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and can never be at war."*

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## Building Bridges or Seeking Justice

### Director's Diary

We live in ever-turbulent times. It seems a week cannot go by without a new fracture in our local or community emerging. Yet throughout, there is a quiet heartbeat of peace which is beating. It's found in the actions of our members seen elsewhere in this edition. It's found when the Pope stands up and declares, "war is back in vogue and a zeal for war is spreading". It's found every Friday as our online peace prayers continue to grow in attendance and deepen in fellowship.

Yet amid these stories of hope there is a challenge, one that has been at the core of Fellowship thinking and life for it's life so far. What is loving calling us to do at the moment? We stand and pray in solidarity with those in war zones who oppose war, yet we also must rise up in protest against the production of weapons of war in our own nation. We create opportunities to build bridges and strengthen communities, yet we must also take time to speak out against the presence of hate when it is found. In short, we play into our individual strengths to help build a bigger vision of peace, together.

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of speaking at Bishop Street Methodist Church in Leicester. About 20 people gathered, inspired by the Peace Fellowship display, to explore with me what Peace asks of us. We talked about challenges; we talked about opportunities, then – at the end – someone challenged me. He could remember meetings of hundreds of people, all committed to peace, so what does it say that we had 20 people there now.

The question took me aback, yet it reflects something I often hear. I wish for days past when people connected and gathered in different ways.

That memory – instead of strengthening our potential can hold us back. So, having thought, I indicated around the room and invited him to see this gathering not as the endpoint but the beginning. And by the end of the evening, the beginnings of a new regular peace group gathering had begun.

It can feel easy to be overwhelmed or feel underprepared in this current era. Just remember, through strength in the spirit and through unity in Fellowship, we can all play our part. Some can donate, others can pray, some can organise gatherings and some will share good news online. No one person – especially staff like me – can do everything. But if we all do something, then suddenly a vision of peace becomes more possible, and through that the world continues to be transformed.



John Cooper

Sunday 20th September  
2026

Peace  
Sunday

Special worship resources, childrens activity sheet and Schools Assembly

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

Make Time for  
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## Iran & Lebanon 2026

We join with Pope Leo and our friends in the peace movement in expressing our deep concern at another war in the Middle East. The joint Israeli and US attack on Iran, its leadership and people, is in defiance of international law. This unprovoked attack, in the midst of ongoing negotiations on Iran's nuclear programme, is the latest in a series of ruptures of the system of international law which has been destroyed by those permanent members of the UN Security Council with responsibility to uphold it. The strikes on Iran and Lebanon are wrong and represent a moral failure.

The Iranian government and spiritual leadership have presided over human rights abuses against its own people and facilitated war and conflict in the region, and FOR will always stand in support with those who seek peace and justice through non-violence. But, as peacemakers, we seek to reconcile, to de-escalate, to challenge dominant narratives which try to legitimate and justify killing other

human beings. We want to follow Jesus' teaching in loving our neighbours as ourselves, and to love our enemies.

The actions of our Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, in allowing US forces to use British air bases has brought the UK into this conflict and increased the risk to every British citizen.

A longer version of this article appears on our website <<https://for.org.uk/news/>>, along with actions and prayers and a template with ideas for you to write to your MP.

### Posters to Display

Kate, one of our members, is a wonderful calligrapher. She has created two unique posters for us that help us show the word Peace in Hebrew, English and Farsi.



You can download the posters now, from here:

<https://for.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/PeacePeacePeace.pdf>

## Healing From Conflict Conference

Friday 24 April 5pm - Sunday 26 April 1pm

Kents Hill Park Training and Conference Centre,  
Milton Keynes MK7 6BZ

How do individuals and communities truly heal after conflict? This joint conference invites speakers and participants to explore this vital question together. Over a weekend of learning, reflection, and connection, we will consider how genuine healing can pave the way for communities to flourish in peace, justice, and hope.

The programme will include keynote talks, panel discussions, practical workshops, and creative sessions, alongside a dedicated space to meet others who share a passion for peacemaking. Together, we will draw on experience, wisdom, and imagination to explore pathways toward healing and renewed community life.

