

# Just Now



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## **New Justice & Peace Fieldworker for the Diocese of Nottingham**

*On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2014 Martyn Swaby was appointed as the new Justice and Peace Fieldworker for the Nottingham Diocese. Here Martyn tells us a little bit about himself.*

Hello, my name is Martyn Swaby and I am delighted to be the new Fieldworker for the Nottingham Justice and Peace Commission. I am 51 years old, Married to Toni, with two Children, Jack (17) and Emma (16). I worked for one of the major banks for 31 years before leaving to join the Nottingham Credit Union, where I was responsible for promoting fair and ethical finance and financial inclusion for all.

About seven years ago I felt that God was calling me to serve him in a different way and this led me into the discernment and formation programme for the diaconate. I was ordained as a Permanent Deacon, in my own parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell, Nottingham, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2013.

As a Deacon I am called to serve and to reach out to the most vulnerable and those on the outskirts and shunned by society. To fulfil my responsibilities in the role of Justice and Peace Fieldworker, to really make a positive difference to people's lives, will mean that I am truly living my vocation to the diaconate through my work. So therefore I do not see this role as just a job, it is more a vocation.

I have much to learn but I am thrilled and excited to have been given this opportunity.

God Bless

Martyn

# Upcoming local events...

## Emmanuel House Open Day

**Tuesday 1st July**

Emmanuel House, 53-61 Goose Gate,  
Nottingham NG1 1FE

Schedule:

- 1.15pm– open afternoon with displays, information, events, and activities
- 4pm– dedication of memorial of Emmanuel House founder Fr Roger Killeen
- 5.30pm– service of thanksgiving, St Barnabas Cathedral, Derby Road

## Quiet Garden Evening

**Tuesday 1st July**

St Mary's Parish Centre,  
Darley Lane, Derby, DE1 3AX

7.30pm



## The Vine Summer Fair

**Sat 26th July**

11am-4pm

The Vine Community Centre,  
Bobbers Mill Road, Hyson  
Green, Nottingham

FREE ENTRY

Arts and crafts, nail bar, fire engine, halal food, fancy dress comp, BBQ, bottle and chocolate tombola and lots more!

## **PICCADILLY FUN DAY SATURDAY**

**5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014**

**1 PM**

**OUR LADY'S SCHOOL  
GROUNDS**



**LOADS OF  
ATTRACTIONS, STALLS,  
GAMES, FOOD,  
REFRESHMENTS**

# ... and further afield!

## Annual Justice & Peace Conference

**18 - 20 July 2014**

"Called to Life in All Its Fullness: accepting the responsibility of our baptism"

Speakers: Gemma Simmonds CJ, Sarah Teather MP, Clare Dixon, Mary Colwell

Chair: Rev Ruth Gee

**PLACES STILL AVAILABLE - BOOK NOW!**

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OR download from [www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference.html](http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference.html)

## Bright Lights Festival

**27th—29th June**

Aged 16-30? Why not attend this year's Bright Lights festival, at the Aylesford Priory in Kent.

Over the weekend participants will explore the messages of Pope Francis to the young people of the church. Eat, pray, camp and stay in the Friary and share in a chilled out festival style celebration of faith, friendship, music, drama and prayer.

Under 18s must be accompanied by a group leader.

There's still time –visit [brightlights.org.uk](http://brightlights.org.uk) to find out more!



# Pax Christi—Trident Scheme

A decision on whether to replace the Trident submarine fleet, the UK's independent nuclear weapons system, is expected to be taken in 2016. In May 2015 we have a General Election and an opportunity to challenge candidates on where they stand. Our present government plans to replace Trident. Our voices must be heard now if we are to change this policy.

Between them Russia, USA, UK, France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea possess more than 17,300 nuclear weapons.

Nuclear weapons create health and environmental catastrophes around the world.

The cost of replacing Trident is now over £100 billion and government spending on research and development for nuclear weapons is over £320 million a year.

## What can you do?

### Prayer and reflection

- Discuss the moral and humanitarian aspects of nuclear weapons and Trident. How does government policy square with what the Church teaches? What should our response be as Christian citizens?
- Ensure that prayers are included in your church community that will guide the decision-making of government away from security that is based on weapons and war.

The government wants to spend over **£100 billion** on new nuclear weapons.

What else could you get for that?

## Action

- Host a meeting of local faith groups to reflect on what you might do and say together on this issue. Perhaps you could arrange a meeting with your local MP to share your concerns with her/him in the run-up to the election.
- Take part in the Lobby of Parliament on 11 June this year. Prepare with others to come to the House of Commons and share your concerns with your MP.
- Join others in regular prayer vigils at Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Establishment <http://bit.ly/1f3HKJW> and other nuclear establishments around the country.
- Use these petitions in your church or community to engage in debate and discussion on the UK's nuclear weapons programme.

## Scrap Trident Petition

The government is cutting billions from public spending on health care, education, welfare and services and at the same time it is spending billions every year on Trident nuclear weapons. Sign the petition and watch a powerful animation at <http://www.cnduk.org/scraptrident/>



## Get to know your MP- become a CAFOD MP Correspondent!

Your local MP is your link to parliament. They influence decisions which affect not only your future but the future of the world's poorest people. With a general election coming up next year, there couldn't be a better time to get to know your MP and help them understand the issues that are important to you.

Through letters and meetings with MPs, CAFOD supporters have already grabbed ministers' attention and changed government policy. They have helped secure tough laws to cut carbon emissions and tackle climate change, and to hold UK companies accountable for bribery carried out by their employees anywhere in the world.

Like with any relationship, getting to know your MP means finding out about him or her and keeping in contact. Look them up on-line ([theyworkforyou.com](http://theyworkforyou.com)), follow them on Twitter and send them a tweet or two, write to them or email them and meet with them, perhaps as part of a group of fellow constituents. CAFOD can help put you in touch with other campaigners in your constituency.

Don't worry about not being an expert. Chances are your MP isn't either. Armed with CAFOD's briefings and background, and your conviction and passion, you'll be a force to be reckoned with. CAFOD will provide you with all the statistics, stories, facts and policy info you'll need.

You can sign up to be an MP correspondent at [cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Campaigning-guide/Get-to-know-your-MP](http://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Campaigning-guide/Get-to-know-your-MP)

Find out what you need to get inspired and get started, in CAFOD's MP correspondent starter pack, including top ten tips, guidance on writing to or meeting with your MP and jargon busting. [cafod.org.uk/Media/Files/Resources/Campaigns/MP-Correspondent-pack](http://cafod.org.uk/Media/Files/Resources/Campaigns/MP-Correspondent-pack)

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