

# TIME TO ACT FOR JUSTICE, PEACE & ECOLOGY

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A passion for justice, a desire for peace and a concern for the integrity of God's creation are all essential to the living out of the Gospel. They are not optional extras, but core components of Christian faith.

Do nuclear weapons make you feel more secure? The world heaved a sigh of relief when the first-ever treaty to ban nuclear weapons entered into force on 22 January 2021. The treaty makes it illegal under international law to develop, manufacture, transfer, possess, use or threaten to use nuclear weapons. However, none of the nations that possess nuclear weapons have ratified it. That includes Britain.

What do we need for true security? Deal with the climate crisis, campaigning to ensuring COP26 leads to change. Get rid of nuclear weapons. Provide aid to those who need it, not cutting the budget. Understand, challenge and change the 'throwaway culture', including with respect to our mobile phones.

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## **CHALLENGE NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

Instead of taking the necessary steps towards getting rid of its nuclear weapons, the British government is not only replacing but upgrading its nuclear weapon system. Christian CND is supporting CND's petition to report the UK to the UN for the illegal increase in its nuclear warhead stockpile.

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## **PETITION ABOUT AID BUDGET**

On 25 November 2020, the UK government announced plans to cut the UK aid budget from 0.7% to 0.5% of gross national income for an indefinite period. In July 2021, MPs voted to approve the cuts alongside committing to eventually returning to 0.7%, but with no time frame. Petition with Global Justice Now.

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## **LEARN ABOUT THE REAL COSTS OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY**

An interactive board game from the London Mining Network to promote discussion about the human and environmental costs of digital technology and what we can do to help solve the problems. It draws on real-life experiences of people whose lives and livelihoods are threatened by mining.

Prayer from Laudato Si'

All powerful God, pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it.

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