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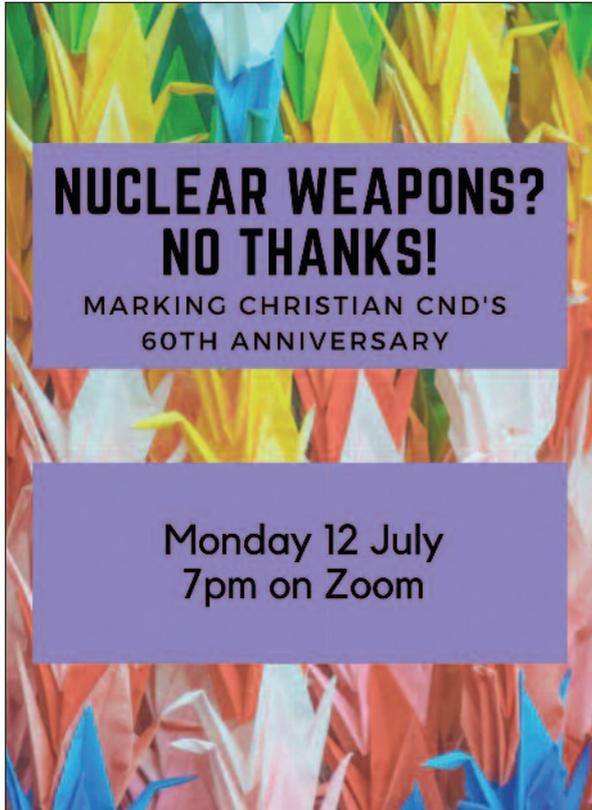


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Christians working and praying for a nuclear weapons-free world

Christian CND at 60



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From the office

Hope all are keeping well, and you're getting vaccinated, if you can. I've just had my second one and all is well apart from a sore arm!

All staff based at the CND headquarters (CND, Palestine Solidarity Campaign, London Region CND and ourselves) are starting to go to the office in small groups. My day is Tuesday (up until 2.15 or so). So if you ring then, you might get a real person instead of the call minder! Do leave a message if you get the call minder; I will get back to you as soon as I can.

We are getting post once more, so if you have an outstanding renewal, feel free to send it in. No need to apologise for lateness, we missed sending out renewals earlier in the year (you will have a reminder with this mailing stating if your sub is due). You can order goods as well but obviously, there may be a wait to get your order, particularly during holiday periods (we are not Amazon!). Stay well.

As we are emerging from the restrictions we have accepted during the Covid epidemic, we are able to begin planning more events where we can meet you in person and look again at ways to bring the Kingdom of Peace closer. Of course we have learnt that electronic communication can offer opportunities too and our face-to-face events will also use Zoom to enable people who can't travel to these venues to share in them as well.

So what is coming up? The first planned opportunity to spread our message and encourage and thank our members will be our postponed birthday celebration, *Nuclear Weapons? No Thanks! Marking Christian CND's 60th Anniversary* on 12 July. (See page 5).

There will be a number of Hiroshima commemorations on or near 6 August. Although we will not be able to travel to New York this year, we will be contacting our London Embassies in advance to ask for information about their own contributions to this very important international event.

Moving on to the autumn – look out for details our own AGM and Conference in Northumberland in October – and we will have a presence at the CND Conference too.

This year's Barbara Eggleston's Memorial Lecture will take place in Oxford in November in the Quaker Meeting House which will give us a chance to meet up with old and new friends from the area and hear some interesting theological input.

We hope and pray the later part of our campaigning programme will be able to take place physically, but in the meantime there is much we can do. Look for ideas in this *Ploughshare*

for those who would like to put their practical skills in practice.

Our Common Home is such a beautiful place. Let us all work to thank God and show how we value it and all creation.



Poppy in Broadstairs, Kent. Photo by Claire

Christian CND joins Thy Kingdom Come to pray for peace

Christian CND was able to join again with the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative which took place from Ascension to Pentecost (13-23 May).

As well as our two regular prayer meetings during the week we also held a 24 Hour Prayer Room on Zoom, over the final weekend of the event.