For more details and information on how to book your ticket for the weekend or to come for the day, see the event booking page at:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/jointpeaceconference/1973949>

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**Kents Hill Park, Milton Keynes**

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## Global Updates

### **Yurii Sheliashenko, conscientious objector to military service and human rights defender unlawfully detained by Ukrainian police and military authorities**



Human rights defender Yurii Sheliashenko was detained on March 19th by two Ukrainian police officers in Kyiv and not released for two days. During his detention he says he was tortured, threatened, and humiliated.

The officers told Yurii that he had violated rules of military registration and must go with them. He told them he is a pacifist, Quaker and conscientious objector, and refused to go willingly with them. He was allowed to call a lawyer who said they had not followed legal procedure and he should complain to the State Bureau of Investigations. The officers pushed Yurii into a car by force and took him to Pechersk district Territorial Conscription Centre (TCC). His mobile phone was taken and he demanded several times to be released.

Yurii says that he was beaten, fell to the floor, was dragged by the feet to a small room and pepper sprayed in the face when he tried to leave. There was no medical aid. When he referred to the law and the Bible he was beaten physically and verbally. He was in pain, became tearful, and also resorted to singing hymns. There were several other detainees and Yurii tried to encourage them mentioning Christ's friendly love.

He managed to get some sleep in a chair, and was given some breakfast. He was transported to Sviatoshynsky district TCC. He said "I continued to complain on arbitrary detention and torture, demand release, preach, pray, and explain that wars are no good and we should stop Russian aggression by popular nonviolent action developed institutionally by creating a non-military service for protection and building of peace in Ukraine and in the world."

His requests to make a crime report were ignored and at times he was denied toilet paper. However in one room he found a Bible to read. Later he ate and shared time with other detainees and found a bunk bed in which to sleep. Next day

after demanding release, transport was being arranged, he was not prevented from leaving and was able to leave and pass through a checkpoint.

As soon as Yurii's detention was learned about, four organisations, including International FOR, released a press statement expressing shock. This was just weeks after a joint call to the authorities to withdraw from such persecutions of conscientious objectors and withdraw their ongoing persecution of Mr. Sheliashenko.

It was noted that any involvement of the TCC does not exclude the responsibility of law enforcement officers for the initial deprivation of liberty. These actions may constitute violations of the Constitution of Ukraine and the European Convention on Human Rights, in particular Article 5 (right to liberty and security), and Article 9 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

As well as having been a conscientious objector since 1998, Yurii is executive secretary of the Ukrainian Pacifist Movement, Director of the Institute of Peace and Law in Ukraine, and a board member of the European Bureau for Conscientious Objection and of World Beyond War. He has previously reported on the cruel practices of "busification", forced conscription and compulsory military registration occurring in Ukraine, which in some cases have led to tortures and deaths in military recruitment centres.

Yurii's case has been previously included the UN's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) report concerning Conscientious Objection.

All proper actions are needed to ensure that human rights defenders and peace activists are not criminalised for their actions for peace and nonviolence; moreover, that the right to conscientious objection should be fully implemented in line with international standards and that CO's should be protected against persecution in their country of origin, also with asylum.

Please sign the petition to the Ukrainian government on the World Beyond War website: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/tell-the-ukrainian-government-to-drop-prosecution-of-peace-activist-yurii-sheliashenko/>.

# Peace Building in a World of Conflict

We were privileged to go to the Iona Community for a FOR study week on 'Peace Building in a world of Conflict' last August. We were attracted to the course because we both work in different capacities in multi-faith Peace Building organisations.

Visiting Iona has been on Bea's bucket list for a long time, as she had heard so many good things about it. We were both new to the Abbey and the Iona Community. Despite the horrendously long journey it really is worth it.



Bea is heavily involved in Justice for Palestine and Sue alongside people seeking asylum, so the title very much appealed to us and we were not disappointed.

