

Nov—Dec
2009

Swindon Catholic Deanery Justice & Peace Group Newsletter

Chair: Julia Starczewski

Website: www.swindoncatholicdeanery.co.uk/J+PGroup.htm

Upcoming Events:

The Harbour Project Grand Charity Auction and 3 course dinner Thurs 3rd Dec, 7pm, Jewel in The Crown Restaurant

Tickets £20 from The Harbour
Office: harbouroffice1@aol.com or
611682. Items for auction would
be appreciated. The Harbour
Project supports Swindon refugees
& asylum seekers.

The Wave Demonstration Sat 5th Dec, 12pm, Hyde Park

March in London ahead of the
December UN Climate Change
Conference in Copenhagen. For
more details and info on coach
transport from Swindon, visit the
Swindon Climate Action Network at
www.swindonclimate.org.uk

Pantomime Visit for Refugees & Asylum Seekers Thurs 14th Jan, 7:30pm Emmanuel Church, Upham Rd.

We shall be taking parents &
children from Swindon's refugee &
asylum seeker community to see
Cinderella. Please contact us if you
can help give lifts.

Peace Hour Sun 17th Jan, 3:30pm Holy Family Convent

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- **Holy Rood**
Julia Starczewski (Chair)
Noreen Bint (CAFOD Rep)
- **Holy Family**
Jean Roberts (CAFOD Rep)
- **St Thomas More, Marlborough**
Matthew Devlin (CAFOD Rep)
- **St Joseph's, Wroughton**
Steve Aftelak
- **St Mary's**
Frank Buchanan
Roger Dyson (CAFOD Rep)
- **St Peter's**
Elizabeth & Robert Barrett
John Bennett (CAFOD Rep)
Clare-Marie Burchall
Louise Burke
Gitti & Eric Hayes
Hugo James

Deanery CAFOD Representative:
Mark Donovan, 01793-522709

Next J&P Group meetings:
Next meeting 8th Dec (call 535089 for
location details). Then 5th Jan, 2nd Feb,
2nd Mar at Tovey Road Presb, 7:30-9pm.

Schools Gather a Fantastic Harvest

Swindon Catholic primary schools raised over
£1,600 for CAFOD through Harvest Fast Day
collections in October—what a sign of
generosity in difficult times. Holy Family
Primary, Holy Rood Infants, Holy Rood Juniors
and St Mary's Primary all participated. Special
mention goes to St Mary's where each class
had to think up ways to raise money, and the
ideas ranged from: a sponsored obstacle
course, bring a toy to school, wearing pyjamas,
coming in wacky hair, and role reversal with pupils and teachers. They
raised an enormous £840 for CAFOD and also delivered Harvest hampers
to old neighbours and parishioners. St Joseph's Primary in Malmesbury
raised £270 for Mission Together during their Harvest Festival.



St Mary's Yr 6 pupils delivering
Harvest hampers

Frank Buchanan RIP

On Oct 22nd St Mary's Church was filled to overflowing
with the many friends and family of Frank Buchanan.
We represented the many sides of his very full life,
and we marvelled at the range of his commitments
and the depth of affection in which he was held.
Frank was a long time member of the Deanery Justice
Group. He was the first of us to smile, the first to
volunteer, the first to congratulate and the last to
blame anyone except himself. Frank was a deeply
human and holy man. We shall all miss him greatly.



Frank in the Holy Land

St Jo's Stand Up Against Poverty

All 1,200 pupils of St Joseph's College in
Swindon, with their tutors, stood up on Oct 16th
as part of the Global Call to Action Against
Poverty. They read out the Promises for
standing up against poverty, which ended "And
finally we promise to stand up and speak out
against poverty - again and again and again."



Standing Up at St Joseph's College

In Other News...

- ✎ This year's LIFE Talent Show on Oct 15th was another great success: young people sang, danced and performed to a sell-out audience
- ✎ CAFOD World Gifts are now on sale - brochures available in all parishes. There are some great new gifts such as Football, and Teach Someone to Read, each for £10. We encourage you to include World Gifts in the presents you give this Christmas.
- ✎ Members of the J&P Group and Swindon Churches Together joined 50 people in Swindon town centre on Oct 17th to lobby Anne Snelgrove regarding the threat of climate change.

World Gifts
Gifts that make a difference