We were blessed to be joined by more than 100 people during the period, with slots being hosted from the UK, India, South Korea and Uganda and a whole range of people issues being raised in prayer.

As well as nuclear disarmament, the UN Nuclear Ban Treaty and our own government, we were able to pray for international issues including the situation in Israel and Palestine and the Iran Nuclear Deal.

We were especially delighted to be joined by our friends from the Bargn Nuri Community in South Korea, who shared their experiences throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and the increasing tensions on the Korean Peninsula in recent months.



Our daily prayers throughout the period were also viewed more than 10,000 times on social media as we seek to continue to share the message of hope and peace.

Many thanks to all those who hosted sessions, took part and prayed with us during Thy Kingdom Come.

Don't forget we have regular Prayer Meetings on Zoom every month, we'd love to have you with us. You can find all the information on our website, along with our Prayer Diary which is updated every month.

Nuclear Weapons? No Thanks! Marking Christian CND's 60th Anniversary

On Monday 12 July Christian CND will be hosting a major Zoom meeting as part of the events to mark 60 years of our campaigning against nuclear weapons.

The event was originally scheduled to take place in Methodist Central Hall, the location of the historic first meeting of the United Nations General Assembly which saw the very first resolution passed which called for the elimination of nuclear weapons.

We're delighted that we'll be joined online by Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal OBE, a leading theologian and Methodist Minister who received the World Methodist Peace Award in 2018. He will speak about the biblical principles of non-violence and why Christians should engage in disarmament efforts.

Pax Christi International Senior Advisor Marie Dennis will talk about the steps the Vatican has taken for disarmament and the role of the Catholic Church in the next stage of campaigning. Marie is also a key member of the team working on disarmament efforts at the UN on behalf of the Vatican.

Memories and reflections from the past 60 years will be led by Bruce Kent and Valerie Flessati — stalwarts of the peace movement for decades and of course we'll have chance to sing *Let Us Raise Our Voice*, the hymn written for our

60th anniversary by Christopher Idle and Sue Gilmurray.

There are also workshops planned covering how to encourage your bank and pension provider to stop investing in nuclear weapons; the morality of nuclear weapons, using the Nuclear Morality Flowchart; what's next for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and what we in the UK can learn from the experience of New Zealand.

There'll be time for prayer, discussion and fellowship on what promises to be a great evening. You can reserve your free place on Zoom by registering at www.christiancnd.org.uk/12july



Insignia of the Conference of San Francisco,
prototype of the current logo
of the United Nations

Government unveils plans for more nuclear weapons

The big announcement trailed ahead of the publication of the Integrated Review was the huge increase in military spending – even while cutting billions in aid to the worlds poorest. So it came as something of a shock when reports emerged that Boris Johnson wanted to increase the UK nuclear warhead stockpile by 44% by the middle of the 2020s.

Since the end of the Cold War, when the UK stockpile peaked at around 500 warheads, successive governments have had a policy of gradual reduction. The Security Review of 2010 set a cap on the number of warheads the UK would hold at 180, a commitment reaffirmed in 2015. The increase of that cap to 260 comes despite no request from the military and not one MP raising the size of the stockpile in Parliament.

Condemnation of the announcement was swift. The United Nations Secretary-General said, through his spokesperson, that the increase would be a breach of international law, as Britain has signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The German Foreign Minister also distanced himself from the move saying Germany “wants to see nuclear stockpiles decrease”.

Christians have also joined the criticism of the announcement. A statement issued by the Joint Public Issues Team and signed by seven denominational representatives described the decision as a “retrograde step that will not make any of us safer.” The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, speaking in the House of Lords, called the increase “very serious and concerning”.

Also included in the Integrated Review were steps to increase secrecy around the UK nuclear weapons programme – the government will no longer tell us how many warheads it has or how many are operational. There is also a potentially deeply worrying change in when nuclear weapons could be used by the UK.

Previously governments have stated that nuclear weapons would only be used in retaliation for a nuclear strike against the UK – but now it’s possible they could be used in response to a non-nuclear attack and even against a cyber attack. Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said that the increased ambiguity around the circumstances when a nuclear weapon might be used “increases the risk of disastrous miscalculation”.



