution to Peace in general and to FoR in particular live long after him.”

The Fellowship was grateful to be a joint recipient of a collection in his memory at his funeral. Millius Palayiwa, former Director of the Fellowship, John Cooper, current Director, and Diana Townsend, former Trustee of the Fellowship all attended the funeral.



## Geraldine Bridges

A bright sunny day saw friends, family and representatives from a range of organisations gather to give thanks for poet, parent, theologian and peace activist Geraldine Bridges.

She had served the Fellowship in many different spaces, including as a Trustee and attending international meetings.



Family of Geraldine Bridges

Geraldine's mix of laughter, a deep commitment to the Pentecostal Faith and a real urge to bring creativity into the world of peacemaking enhanced every event and meeting she was in.

When we received word of her death we sent a note out and were able to attend the funeral with a booklet of messages of condolence and thanks from around the world.

## Rev Maurice Wright

We were saddened to hear last year of the death of life long MPF member, conscientious objector and sometime Secretary of the Methodist Peace Fellowship, Maurice Wright.

Always supportive of others, he was clear that the church institutional and his personal faith lead him without question to His funeral was attended by Denis and Diana Beaumont on behalf of MPF and FoR. In a quirk of fate that would have made Maurice chuckle, his funeral was on the day that MPF and FOR members were protesting outside Telford Conference Centre up the road. Whispers emerged from the reception that it was suggested that he would have commanded the hearse to drive and block the road before his funeral. We were grateful to receive a generous donation taken up at his funeral.



Family of Maurice Wright

## Help us to hear your whisper

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Help us to hear your whisper  
within the great roar of this world.

Wherever voices are raised  
in praise or in protest,  
wherever there are shouts of anger  
or cries of pain,  
help us to hear the faint rumblings of peace  
and the whispered words of healing  
which seek to transform and renew.

Help us to know your faithful presence  
in this world of unravelling.

Whenever fear grips  
and will not let go,  
whenever joy abandons us  
and faith seems futile,  
help us to glimpse every small act of love  
that it might shape our lives  
and nurture hope.

Help us to meet your salvation  
in this world of encounter.  
Within every familiar voice  
and every unknown face,  
within friend and stranger,  
meet us in unexpected people and places  
that we would delight in your company  
and rest in your grace.

Help us to know your presence  
in our own lives,  
that our words would carry your healing  
into places of pain,  
our actions reveal your love  
at times of loss,  
and our presence invite your grace  
as we encounter your grace in others.

Be with us  
and remain with us  
in this breath-taking world.

Amen.

*by Rev Liam Dacre-Davis*

## Over 100 Weeks of Prayers for Peace in Ukraine and beyond

At 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 26th January 2024, our 100th global peace prayer meeting started on Zoom. The gathering, run by four Christian Peace organisations, began the first week of the Ukraine war and has met every week since. Over 250 people receive updates, and 50 people attend each week, joining from around Europe, Latin America, the USA and Palestine. Over 3000 minutes of prayer have been shared. Guest speakers have covered many topics, and more people register to join each week. Recent surveys of those attending have shown that the impact of the gathering is found in the support participants find in their peacemaking and the power of the spiritual community to give them hope for peace.

The gathering is co-organised between the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Cymdeithas Y Cymod, the Methodist Peace Fellowship and the pan-European Church and Peace network. Guest speakers have spoken about Orthodox perspectives on peace, the environmental impact of conflict, stories from Palestine and the place of reconciliation in rebuilding broken states. At various moments, prayers of support and letters of solidarity have been offered for conscientious objectors.

FOR's Director has found it a surprisingly important part of the network's peace work.



church and peace



The Methodist Peace Fellowship  
Peace together

John said, "The regular gathering to pray for peace has formed a powerful heartbeat for our work. When war breaks out, we often lament the return of conflict; this space has kept our attention on places and spaces well after the news has moved on. The global growth of our gathering has shown a real passion for prayer as a tool for spiritual growth, personal lament and inter-continental fellowship."

The core of the gathering has been the use of a liturgy written as part of a prayer booklet released to mark the start of the war in Ukraine. The material was drawn together from various people and places, and the booklet has been available online and distributed at the Greenbelt Festival and the Forum of Churches Together in England. People can register for the prayer meeting and download the booklet from [www.for.org.uk/ukraine](http://www.for.org.uk/ukraine)

## 22 September 2024 : Peace Sunday

What does it mean to create a world in which everyone can sit in peace, and unafraid?