At Iona, community is at the heart of all they do, everyone plays their part in looking after each other and the place. Each are given jobs to do, from laundry to working in the garden, to preparing meals, etc. Bea's job was preparing for worship, which takes place twice a day (morning prayers and evensong); this meant she got to spend lots of time in the chapels, She says this work was incredible, so spiritual, felt like God was wrapping his arms around her.

The icing on the cake was the Island itself, glorious scenery, wonderful beaches, rich spiritual heritage, we were blessed with some really sunny days whilst there. Sue is into wild swimming, so for her a real treat.

Each day, we were challenged both individually and to act. Whilst there we took part in our own protest 'Red Line for Gaza' on the jetty of the island, singing with banners and gently raising awareness amongst ourselves and people visiting Iona. It felt very moving and powerful.

Issues we looked at Rethinking Security in a World of Conflict, Is War good for the Planet, Peace in Judeo-Christian Scriptures, Committing to Peace Building. All of these were thought-provoking sessions, with people full of wisdom and humility leading them. We particularly liked about each session was that there was always space for people to share their own experiences. As we were people from all over the world engaged in Peace Building we learnt so much from other people's experiences. Sue particularly enjoyed a session led by a member of the group on the rise in Christian Nationalism and the session on Rethinking Security which really made her think about how we can apply some principles of security all rather than polarising situations.

Bea asked herself what did she take away from the week personally. You will not be surprised to know the answer. Peace starts with oneself and has many facets that effect every aspect of one's life. Sometimes easy, at other times hard to bear, especially when peace demands practical action.

We both came away feeling renewed and refreshed and ready to continue to build Peace in our own lives and our communities. A big thank you to everyone involved.

*Bea Foster & Sue Cockerill*

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## Fellowship Life

Last autumn was a busy time with workshops on peace, climate and reconciliation being delivered for the George Lansbury Annual Lecture, and at Ripon College Cuddesdon and during the Greenbelt Festival.

There was growth in use of our annual Peace Sunday material.

As well as our weekly Prayers for Peace every Friday, in December, we also took part in two webinars: in one we heard the real life experiences of conscientious objectors from Russia and Ukraine; in the other we held a conversation about the Church Commissioners, who invest in the stock market to raise funds for the Anglican Mission, but they have radically rewritten their policy. They are now much more open to investing in firms that make up to 50% of their income from weapons and small arms.

## FOR Peace Presence Colombia

For the past three months, I have spent my time riding mules through thunderstorms, threshing corn, attending meetings in the capital, and role-playing how to respond to possible situations in the field, including control posts operated by armed actors.

I have been volunteering with FOR Peace Presence, supported by FOR Austria, providing international protective accompaniment in Antioquia, a north-west region of Colombia.



Protective accompaniment is a nonviolent protection strategy that supports people and communities engaged in non-violent approaches to peace-building and resistance. Across Colombia, front line human rights and environmental defenders receive death threats, and many are killed for standing up for dignified living conditions, basic security, and environmental integrity.

The EGC (or AGC), Colombia's largest and wealthiest criminal neo-paramilitary armed group, exerts control across Antioquia and the Caribbean and Pacific coasts. The group emerged from former paramilitary structures that originally formed to protect business interests from left-wing guerrilla groups and elements of the civilian population who were drawn into counterinsurgency operations by their government at the behest of the USA. Today, the EGC seeks total territorial, social, economic, and military dominance, effectively replacing the state in many rural areas. Its wealth comes largely from drug trafficking, directly or indirectly controlling illegal mining, extorting small-scale farmers and businesses (e.g. charging a fee for each cow owned or sold), and raising "taxes" on public sector and multinational companies. In exchange, these companies can operate free from local opposition and scrutiny of their environmental impacts.

The insecurity, poverty, and environmental destruction plaguing rural communities are not isolated; they are connected by a long, convoluted

thread to decisions made in government offices, business boardrooms, and consumer homes.

Protective accompaniment works by raising the profile of what is happening in this corner of Colombia through our physical presence and sustained attention. It aims to increase the political costs of human rights violations and aggression, as well as to reduce the space for impunity—preventing abuse against human rights and land defenders from being conveniently filed away and forgotten. Our physical presence and solidarity help to open a secure space for local resistance and peace-building initiatives to take root and grow. Reading, thinking, and speaking about this work contributes to the protection and success of these peace-building efforts.

