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Salisbury's commemorative Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day Candle Float on 6.8.26

On the 81st anniversary of the United States nuclear bombing of two Japanese cities, a crowd gathered by the River Avon to watch and remember the 1945 genocide, and all those damaged by nuclear activities since.



Photo Tom Corbin

Salisbury is a member of Mayors for Peace, and we were honoured to have the Mayor of Salisbury, Jenny Bolwell join us for the event.

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We have close links with the city of Hiroshima and received hand decorated lanterns made by children in Kyoso Junior High School , Hiroshima, which we floated with our own candles. Each of the 200 candles represent the loss of approximately 1000 lives following the two bombs.



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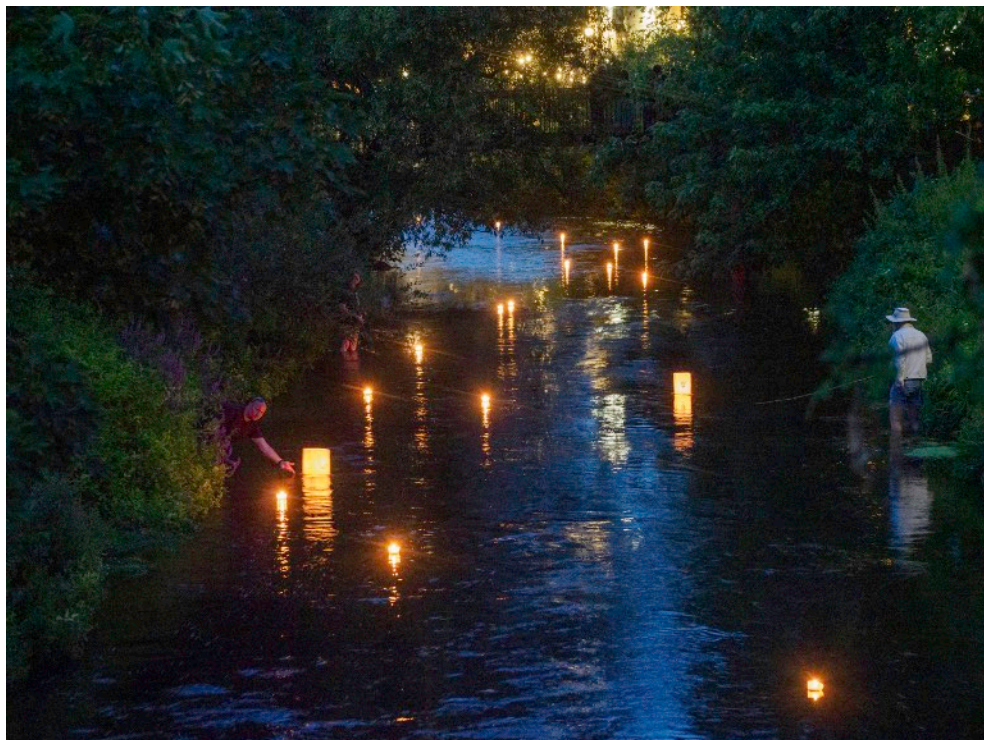


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The Mayor of Hiroshima has much to say about the current dangers posed by nuclear weapons in an increasingly unstable world.

“Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and the ongoing turmoil in the Middle East are accelerating military buildups around the world. In some countries, policymakers are reinforcing the notion that nuclear weapons are essential for national defence. These developments flagrantly disregard the lessons the international community should have learned from the tragedies of history. They threaten to topple the peace-building frameworks so many have worked tirelessly to construct.”



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A spokesperson for Salisbury Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) said

“There is real urgency to turn towards dialogue and weapon reduction treaties to avert any nuclear use. Several countries are being urged by President Trump to develop their own nuclear bombs. The mistaken belief is that they will offer security, whereas in practice this will only lead to an increased risk of nuclear war, either by intent or accident. These weapons are unusable and their cost is unaffordable, sucking money away from essential services

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*for us all . We in the UK should lead by choosing a different path,
and saving billions of pounds, so essential for our day to day lives.”*



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Salisbury Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament stressed that all lanterns were recovered from the river after the candle float

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