

Pax Christi AGM 2020



Celebrating 75 years of Pax Christi



Let's build peace together





We place our
Pax Christi Book of
Remembrance on
the table.

As we pray together,
we bring them and
all those who can't
be with us today,
into our community
worship.

Loving God

You bring us together
from many different
places,
You endow us with
varied gifts and
responsibilities,
and challenge us to
respond to your call.

Together we seek to
follow your way.
We pray that division
and discord will be
laid to rest
and that the Good
News of hope, peace
and justice will be
brought to the world.
Amen

Opening Prayer



Reading:

Adapted from
Joan Chittister OSB

Every day, people that are church educated, go quietly and serenely to factories where they assemble warheads, to laboratories where they increase the megaton capacity of our arsenals, to boardrooms where they vote to increase our 'defence' capabilities, to churches where they pray the 'Our Father' without discomfort.



The role of the church in such a culture is surely a clear one.

It is, of course, to pray for peace, not to cajole God to save us from our own insane sinfulness but to make ourselves receptive to God's in-breaking into our lives and culture.

It is, as well to be centres, where strangers can become sisters and brothers in Christ.





We are called to be models of disobedience.

People with 'revolutionary personalities'

- who are independent,

- who have the capacity to identify deeply with humanity,

- who have the ability to disobey in the interests of more fundamental values.

The Prophets, Christ, the early Christians, would understand this role completely.

It is up to us to reclaim, and recall, a conforming world to the burning burden of that work.

Gospel Reading

John 14:27

Peace is my farewell
to you,
my peace is my gift
to you;

I do not give it as the
world gives peace.

Do not let your hearts
be troubled or afraid.



The Resurrection Window at Buckden Towers

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession





We pray for those
Pax Christi members
and supporters
who have died this year:

Elizabeth Esdaile;
Mary Brennan;
Rita Forster;
Angela Broome;
Imelda Coffey
Barbara Sunderland;
Frances Brown;
P G Hatcher;
Sheila Winters;
Julia Baldry;
Elsie Hinkes.

Our Personal Commitment



Spirit of God,

We ask for:

understanding that puts
an end to conflict;

Mercy that quenches
hatred;

Forgiveness that
overcomes vengeance
and the gift of courage to
witness to the truth.

We pray for the
commitment to continue
to act and work for peace.
Amen



Celebrating Pax Christi's 75 years and
all we hope to do together in the coming year