During my time with FOR Peace Presence, we mainly accompanied two processes in north-western Antioquia: the Comunidad de Paz de San José de Apartadó (Peace Community) and Conpazcol, a Colombia-wide victims' organisation which in turn accompanies the Mesa Interétnica por la Paz de Blanquita-Murrí (Interethnic Commission for Peace). North-western Antioquia is a region deeply impacted by illegal mining activities, which threaten the collective grassroots processes seeking peaceful and sustainable coexistence in harmony with nature.



Accompanying the Peace Community meant six hours riding on a mule to facilitate visits and stays in veredas – clusters of homes and community land from which families were displaced and

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where they continue to face ongoing threats. We put up our flag so that our presence is visible, accompany community members as they harvest rice and tend cattle, and cook dinner together, sharing in the lives and challenges of the people we accompany. Something deeply impacting was staying in the former home of a woman and child who were murdered in 2024 during escalating tensions over the community's opposition to an illegal road being built through their farmland.

In Blanquita-Murri, FOR Peace Presence accompanies various activities of the Interethnic Commission for Peace, including the Escuela Agroecológica. The school brings together Indigenous, campesino, and Afro-Colombian communities to promote agroecology and food sovereignty. Agroecology seeks to bring the social, environmental, and economic necessities of living in the territory – people, nature, and farming – into a sustainable relationship with one another, while food sovereignty strengthens the community's independence and security. It was deeply heartening to watch so many children and young people keen to learn about conservation, the damaging impact of illegal gold mining, and sustainable agriculture as a viable economic alternative. Something beautiful and hopeful was the huge grin of a boy proudly clutching a digital camera lent to him by the professor, as he rushed over to a group of classmates who had

excitedly called him to take a picture of a large spider they had just discovered hiding between the rocks in the stream.



*Children at the agroecological school collecting invertebrates in the stream to check water quality*

Life in rural Colombia is challenging. I learned about the daily realities of violence, displacement, and oppression – but also community, resistance, and a fundamental commitment to peace. Each day as a protective accompaniment volunteer was a physical, mental, and moral challenge. The people I accompanied are ordinary individuals whose commitment to peace and justice requires extraordinary courage. It was a privilege to walk beside them in their tireless march for peace.

*Erin Blyth*



*Mural in the Peace Community*

## Reflections from the Methodist Peace Pilgrimage to South Korea

In 2025 I took part in a Methodist peace studies programme in South Korea. The application process for the Young Adult Pilgrimage of Peace



(YAPP) was fast, and I didn't have much time to envisage what I was getting into – but it turned out to be five glorious, colourful, diverse, moving and

uncomfortable days. It was deeply challenging and devastatingly beautiful.

As this programme was billed as a “pilgrimage”, we moved about a lot, with every single day taking us to a new location: Seoul, Gwangju, Daejon, Paju and the DMZ, and back to Seoul.

Our first two visits were Korean war graves, in Gwangju and Daejon. These two places couldn't

have been further from each other: one was a purpose-built peace park with an enormous marble tower, neatly manicured tombstones, and a swish museum. The other was bleak scrub land, with a simple hut in place of a

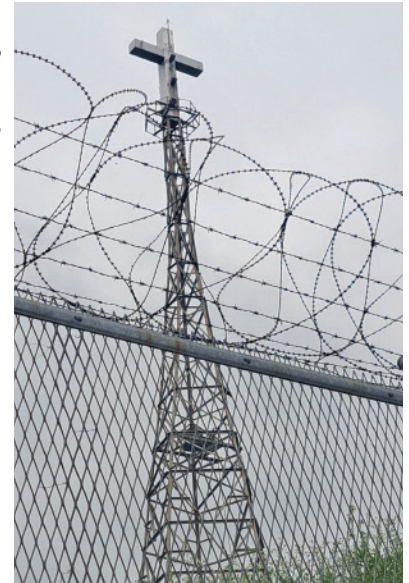


*Liddy with flags flying at Gwangju*

visitor centre, and victims' names scrawled on pieces of wood in place of tomb stones.

