## Join the International Fast for Peace St. Edwards Church 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August 2018



## Please come and visit us.

A group of people will be fasting from Hiroshima day (6<sup>th</sup> August) to Nagasaki day (9th August) in St. Edwards Church, Knighton. They will be present, night and day, drinking only tap water, expressing their total opposition to nuclear weapons, calling for their complete abolition with debate, prayer meetings, meditations, songs, crane making and an exhibition of peace banners.

Everyone is welcome to join in for as long or short a time as they wish – people of all faiths or none are welcome to explore what peace and security mean in the world of today. 'Active Listening' times will take place when anyone (of whatever, belief or political persuasion, pro or anti nuclear weapons) will be able to speak and be listened to.



The church bell will toll for one minute at 9.15 a.m. on 6<sup>th</sup> August - the time Hiroshima was destroyed, and again at 11.02 a.m. on 9<sup>th</sup> August - when another U.S. nuclear bomb destroyed Nagasaki. The bombings started the nuclear arms race which continues. All 9 existing nuclear-armed states are renewing and modernising their arsenals and refusing to sign the U.N. Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons which was supported by 122 nations and will come into force when 50 of them have ratified it. The apocalypse clock is again at 2 minutes before midnight, comparable to the most dramatic moments of the Cold War.

We will be fasting to convey a double message: No Trident replacement! Abolish all nuclear weapons and sign the treaty to ban nuclear weapons now!

## Join in the ceremonies at the start and end of the fast and contribute to the discussions and meditations on what security is all about.

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