Picture above is what you see when you get off the ferry from San Francisco to Larkspur Landing, across the Bay

Global tensions continue to rise

While the eyes of the world have largely been on the Covid-19 crisis in recent months, tensions around the world relating to nuclear weapons and states that are pursuing their own arsenals have continued to rise.

The situation on the Korean Peninsula remains tense, with little sign of any diplomatic progress between the United States and Pyongyang. Rhetoric has been increasingly heated since Joe Biden took over in the Oval Office and has not been helped by the restrictions on the missile capability of South Korea being eased in May. The North Korean regime said this created a 'delicate' situation on the Peninsula. We continue to be in touch with the Bargn Nuri Christian Community in South Korea and were delighted they could join us at our recent 24-Hour Prayer Vigil.

Please do keep them in your prayers as they work for peace.

There has been some signs of progress in the other potential flashpoint – with parties involved with the Iran Nuclear Deal continuing to meet in Geneva for talks aimed at reviving the deal. The United States is not directly involved after Donald Trump unilaterally violated the Treaty in 2018, but has been taking part through intermediaries. The hope is that there will be a breakthrough which would see sanctions on Iran lifted in return for increased inspections and limitations on the level of uranium Tehran is able to enrich. Another part of the world to keep in our prayers over the coming months.



The Bargn Nuri Pilgrimage in January 2020

Join the Christian CND Team

Christian CND are currently looking for an intern to help us reach more Christians around the UK with our vision of a nuclear weapons-free world. We already have a small staff-team supported by the Executive Committee, but thanks to a generous gift from a recently deceased member we're able to offer a year-long internship.

The primary objective of the role will be to broaden the reach of Christian CND with a particular focus on those under 30. The role will be varied and have some flexibility to be shaped by the right candidate – working with the Exec.

There'll be opportunities to learn about the peace movement in the UK and further afield – and there is capacity for training and support with the next stage of career development.

So if it sounds like something that you, or someone you might know, would be interested in, you can find all the information you need to apply on our website. The deadline for applications is June 30.

International Conscientious Objectors' Day 2021

As last year, International Conscientious Objectors' Day in London was online except for a 'live from Tavistock Square' with an in-between showers speech from actor Michael Mears, who spoke of his family background, with parents and grandparents who went to war, and came to oppose war himself.

Online, Israeli conscientious objector Atalya Ben-Abba spoke movingly of how she refused to kill and was imprisoned for her beliefs. Natalia García Cortés from War Resisters' International in Colombia gave an update of the situation in Colombia.

Singers Penny Stone and Sue Gilmurray performed specially written songs for CO Day, and we 'visited' CO Day ceremonies from around the country:

including Edinburgh and Brighton.

As always, a list of COs past and present was read out and a minute's silence from the square was observed.

The event was introduced by John Cooper of Fellowship of Reconciliation, and was put together by volunteers from: Anglican Pacifist Fellowship, Conscience, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Humanists UK, Movement for the Abolition of War, Network for Peace, Pax Christi, Peace & Justice (Scotland), Peace News, Peace Pledge Union, Quaker Peace and Social Witness, The Right to Refuse to Kill Group and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

You can watch the event at: www.co-day.org

NON – VIOLENCE

Readers might like to send in any ways they use for promoting non-violence.

Here is an example from an event in 2004 and used at church services.

Cotton gloves were dyed in various colours (black, brown and manilla, with one left white). Springs were placed inside them before being mounted on a board called the ‘Xenophobia Check!’.

People were invited to grasp each hand in turn and squeeze it. The gloves had been linked to dials which turned to indicate how unprejudiced the operators were.

The mixture of humour and curiosity made everyone think and prompted useful conversations. Do send in ways you promote peace: We’ll print them for you on the Members’ Page.



Arms Trade continues

If you'd like to get involved in organising the protests at the DSEI arms fair in East London 14-17 September please email resistDSEI@protonmail.com.