We were placed in discussion groups for, and had raw and profound conversations as we wrestled with the sites of violence we'd visited. I remember Katie, an American minister asking “Where do you think Christ would have been in this situation?”. I think in 1980s Korea he would have been doing exactly what he was doing in Jerusalem in the first century: standing up for the marginalised, and being killed by state violence as a result. I also remember that Jiwon, a Korean theology student, turned to me and said “can we hug?” before proceeding to sob into my shoulder. Two girls in their twenties, from opposite sides of the planet, with barely any language in common, and yet united by a Methodist faith.

We also visited the DMZ, a 4km strip of land between North and South Korea. We were shown various points of interest, including the observation deck, where you can see into North Korea. Our government-appointed tour guide stressed that the village we could see was not a real place where people lived, but merely built as propaganda. At that point, George, an American seminarian, whispered “you mean to tell me we're not standing in the same thing right now?”



After our visit, we had a lecture from a guy who lived in a village inside the DMZ. He described working on his farm, and seeing the North Koreans across the river working on their farms too. “We're not all that different” he said. It was a real reminder that Christ's love knows no boundaries.

I look back at this trip as a really important time in my faith journey. Most importantly, it gave me an embodied understanding that peace is not at all straightforward: peace building is messy, complex, uncomfortable, but so worth it. It was also a reminder that Christ is my anchor as I navigate a period of major change in my life. Shortly after I got home, I was let go from my job at Christian CND. As well as with MPF, I'm now working at Shieldfield Art Works – a Methodist run community art gallery in Newcastle. While it's not formal activism, I can see echoes of the peace I found in Korea in our work building community and getting people to think deeply and creatively.

Additionally, my church has been in the early stages of planting a New Place for New People, for the past few years. This trip has shown me the importance of casual, loving community and meeting people where they're at, and so it led me to listen to God's call: I'm leaving my church to go all in on this new community. I'm excited about all this decision will bring, and I never would

# Methodist Peace Fellowship welcomes new Network Co-ordinator



The Methodist Peace Fellowship welcomed Newcastle-based Methodist Liddy Buswell into the role of Network Co-ordinator with the Fellowship. She will be bringing her passion for peace and skills in social media to help nurture and amplify a Methodist shaped vision of peace for the world. She starts just as the Fellowship launches a monthly Peace Pause email on the second Thursday of the month.

Liddy said she was really pleased to be joining the Fellowship saying:

“Seeking justice has always been a really key part of my faith, and in recent years peace in particular has been an issue that God has placed on my heart. I previously worked at Christian CND and recently took part in a Methodist peace studies programme in South Korea. I feel so fortunate to be able to continue to explore peace-making with the Peace Fellowship”.

## **South Korea visit** - *continued from previous page*

have come to it without taking part in YAPP.

The Korean War is still legally ongoing, as there was never a peace agreement, though there is no armed combat. While the hope of reunification is alive and kicking in South Korea, there is a whole spread of views on it. Many older people have family on the other side of the border, while many younger people are wary of the effect reunification with a country with a significantly lower GDP would have on their standard of living, having seen what happened in Germany. There is also the idea that North Korea should be forced to conform to South Korean culture and ideals, rather than reunification creating a middle ground. I would encourage Methodists to pray for peace in the Korean peninsula, rather than reunification. I would also like churches to think deeply about how they discuss war and peace.

*Liddy Buswell*



Deacon Ronnie Atchison, Secretary of the Peace Fellowship, shared his joy at the energy and focus she brings:

“We welcomed Liddy to the Peace Fellowship AGM last year. Through her wide-ranging presentation she brought alive an energy for peace, rooted in justice and the world, that was infectious.

The Peace Fellowship works through its members and we look forward to using her skills to amplify a uniquely Methodist shaped voice for peace in increasingly violent times”.

Liddy starts at the Fellowship just as they start a monthly peace reflection email. This short email, mixing prayer and bible study will help nurture the discipleship and development of members.