Material launched at the end of June

- Worship Resources
- Quiz
- Coffee Morning Posters

Discover more at our webinars in June and July

**Register Now: [www.for.org.uk/peacesunday](http://www.for.org.uk/peacesunday)**

## Mini Saga: The Futility of War

WAR.

Hostilities

armies tanks campaigns ...

suicide bombs missiles ...

aerial bombardment nuclear warheads ...

body bits body bags death stench ...

rape torture massacre genocide holocaust ...

ENOUGH!

refugees loss grief weeping ...

fear greed suspicion hate ...

Us and Them The Enemy Revenge!

propaganda terrorist freedom-fighter ...

Defence budgets Strategies Surges...

Ceasefires War no More

PEACE!

*by Ann Mansfield*

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### Kathryn settles in

There is a small staff team that helps keep the Fellowship moving, growing and speaking up for peace. Over the last year many of you will have spoken to or emailed Kathryn, our (almost) new administrator.

“I am glad to be working for the Fellowship of Reconciliation, whose values of peace, equality and justice I am deeply committed to, and whose work is so necessary in these increasingly turbulent times. The deep care for and commitment to the Fellowship that I have seen from staff, trustees and members over this year has been inspiring and humbling.



I have enjoyed meeting and working with the board of trustees, and getting to know some of our members through phone calls and correspondence. I'm looking forward to getting to know more of the membership as time goes on. As someone who likes problem solving and appreciates good organisation, there is a lot of satisfaction in keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes”

In our ever changing and busy world, these are just the skills and outlook our movement needs.

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### Volunteer Opportunities

Can you offer your skills to help build up the Fellowship? We currently have the following volunteer opportunities on offer:

- Greenbelt Festival, (Boughton House), 1 weekend in August
- Office Volunteer (Peace House, Oxford), 1 day a week
- Archive Researcher (Visiting LSE, London), time TBC, to catalogue contents of our newsletter
- Campaign Assistant, (Remote), 7 – 14 hrs a week, up to 3 months
- Event Support Worker, (Remote), 7 hrs a week, up to 6 months
- Digital Designer, (Remote), occasionally / when asked

All volunteer positions will include suitable/relevant expenses being paid. Exact pattern of time and work to be agreed between staff and the volunteer.

To apply for any of the opportunities, use the form at [www.for.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.for.org.uk/volunteer) or ring the FOR office 01865 250 781.

## Diary Dates

**Every Friday: 7.30 - 8pm**  
**Prayers for Ukraine**  
on Zoom, to register now:  
[www.for.org.uk/ukraine](http://www.for.org.uk/ukraine)  
(until the war ends)

**Daily until September 15:**  
**A Say in the End of the World:**  
**Solidarity and Nuclear Defence**  
**in the Cold War**  
Exhibition at LSE, London  
[www.lse.ac.uk/library/whats-on/exhibitions](http://www.lse.ac.uk/library/whats-on/exhibitions)

**May 15: International**  
**Conscientious Objectors' Day**  
[www.co-day.org](http://www.co-day.org)

**May 18: Annual Council**  
**of Fellowship of Reconciliation**

**June 1st: AGM, 11 am**  
**Methodist Peace Fellowship**

**August 3rd: Day Retreat**  
**Methodist Peace Fellowship**  
Holland House, Pershore,  
Worcestershire

**August 22 - 25:**  
**Greenbelt Festival**  
**Arts & Activism**  
**Theme: Dream On**  
Boughton House, Kettering,  
Northants  
[www.greenbelt.org.uk](http://www.greenbelt.org.uk)  
Come and find FOR's stall.

**September 22: Peace Sunday**  
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**October 13 - 20: Week of**  
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## Peace Prayer

Help me not to measure life  
by any standard  
other than the rule of peace  
and love.

Give me capacity  
to go an extra mile,  
turn another cheek,  
draw circles of peace  
in the sifting sands of conflict.

Help me not to measure  
others  
with a straight rule,  
a rigid rule, an unbendable  
rule,  
an unbreakable rule  
but only by the span,  
of your open, accepting,  
loving arms.

*Rev Barbara Glasson*



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