This year's protests are being put together by STAF (Stop Arms Fair), who say: 'Even if it ends up being virtual we would like to have plenty of visible protests.'

See more about DSEI here:
<https://caat.org.uk/challenges/arms-fairs/dsei/>

Route to War or a Road to Peace?

Do you recognise the map opposite?

Do you live near any of the roads pictured?

Do you realise that the most lethal load carried by motor transport in this country travels up and down these roads – and these are now likely to get more frequent with the proposed 44% increase in nuclear warheads?

We all know about the wickedness of nuclear war and the cruel disregard of the victims of nuclear testing. All the main-stream churches in the U.K. have drawn attention to the immorality and illegality of this policy, but how many of the congregations in churches near these routes realise that they and their families could be threatened now by the transporting of these warheads up and down between Burghfield and Aldermaston in Berkshire, and Coulport in Scotland so they are ready to load on to Trident submarines.



The constant watching and work by Nukewatch monitors the movement of these convoys. We are so grateful for this.

CCND is planning a new campaign to alert churches near these routes to the personal danger posed and thereby to underline and emphasise the sinfulness of the whole programme.

How can we do this? We need if possible, quite a lot of our members to research, via the internet, the churches in a small area, to tell us whom to contact and the names of the local papers.

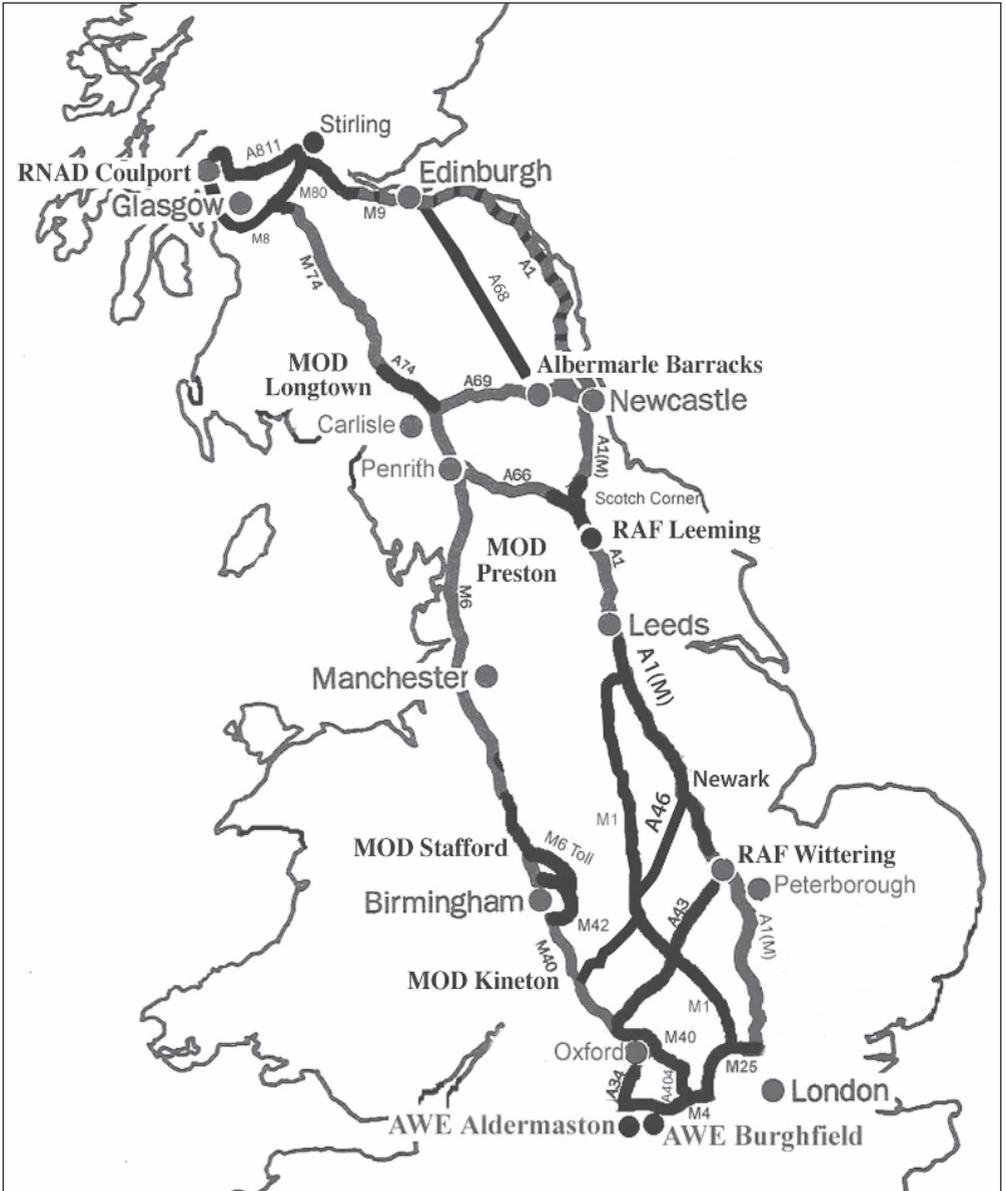
Could you offer to do this for a few miles along the route? This is all we are asking at this first stage of this campaign – no personal contact – no demonstrations – no standing at the side of the road! If you can offer some help even this far, we can get going.

