

and parish life. I was first a teacher and now a speech and language therapist, managing a team. I have become a good communicator and a completer-finisher.

I wanted to start a Justice and Peace group in my own parish in Leicester for many years. Finally everything fell into place three years ago. I feel strongly that there must be justice, there must be a deliberate turning away from violence, and that these things are hard work. In our group we try to find good information and share it with others to encourage change. We are inspired by Pope Francis and by each other.

I am looking forward to working with Pax Christi to try and reach more people with the message of nonviolence.

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Annual Gathering, Nottingham London, 2 June 2018

10.30 Arrivals and coffee

11.00 Welcome, *Nottingham Justice and Peace*
Prayer, *Pax Christi*

11.15 Welcome from Pax Christi , *Holly Ball, Chair*
Apologies and minutes of last year
Chair's report, *Holly Ball*
Treasurer's Report, *Joe Burns*
Pax Christi Transition time, *Holly Ball*

Any immediate questions

Elections to the Executive Committee (*see inside*)

12.00 Hearing highlights of work ahead from

Fausta Valentine (Administrator),
Matt Jeziorski (Education)
Peter Hickey (Member support/publications)
Valerie Flessati (First World War work)
Pat Gaffney (Other outreach)

Any immediate questions

Welcome!

Afternoon Programme

Drone warfare today

2.00 **Pat Gaffney** welcomes speakers and sets scene

- **Max Brookman-Byrne**
- **Maya Evans**

Each invited to speak for 15/20 minutes

2.45 Discussion and questions

3.20 End of session / short break

3.45 Mass celebrated by our President, **Archbishop Malcolm** who will be joined by **Bishop Patrick McKinney**



Elections to executive committee

Existing committee members are:

Holly Ball (Chair) **Chris Cole**, (Vice-Chair,) **Joe Burns** (Treasurer) **Paul McGowan**, **Jan Harper**, **Emma Atherton**, **Helen Gilbert**, **Laura Atherton**, **Ann Farr** (co-opted and member of the International Board of Pax Christi)

Paul McGowan comes to the end of his term this year

Re-elections 2018 -all are willing to stand: **Holly Ball**, **Chris Cole** and **Helen Gilbert**

We have two nominations for 2018

Lorraine Mirham

I have been concerned with peace, social justice and women's issues from a young age. I have always felt the need, whilst recognising the importance of day to day humanitarian and other important relief work, to work on tackling the underlying and structural causes of problems. So, I'm concerned with the root causes of war and conflict. I have a particular interest in the effect of militarism and the military industrial complex on the environment both as a driver of, and result of conflict. I view violence on a complex continuum.

I joined the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom as an eager 19 year old and have had the privilege of serving on committees, and for a term as one of their international vice presidents. I am an ex officio member of the UK WILPF executive having picked up several roles over the years, usually on account of sometimes being a few tiny steps ahead of changes in technology. I currently co-convene WILPF's international Environment Working Group. I must admit most of the thirty or so years I have been in WILPF, I have spent perhaps a little too much time on organisational matters and not so much time on the issues. It is in our Parish, at this time of great potential and increasing awareness of the inadequacy of favouring military spending over the needs of our neighbours, that I feel most useful in terms of working with others to further our social teaching on justice and peace.

Theresa Alessandro

I have been guided by a deeply-felt desire for peace since my teens when I read the book 'Hiroshima'. The book disturbed me at an impressionable age, connecting me emotionally with victims of war for ever.

As an adult, I have been shaped by many years of subscribing to the Columbans' wonderful Vocation for Justice, and by the complex experiences of work, family,