



Archdiocese of Southwark
Commission for

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation



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News From the Fairtrade Foundation

Palestinian Olive Oil

Fairtrade is reaching out to the hardest to reach, including those in conflict zones. In March 2009, the first bottles of olive oil from Palestine to carry the FAIRTRADE Mark appeared on shelves in The Co-operative and independent stores. This Fairtrade first was the result of eight Palestinian producer groups, consisting of 265 farmers, becoming Fairtrade certified. By opening the shop doors to farmers, Fairtrade can help rebuild economic stability.

Internationally recognised Fairtrade certification of registered small farmers' associations will support and encourage the Palestinian producers to work together and be a stronger voice in vocalising their desire to farm in peace.

“ I can't change the political situation but I can change my economic situation. Selling my olive oil through Fairtrade will help me to support my family and send my children to school.” **Mahmoud Issa** olive farmer, Palestine



Mahmoud Issas's wife
on the family farm
Jenin PFTA

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Farmers, workers, their families and communities throughout the developing world are benefiting from Fairtrade.

Over five million people, in fact. The opportunity to sell their products overseas for a higher price and additional Fairtrade premium enables communities to make choices about improving their future.

Furthermore, at the Fairtrade Foundation, farmers' leaders sit on the board influencing decisions and representing the producers' perspective in the growth of Fairtrade.

Forthcoming National Events:

September 5th London Christians explore Runway 3.

A 6 mile walk starting from St Anselm's CofE, Hayes through Crane Park and Harmondsworth Moor (a newly-created nature reserve), along the course of the proposed runway and ending at West Drayton.

September 7th and 9th Annual Pax Christi stall and prayers to commemorate Hiroshima and Nagasaki Anniversaries.

At Westminster Cathedral Piazza from 10.00 - 5.00 on 6th and 10.00 - 4.00 on 9th. Prayers at 11.30 and 3.00pm.

September 8th Patriarch Twa of Jerusalem at Westminster Cathedral

Sung Latin mass at 5.30 followed by a talk given by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land in the Cathedral Hall. Admission free. (organised by Aid to the Church in Need www.acn.org.uk)

September 13th Racial Justice Sunday.

www.carj.org.uk

October 2nd CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

www.cafod.org.uk for further details.



October 17th 10.30 am Aid to the Church in Need annual mass.

Sung Latin mass in Westminster Cathedral followed by talks in the Cathedral Hall at 12 noon (tickets £5). The keynote speaker will be Bishop Joseph Coutts of Faisalabad, Pakistan whose talk is entitled "The Cross and the Crescent"

October 19th 7.30 pm



Nobel Peace prize winner, Professor Mohan Munasinghe, a renowned expert on energy, sustainable development and climate change, will tackle the subject of how to solve climate change and poverty together. Royal Commonwealth Society, 25 Northumberland Av., WC2N 5AP Preceded by Progressio's AGM 6.15 to 7.15

August 6th Anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Hiroshima Remembrance Service at Aylesford Priory 8.20pm for 1 hour

October 17th Our Autumn Assembly

At St Peter's Woolwich 10.30 to 4.00

"The changing face of Britain" celebrating the 25th Anniversary of CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

And CAFOD Climate Change Campaign in advance of the Copenhagen Summit.

Pope Benedict's prayer intention for

August is: "That public opinion may be more aware of the problems of millions of displaced persons and refugees, and that concrete solutions may be found for their often tragic situation".

His mission intention is: "That those Christians who are discriminated against and persecuted in many countries because of the name of Christ may have their human rights, equality and religious freedom recognised, in order to be able to live and profess their own faith freely".

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The Papal Encyclical and several learned commentaries can be read or downloaded from the resources section of our web site. Apologies for the state of the site which is in the process of being rebuilt.

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