When we have this information, we can prepare leaflets, write letters, make posters – but that is a later stage.

If you would like to help in this way, please contact us and tell us your preferred area – you don't have to live there.

<https://www.nukewatch.org.uk/>

Convoy ... coming *your* way?



Map from Nukewatch website:

<https://i2.wp.com/www.nukewatch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/NUKEWATCH-MAP-2016.jpg?ssl=1>

From the Exec

An A to Z of the March and May 2021 Exec meetings



Acrostics have a long and illustrious history (see Psalm 119) so I thought I would have a go at one after our recent Exec meetings...

A is for Alexandria, one of the younger, newer members of the Exec team.

B is for Christian CND's Big Birthday, which we plan to celebrate in July.

C is for Claire, who produces meeting minutes in record time and does so much besides.

D is for David, our co-chair alongside Rebecca.

E is for Embassies – which we hope to start visiting again when the pandemic subsides!

F is for the nuclear morality Flowchart, Martin Birdseye's project which is now available in Chinese.

G is for Greenbelt, the Christian arts festival – cancelled in 2021, but we hope to have a stall there next year.

From the Exec

H is for Haircuts, just one of the things we took for granted until lockdown.

I is for Internship – Christian CND are currently advertising one for the coming year, paid for from a recent generous legacy.

J is for Joe Jukes, CND Peace Education Officer, who is currently putting together a new pack for RE lessons about faith groups' stance on nuclear weapons.

K is for Korea, where we have friends in the wonderful Bargn Nuri community.

L is for Legendary Lunchbreaks, a traditional feature of Exec meetings which we are badly missing when we only meet online.

M is for Mike, who looks after Christian CND's money.

N is for the Network of Christian Peace Organisations, with whom we are working increasingly closely.

O is for Oxford, where Christian CND has always had lots of supporters. We plan to hold our second Barbara Eggleston Memorial Lecture there in November.

P is for Prayer, which underpins everything we try and do. Our 24-hour online prayer meeting, part of the wider Thy Kingdom Come campaign, had over 100 people involved.

Q is for Queen Elizabeth II, to whom we would be happy to offer a complimentary membership if she could get in touch.

R is for Russell, our indefatigable Development Manager.

S is for Slack, a computer system for people who struggle to keep on top of their emails.

T is for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which gives us so much hope for a better world.

U is for the United Nations (see previous item).

V is for Virus; least said the better.

W is for Westminster – the Abbey, and our Parliament. May both be a force for good and peace.

X is an unknown quantity, of which we have many at present.

Y is for Young People, a big growth area for disarmament activism.

Z is for Zoom, without which we would all be sunk!

In October there will be an opportunity to join the Exec team and help Christian CND to continue to grow in influence and size... please start thinking now about whether you could get involved in this way.

It has been our usual practice to include in *Ploughshare*, where possible, an obituary of any member who has died.