## **AGM celebrates the continued growth of the Fellowship**

The 2025 AGM of the Methodist Peace Fellowship celebrated continued growth in its membership and turned its attention to the future. They explored a long term pattern of work that will increase education opportunities, through lectures, studies and a creative arts tour. They committed to resourcing the spiritual life of members by starting a monthly ‘pause for prayer’ email and celebrated Rev George Heinz joining the executive.

After a short break Liddy Buswell joined the gathering to talk powerfully about her visit, with the World Methodist Council, to Korea. Through a wide-ranging talk we heard about politics, peace and her own personal journey and increased conviction that peace is needed in the world. You can read her account on the opposite page.

The next AGM is scheduled for Saturday 6th June 2026 and it is provisionally planned to meet in Sunderland.

## Stop the Arms Fair - No Faith in War

The London biennial arms fair, DSEI, took place over 3 days last September at the Excel Centre in Docklands, London. Thousands of exhibitors and buyers attended including representatives from 75 nations, the EU and NATO. Israel was not invited although several companies with Israeli links had stands, as did some with links to the drones and nuclear industries.

The **Stop the Arms Fair** coalition of groups and individuals planned a series of protests to oppose it. Over a week before, a peace camp was set up outside with activities, and a peace pilgrimage set off from Oxford. There was a candle-lit vigil

on the eve of the fair, with Taizé chants.

On the first day large numbers of people protested outside the main entrance, and there were **No Faith in War** events on the mound nearby, including a service in Hebrew by anti-Zionist Jews, a Christian service led by the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship (*an affiliate of FOR - see photo below*), prayers from Pax Christi, and a Quaker vigil which attracted up to 200 people (photo on front page) including some FOR members. There was a heavy police presence.

Over the following 3 days further events took place including No Pride in Genocide, leafleting, talks and vigils.

Then, in February this year, there was a further protest at a different venue, the SDCS military networking showcase held at the NEC in Birmingham.

For more photos, see: <https://www.instagram.com/stopthearmsfair>



Stop the Arms Fair

## The Fellowship of Reconciliation Book Club

During March we were online exploring Jason Porterfield's challenging book, **Fight Like Jesus**, it examines how the story of Holy Week brings out key elements of the Gospel of Nonviolence.

Published by Herald Press USA, in February 2022. Here is a write up from their website:

At the start of Holy Week, tears streamed down Jesus' face as he cried out, "If only you knew the things that make for peace".

From that moment, until a week later when he triumphantly declared, "Peace be with you," Jesus spent each day confronting injustice, calling out oppressors and contending for peace.

But what if despite all our familiarity Holy Week  
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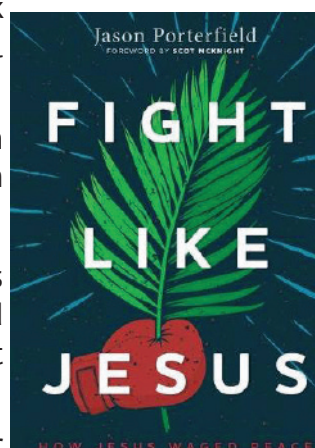
we still don't know how Jesus makes peace?

And what if despite clinging to the cross of Christ for our salvation we've actually embraced a different approach to peacemaking?

One that justifies killing enemies. One whose methods include nailing criminals to crosses.

We desperately need to recover the radical vision of peacemaking that Jesus embodied throughout Holy Week. And we urgently need to be trained in his way of making peace.

So, come. Let's journey through Jesus' final week and discover anew why he is called the Prince of Peace.



## Remembering Norman Kember



*Norman at Downing Street*

The Fellowship of Reconciliation was sad to hear of Norman Kember's recent death. Norman's contribution to an active Baptist Peace theology and the life of both the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Baptist Peace Fellowship cannot be overstated. His combination of strong personal faith, sense of humour and deep commitment to a challenging vision of peace meant he left a lasting impression on all who met him.

His contribution to the Fellowship of Reconciliation took many different forms.

