
The Hassockfield protests are continuing. You can find out more by going to [No To Hassockfield](#) –. If you cannot attend in person, perhaps you could join in prayer from home. There is an online version of the vigil on the Diocesan website which can be found [here](#). You can download the most recent booklet with the prayers and readings that are used [here](#). The next vigil is on 6th October and details can be found [here](#).



The **DIOCESAN REFUGEE PROJECT** [Justice & Peace Refugee Project - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](#) is always in need of help. Food donations can be left in the church porch. The full list of items that are needed is available [here](#). Azad Hazan, who manages the project, issues regular reports on the progress on the project webpage

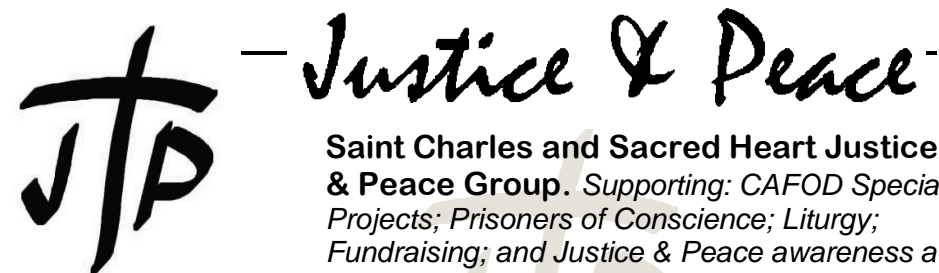
Friendship Across Borders Fundraiser



There will be a fundraising evening in aid of Friendship Across Borders, a charity organisation that supports the women detained in Derwentside IRC on Saturday October 5th from 7pm to 11pm at Blackhall Mill Community Centre, NE17 1QT.

There'll be lots of music and a Kurdish buffet and all for £10.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting friendshipacrossborders@hotmail.com



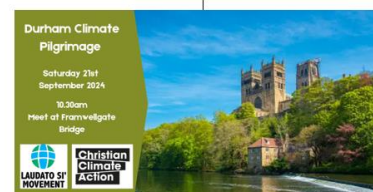
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[Sacred Heart RC Parish, North Gosforth \(sacredheartng.org.uk\)](http://Sacred Heart RC Parish, North Gosforth (sacredheartng.org.uk))

Durham Climate Pilgrimage 2024



Celebrate Creation with us!

Come and join us for a meditative walk along the river and to reflect on our place in creation.

- WHEN:** Saturday 21 September 2024 @ 10.30am- 1pm approximately.
WHERE: Framwellgate Bridge (DH1 3RB) to Palace Green via river.
DISTANCE: 2 miles

This event will include times of reflection, prayer and song and culminate in a Season of Creation service outside the cathedral, along with some resources to act.

Christian Climate Action North East and Laudato Si Movement NE are organising a Durham pilgrimage. It will meet at **Framwellgate Bridge at 10.30am on 21st September**. This is an open event for all who would like to join in.

Anyone wishing to attend is asked to register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/947993803987>

...although it is also possible to just turn up on the day

A statement by CARITAS Social Action Network on recent public disorder

[A statement was issued](#) in August by Raymond Friel OBE, CEO, Caritas Social Action Network expressing shock at the violent scenes of public disorder in many parts of the UK in recent days and the levels of racism, Islamophobia and hatred against those seeking sanctuary in our country. The statement expressed hope that the recent tragic events in Southport will mark a decisive turning away from the politics of hatred and division towards a spirit of solidarity and service. It drew attention to the fact that a great many good people work in the most disadvantaged communities, seeking to restore human dignity and help to bring agency and hope to people on the margins of society, and in particular those housed in hotels who are seeking asylum or awaiting more suitable accommodation, many of whom are very isolated and vulnerable, often having fled violence and persecution in their home countries.

Bishop Paul McAleenan, the Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has commented, "Today, and always, we need to continue to pray, work and stand together for peace in our country. The actions of the few involved in violence stands in stark contrast to the work of charities, church groups and volunteers who tirelessly extend the hand of welcome to migrants in acts of solidarity.

National Justice and Peace Conference 2024

Liz Archibald reports from this year's conference: *I think I can speak for all 15 people from our diocese who attended this year's NJPN conference in saying that we had a great, exhausting and inspiring time. The recordings of the main speakers' presentations are now available. They are really worth listening to. It was great to hear the voices of young adults and of course we were delighted that our own Fr Chris Hughes, Sara Bryson and Shantel Suneesh gave such a well-received and energising presentation on Sunday morning. Video recordings of the main speakers (including Fr Chris Hughes and Sara Bryson and Shantel Suneesh from Tyne and Wear Citizens) are now available by following this link https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4HAuivOZMEX-Cm1WWU3mvxu_zOtHjZx1&si=VyaOBMtG8dOhcRcT*

Conference 25 is already at the planning stage. The theme will be Towards a Just Peace: Challenging the inevitability of violence,' from 25th– 27th July 2025 and I would really encourage you to think about attending!

The Peoples' Kitchen

The [Peoples Kitchen](#) has been a Newcastle institution since 1985. Its existence reflects the fact that the ways in which so many people are forced to live are incredibly hard. They might have addiction and/or mental health issues, be sleeping rough, or recently placed in housing with no belongings. Many do not have access to nutritious food or have no support system around them. The Peoples' Kitchen makes life for these people a little easier. It works with support services to enable them to move off the streets and then to provide food, furniture and bedding when they move into their first home. It also offers friendship and professional services to improve mental wellbeing.

Every weekday, a team of volunteers prepares three hundred three course dinners, which are served between 1830 and 2030. This figure has increased enormously in recent years. Seven years ago, it was eighty, and five years ago it was one hundred. In addition, over one hundred breakfasts are prepared and served every Saturday and Sunday morning.

CAFOD statement on events in the Middle East:

CAFOD has issued a statement on recent events in the middle East. It stresses that, as hopes for an imminent ceasefire fade, this tragic death toll, currently standing at over 40000, underscores the urgent need for peace. CAFOD has demanded an immediate, permanent ceasefire to halt further loss of life, allow critical aid to reach those in desperate need, and secure the safe return of hostages. The statement draws attention to the escalating violence in the West Bank, including deadly attacks on Palestinian villages.

CAFOD has called on the UK government and world leaders to support the humanitarian efforts and pursue lasting peace. The statement quotes Pope Francis: 'War is always a defeat for humanity.' The UK must urgently leverage its diplomatic influence to demand a ceasefire and ensure accountability in line with international law."



The bookstall at St Charles is ongoing - bring and buy and your donations will help 6 homeless charities.