So if you are related to a CCND member who has passed away do please send us a few words about them (around 250-300 words) and a photo would be great.

Meanwhile, please spare a prayer for the following members, and their loved ones, who have died recently:

Frank McManus of Todmorden, died December 2020
Rev David Platt, ex-Exec member

Rev David Platt

The Reverend William David Platt, known as David, was born on 18th January, 1931, in North London. His mother took David and his sister to live in Edinburgh after they were bombed in the 2nd World War, and David went to the Royal Edinburgh High School, where he developed a love of English Literature.

He went on to read English at Durham at 17 for a year, but after a stint of Military Service in the Royal Marines, David went back to Durham to read Theology. He was also an organ scholar. He trained as a priest at Mirfield and went on to a curacy at St John's Bethnal Green.

He met his wife Gill whilst she was conducting the choir at St Katharine's Stepney – where her father, the well-known progressive Socialist priest, St John Beverly Groser, was vicar, and to whom David looked up to immensely. David and Gill were married in 1958, and David went on to another curacy in Pinner, and then to St Katharine's, Hammersmith, as Parish Priest, where he protested the closure of Butterwick House, a hostel for vulnerable men, which was unfortunately closed.

His next Parish was All Saints' Woodham, where he was a much loved Parish Priest for 16 years until 1988, creating a practical, outward-facing ministry and, with Gill, a high quality of music in worship. In order to be able to commit to his work as co-director of Christian CND, David then took on a chaplaincy at St Mary's Convent Wantage. During this time, he was arrested as part of a peaceful protest at Faslane and held for 24 hours in a cell. He believed passionately in the immorality of nuclear weapons and continued his non-violent activism well into his retirement.

He took a house for duty position at St Andrew's, East Hagbourne in his later years and once again became part of the community as priest and also as a well-known regular contributor to the folk night in the local pub. David and Gill moved to Oxford in 2002, where David assisted on a voluntary basis at St Michael and All Angels in Marston, and continued his work with Christian CND as well as more locally with Oxford CND and Abingdon Peace Group, and his participation in Multi-Faith community dialogue. He cared for his wife until her death in 2007. David died in his sleep



of complications due to a previous stroke on 4th February 2021. He was a much-loved Parish Priest, Father, and Grandfather, and is survived by his 4 children and his grandchildren.

Peace campaigners remember Revd. David Platt as a strong churchman and a peace and anti-nuclear campaigner of long-standing. He was a powerful speaker and preacher, sure, reasoned, clear, but welcoming, human and embracing at the same time.



David attended many meetings at Abingdon Peace Group and also shared his experience, humour and support with Oxford CND and Oxfordshire Peace Campaign. He was the key base person for the Oxfordshire and Reading group that blockaded Faslane in 2007, keeping track of

where campaigners were detained in police cells, and coordinating that demonstration. He brought with him a young parishioner who really benefited from his mentoring.

R. Platt He was a speaker at the march and rallies at the USAF Croughton base, an inspiring figure in his black cassock. He was at the unveiling of the Bonn Square Peace Plaque, sat next to Bruce Kent, and is remembered for his singing there and at many other events.

David blessed the Peace Garden created by Robert and Jackie of Les Bicyclettes, and invited the Oxford CND stall and banners into peace and joint faith events at St. Michaels in Marston. His wide range of interests included reading and publishing poetry, and he was a singer and musician, a friend, a campaigner, a mentor, and he will be missed by so many.

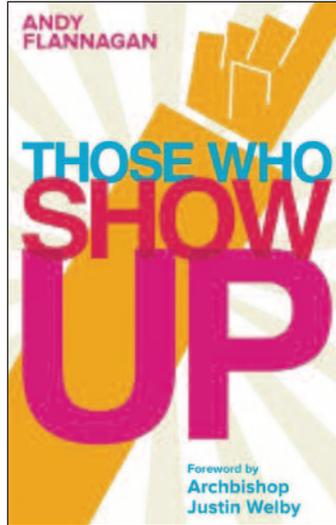
Nigel Day

Those Who Show Up by Andy Flannagan

I have recently read this 2015 book by Andy Flannagan, Executive Director of Christians in Politics, whose website describes him as a “Luton-based, Irish, ex-doctor, political rabble-rousing, singer-songwriter.” It’s a book to inspire Christians to get involved in politics, and the title refers to the fact that history is made by those who actually get stuck in and make it. Many of us in Christian

