

2019 Peace Award Winners

Fr. Joe Ryan Fr. Joe was nominated by Barbara Kentish and this nomination was supported by Julian Filochowski and Tony Sheen.

Peter van den Dungen Peter was nominated by Valerie Flessati and supported by Bruce Kent and Arn Dekker

Anna and Eleanor Marshall Anna and Eleanor were nominated by Aisling Griffin and supported by James Trewby and Anne Peacey.

The Award Sub-Committee would like to congratulate our Award Winners and to thank all those who made or supported nominations.



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Annual Gathering London 18th May 2019

Welcome!

10.30 Arrivals and coffee

11.00 Introductions *Holly Ball, Chair of Pax Christi Executive Committee*

Prayer *Jan Harper, Exec Member*

11.15 Business meeting led by Chair, *Holly Ball*

Apologies and minutes of 2018

Reports: Chair

Treasurer *Joe Burns,*

Staff *Peter Hickey, Aisling Griffin*

Fausta Valentine, Theresa Alessandro

Questions

Elections to the Executive Committee (*see inside*)

12.10 Group Work *Theresa Alessandro, Director*

'Capturing our year'

1pm Shared Lunch

With music from *King Toadfish and the All-Weather Riders*

Afternoon Programme

Introduced by Theresa Alessandro

- 2.00 Address **Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, our President**
Music
- 2.30 **Peace Award Ceremony:** led by **Arn Dekker, Member of Pax Christi**
(names of peace award recipients overleaf)
- 3.00 **Music / short break**
- 3.15 **Mass**
- 4pm **End**

Elections to Executive Committee

Existing committee members are:

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

Standing down this year: Theresa Alessandro (now staff), Helen Gilbert, Emma Atherton, Jan Harper

Re-elections 2019 - both are willing to stand: Joe Burns, Laura Atherton

We have two new Exec member nominations for 2019

Joan Sharples nominated by Jan Harper, seconded by Valerie Flessati

I've been a member of Pax Christi for many years and find its work both inspirational and challenging. I appreciate the richness of its concept of peace which seems to bring together reflection and action: the personal and global.

Selling Traidcraft some thirty-three years ago, led me to life-changing involvement with justice-and-peace which included nineteen years as a Diocesan J&P Coordinator (1993-2012). As such, I encouraged people in the diocese to 'read the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel' and find ways to respond. I organised events, facilitated workshops, produced

newsletters and worked with diocesan and national organisations. As part of this work, I promoted Pax Christi. I've taken part in some of its training and delivered its materials in the diocese. I particularly enjoyed leading reflection sessions with the Peace Icon.

I am both a Catholic and a regular attendee at Quaker Meeting. Since my redundancy in 2012, I have been busy supporting our daughters with their daughters. Maybe, it's now time to get involved in joining with those who are working to bring about a peaceful world for them to grow up in.

Henrietta Cullinan nominated by Valerie Flessati, seconded Jan Harper

I first became aware of the Christian peace movement when I was introduced to the Catholic Worker in about 2005, when my children were teenagers and I was training formally to become a teacher. With the London Catholic Worker I took part in campaigns against nuclear weapons, British military involvement in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the arms trade. Often our campaigns took the form of nonviolent direct action, and sometimes, subsequently, arrest. I have been developing my knowledge and interest in nonviolence and civil disobedience ever since.

I have written on peace and nonviolence for the Tablet, the Universe, the Catholic Worker newsletter in the US and here in the UK. I have a chapter on peace and security in Reclaiming the Common Good, a book of essays edited by Virginia Moffatt. I have given talks for Pax Christi, particularly on the arms trade.

I have visited Afghanistan twice as a peace delegate to the Afghan Peace Volunteers and Pakistan once with the Columbans. I have stayed at the Catholic Worker house in Calais on numerous occasions, in solidarity with the many young refugees as they continue their perilous journey.

Recently, I have become increasingly aware of the work of Christ's peace within my own heart. I would also be interested in looking at what the peace movement can do about the present culture of knife violence and resulting anxiety amongst some young people on our streets.