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"Throne of weapons" at the British Museum. It is the product of the Transforming Arms into Tools (TAE) Project established in 1995 in Maputo, Mozambique by Bishop Dinis Singulane, an APF counsellor, with the support of Christian Aid.





Art work in the NCPO Peace Zone at the annual Greenbelt Festival



At the last Lambeth Conference. With the Archbishop of Canterbury are Bishop Colin Scott (APF counsellor), Tony Kempster (APF general secretary), Mary Roe (APF chairperson) and Chris Barfoot (APF New Zealand secretary).

#### **APF MEMBERS:**

- MAINTAIN A PACIFIST WITNESS within the Anglican Communion, from parish level to the General Synod; and at the Lambeth Conference.
- TAKE THE MESSAGE OF PEACE TO YOUNG PEOPLE in schools and colleges, as part of the Peace Education Network.
- CAMPAIGN AGAINST WAR AND MILITARISM, by all possible (peaceful) means including participation at political protests and demonstrations.
- ORGANISE AND RUN EVENTS AT GATHERINGS, such as the Greenbelt Arts Festival, in collaboration with other member of the Network of Christian Peace Organisations.
- SUPPORT THE WORK OF NON-CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS working for world peace, notably Campaign Against Arms Trade and War Resisters' International.
- TAKE A GLOBAL VIEW OF THE POLITICS OF PEACEMAKING, encouraging and supporting those working for peace and reconcilliation around the world.

### COULD YOU HELP?



# CHRISTIANITY AND WAR

WHERE DO YOU STAND ON THIS ISSUE?

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Annual ceremony in Tavistock Square, London to mark International Conscientious Objectors' Day. Sue Gilmurray (APF membership secretary) and the political choir, Raised Voices lead the singing.







Blockade of one of the gates at The Atomic Weapon's Establishment, Burghfield.

"Making peace" in Geneva (2010), to mark the centenary of its award of the Nobel Peace Prize.





Chris Barfoot, Joyce Smith with Bishop Peter Price (APF Bishop Protector) at the APF stand at the



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APF IS A BODY OF PEOPLE WITHIN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION WHO REJECT WAR AS A WAY OF SOLVING INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES, AND BELIEVE THAT PEACE AND JUSTICE SHOULD BE SOUGHT THROUGH NONVIOLENT MEANS. OUR POSITION ACCORDS WITH RESOLUTION 25 OF THE 1938 LAMBETH CONFERENCE WHICH WAS REAFFIRMED AT SIX SUBSEQUENT CONFERENCES.

We were established in 1937, and currently have some 1100 members in over 30 countries, as well as a sister organisation, the EPF, in the USA.

We founded the Week of Prayer for World Peace (October each year), and continue to have close ties with it.



We are a member of the Network of Christian Peace Organisations, the Network for Peace and the International Peace Bureau (a Nobel Laureate organisation based in Geneva)



Our newsletter is published three times a year. This describes APF's activities, and carries articles on the major peace issues of the day and also related items on music, films and the arts generally.

#### A MESSAGE OF LOVE

Central to Jesus's teaching is the message of love, for God, and our neighbours including specifically our enemies. We are to do good to those who attack us, and not return violence with violence.

This message is all the more urgent in today's world, with state violence and injustice creating terrorism, with the flourishing arms trade and many intrastate wars, and with nuclear weapons which threaten humanity's very survival.

Military means fail to bring lasting solutions and may bring about the extinction of humanity.

#### **WE BELIEVE:**

- JESUS'S TEACHING IS **INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE** WAGING OF WAR
- A CHRISTIAN CHURCH SHOULD NOT SUPPORT OR JUSTIFY WAR
- ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO WAR SHOULD BE CENTRAL TO OUR CHRISTIAN WITNESS.

DO YOU AGREE?

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OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION

'We believe that as Christians we are called to follow the way of lesus in loving our enemies and becoming peacemakers. We work to transform our Anglican Communion and the world to overcome those factors that lead to war within and between nations.'

If you are in agreement with this statement, you can join us as a member. If you are sympathetic, but do not feel you can fully commit to this statement, you can join as an associate member, and still take a full part in our activities.

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