CND will have stood outside the Houses of Parliament (or our local equivalent) with a placard or banner while important decisions were being made inside; this book asks us to consider what we could achieve if it was us on the inside. It recognises that passionately-held convictions, campaigns and protests have an essential part to play, but that ultimately the decisions are taken by elected politicians. In a democracy like the UK there is nothing, in principle, to stop any of us aspiring to become one of these people, or one of their advisers.

Andy Flannagan is a great communicator and this is a very readable book. It’s also non-partisan, hope-filled, realistic, and thoroughly biblical. Even if you have no calling to get involved in party politics yourself, it is worth reading it to see



what makes politicians tick, and how we can work with them (rather than against them) to achieve our entirely reasonable campaign goals. It will help you to pray for our politicians, to support and influence them, and perhaps get more actively involved too.

If you have ever sat through a tedious committee meeting and wondered what it is achieving, this book

has some really inspiring stories to tell. We may get more of a buzz from going on a march with tens of thousands of like-minded people, or firing off a quick comment on Twitter, but it is the hard work of governance (in the broadest sense) which eventually makes change possible. If you have ever complained that all politicians are the same, this book sort of agrees with you: all politicians are human beings, like the rest of us, not some different species. As Christians we have access to ancient wisdom, God’s guidance, and a great support network. This does not make us infallible, but it means we have as good a chance as anyone of making a positive contribution to politics... if we show up.

Martin Tiller

June: As tensions continue to rise on the Korean Peninsula, pray for those in positions of authority and leadership around the world, that they would have the courage to seek peace and friendship rather than division and aggression.

With the G7 and NATO summits also taking place this month pray that there would be an outcome which makes the world a safer and more united place.

July: As we mark four years since the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was agreed at the United Nations, thank God for all the states that have signed and ratified the Treaty. Pray also that more would join in the coming months ahead of the first meeting of States Parties. Pray that the

nuclear-armed states, including the UK, would engage with the Treaty and ultimately join.

Monday 12: Pray for our 60th Anniversary Zoom meeting, that we would gather a large group and those in attendance would be inspired to join us in our work and prayers for peace.

August: Remember those who died in the bombings of Hiroshima on the 6th and Nagasaki on the 9th of August 1945. Pray for those who continue to live with the consequences of the bombing, the survivors and their work for peace. Pray that future generations would heed the lessons of August 1945, and that nuclear weapons would never again be used in any circumstances.

September: In the month of the United Nations General Assembly give thanks for all that the United Nations has done for peace throughout the last decades. From the very first motion adopted in Methodist Central Hall Westminster which called for the elimination of nuclear weapons, through to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Sunday 26 September is the UN Day for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons – a great opportunity to pray for all those around the world who work to remove nuclear weapons from our shared planet.



Left: portrait of David Platt
by Annette Bygott

Christian CND Zoom Prayer meetings

These take place twice a month, one meeting at noon, another at 8pm on different days. Check the website for dates.
<https://christiancnd.org.uk/events/>

26 June: Nurses not Nukes: anti-nuclear bloc at People's Assembly 'After Covid, Demand a New Normal'. National Demo in London. Meet 12 noon in Portland Place,
<https://cnduk.org/events/>

12 July: Nuclear Weapons? No thanks!

Christian CNDs 60th Anniversary. 7pm via Zoom. Speakers and workshops and more. See p5.
<https://christiancnd.org.uk/12july/>

23-25 July: NJPN (National Justice and Peace) Conference. 2021: 'Life on Earth – moment of truth' is the theme. Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick.
<https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/>

6 August: Hiroshima Day. Events around the country. Essex Christian CND service in Quaker Meeting House, Butt Lane, **Maldon** CM9 5HD. 7pm.