First, he collaborated for many years on the 'Peace Zone' at Greenbelt Festival. There, he

brought a natural curiosity and great sense of fun to ensure that a Christian understanding of peace was vibrant and engaging.

Second, and possibly most famously, he was a Trustee of the Fellowship when he was taken hostage in Iraq in 2005 as part of a Christian Peacemaker Team. Much was said about that time, including all he wrote in his book, and he used his experience as a springboard to bring new opportunities for a powerful message of peace and reconciliation. This includes a high-profile interview at Greenbelt Festival in 2006.

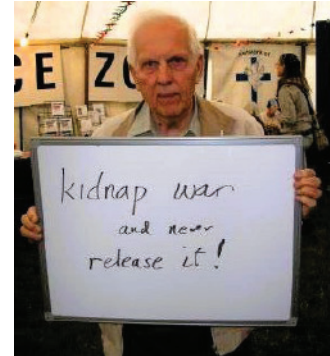


*A walking tree at Greenbelt*

Chris Cole, who was Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation when Norman was a Trustee, said:

"I remember him as a very kind, energetic man who was always keen to support young

peacemakers. He was always willing to experiment in communicating about peace-making to try to reach new audiences. He had a terrific sense of humour and loved his wife, Pat, and his family very deeply"



Individual members of the Fellowship carry many other memories, including his images of bathtubs and his work on the Iona to Canterbury pilgrimage in the 1980s. This only captures an element of his lifetime commitment to peace, including being a conscientious objector. His life has left many different ripples, which will continue to spread.

*John Cooper*

## Remembering Nick Francis

The Fellowship were saddened to hear of the death of our member Nick Francis, aged 81, on 19th December.

He was a member of the Society of Friends, including being a former trustee of their Britain Yearly Meeting and a member of Bradford on Avon Meeting.

He was also active in local groups such as Bath Stop the War and had been arrested for obstruction at the DSEI arms fair in London.

His wife, Diana is a former president of International FOR. We extended our condolences.



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## 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)

**Third Saturday of each month**  
**Vigil, RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk**  
 12 noon, main gate,  
 to protest the return of US  
 nuclear bombs.  
<https://lakenheathallianceforpeace.org.uk/monthly-vigils/>

**April 13 - May 12**  
**Global Days of Action**  
**on Military Spending**  
<https://demilitarize.org.uk>

**April 24 - 26**  
**Healing from Conflict**  
**conference** see page 3  
 Milton Keynes  
 Jointly organised by FOR, APF, CHIPS,  
 Pax Christi, Church and Peace

**May 15**  
**International Conscientious**  
**Objectors' Day**  
<https://www.ppu.org.uk/international-conscientious-objectors-day-may-15th>

**June 6**  
**Methodist Peace Fellowship**  
**AGM** - at Roker Methodist  
 Church in Sunderland  
 speaker: Rev John Purdy  
<https://www.mpf.org.uk/>

**FOR Annual Council**  
 Date, time, venue - tba

**August 6 & 9**  
**Hiroshima & Nagasaki Days**

**August 27 - 30**  
**Greenbelt Festival**  
 artistry x activism x belief  
 theme: Let It All Go  
 Boughton House, Kettering.  
[www.greenbelt.org.uk](http://www.greenbelt.org.uk)

Come and find our stall.

**Autumn Tour**  
**by Zoughbi Zoughbi,**  
**IFOR President**  
 Dates, times, venues soon  
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**September 20: Peace Sunday**  
[www.for.org.uk/peacesunday](http://www.for.org.uk/peacesunday)

**October 12 - 19: Week of**  
**Prayer for World Peace**  
[www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.co.uk/](http://www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.co.uk/)

**November**  
**International FOR Quadrennial**  
 - every 4 years -

**Museum of**  
**Primitive Methodism**  
 When visiting the Englesea Brook  
 Chapel and Museum near Crewe on  
 the Cheshire/Staffordshire border  
 between April and October, have  
 a look at the Peace Garden. The  
 opening in May last year involved  
 FOR's director, John Cooper.  
<https://engleseabrook.org.uk>



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