6-9 August: Annual International Hiroshima-Nagasaki Fast and Days

of Action against Nuclear Weapons. In the UK the fast and actions will take place near the Ministry of Defence, **London**, in **Bristol**, **Plymouth** and other places. You are welcome to join the actions, whether you intend to fast or not. For details contact Michal on 01822 834452, michal@calstock.org.uk

9 August: Nagasaki Day. Anniversary of the execution of Franz Jägerstätter. Join Pax Christi to mark the anniversary of the execution of Austrian Catholic conscientious objector Franz Jägerstätter. More info later:
<https://paxchristi.org.uk/>
 Annual Peace Walk in **London** from Westminster Cathedral (TBC) to the London Peace Pagoda, followed by a Lantern-Lighting ceremony at sunset. 020 7228 9620

2-5 September: "Images of God and Nonviolence" Church and Peace Annual General Conference and International Conference. Strasbourg, France.
<https://www.church-and-peace.org>

14-17 September: DSEI the world's worst arms fair plans to return to the **London** Docklands in September. Help Stop the Arms Fair organise resistance! Email: resistDSEI@protonmail.com

10-17 October: Week of Prayer for World Peace. National UK Gathering on Sunday 10 October.
weekofprayerforworldpeace.co.uk/

For UK peace events see:
<http://www.networkforpeace.org.uk>

Letter to *The Tablet*, 22 May 2021

How refreshing to read of Scottish citizens' solidarity with immigrants, to the extent of defying Home Office arrests; and of Scottish police responding with courage and humanity.

But in concluding this article (*Tablet* 22nd May 2021) Sara Parvis asks what it might mean for relations between England and Scotland. We must beg all Scottish people to reflect on what the end of the United Kingdom would mean for England. A disaffected rump state with a permanent right wing majority,

hostile to immigrants at official and popular levels, eager to dismantle European human rights legislation, demonstrating electorally that traditional values of honesty and fair dealing are no longer priorities and in possession of nuclear weapons, would not be a good neighbour to have. To Scotland and Wales we must say: for humanity's sake, England needs at least your example, if not your continued union.

Martin Birdseye

Sewing Against Stockpiles

After the government used the Integrated Review to announce a 44% increase to the stockpile of nuclear warheads held by the UK, Christian CND was among the voices here and around the world to condemn the move. Along with others in the Christian peace movement we have decided to try a different way of campaigning against the move. We're bringing our craft skills to our activism together for some Craftivism.

Craftivism has been around for a while and gives an opportunity to highlight an important issue or campaign in a different way, alongside traditional protests and lobbying of MPs and others. The idea is to make something creative, and while doing so to reflect on why you're taking part and think about the issues involved.

Our plan is to make a quilt with the text of Article 6 of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which sets

out how nuclear-armed states are to enter into negotiations to eliminate nuclear arsenals. It's already been pointed out by legal experts and the United Nations Secretary General that the decision to increase the nuclear stockpile will be a breach of this international obligation to which the UK signed up more than 50 years ago.

We'll use the finished quilt for a photo outside the Foreign Office and Minister of Defence ahead of the NPT Review Conference, currently scheduled to take place in August. We need around 40 volunteers to make a word each (or a couple of smaller words) for the quilt. The craft is up to you, you could sew, cross stitch, knit, crochet or applique. If you're interested in getting involved please contact Tilly Martin, who is administering the project – tilly@anglicanpeacemaker.org.uk or phone the Christian CND office.



Rev David Platt (third left, in robes) at Fylingdales. Not sure of the year

How to join CCND

Annual membership subscriptions are:

- Waged, individual: £18 (£22 household)
- Unwaged individual £9, (£12 household)
- Group affiliation: from £20

- I/we wish to be a member of CCND
- I enclose a cheque/PO (payable to CCND) to include the following:

Membership: £.....
 Donation: £..... (Thank you!)
 TOTAL: £..... Or

Enter your debit/credit card number here:
 And the expiry date: Last three digits on the back of the card:
 Name as it is written on the card:
 Address if different to above:
 Signature: *Payment amount:*

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 Please send me a standing order form/Direct Debit Form
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