



Happy New Year from all of us in JPIT.

In this edition of Praxis you'll find our updated briefing on Universal Credit, our latest blog explaining the situation for Rohingya people in Myanmar, and of course another invitation to Brave New World?, the JPIT conference.

Next week look out for our new JPIT podcast, in which our Parliamentary Interns will be interviewing a range of high profile public figures living out their faith in the public sphere. First up will be Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party, talking about his recent trip to Calais and the theology of disability.

Thank you for taking the time to read Praxis.

Many blessings,

Lucy

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### Brave New World?

There are still places left for 'Brave New World? Faithful living in a time of change', on 17 March 2018 at Manchester Central Hall. Join politicians, journalists and experts in a wide range of peace and justice issues as we discuss the challenges and solutions for our changing world.



[Book your place now](#)

### New Universal Credit Briefing

## Universal Credit:

Increasing poverty by design



We have updated our briefing on Universal Credit to fully explore the problems with the design that persist even after the amendments to the process revealed in the November budget.

The briefing explains that Universal Credit's design problems turn it from a poverty reducing measure to a poverty increasing measure. We believe the roll-out of Universal Credit should be paused until these design and implementation flaws are rectified.

[Read our new Universal Credit briefing](#)

## Prepare Ye the Way Feedback

'Prepare Ye the Way' were the resources we produced for advent. If you downloaded or used these, it would be very helpful to hear your feedback in order to inform how we produce our future worship and prayer resources.

[Give us feedback](#)

## "It is like we live in a prison" - The situation of Rohingya people in Myanmar



Over 650,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar for Bangladesh following widespread ethnic violence in Rakhine State.

This is the largest refugee movement that we have seen anywhere in recent years, but what has led to this crisis and how might it be resolved?

Read Steve's latest blog:

[Read the blog](#)

## Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 26 February - 11 March this year. This is an opportunity to showcase your support for those producing food in the global south. Visit the Fairtrade Foundation website to download resources and learn more.

[Get involved with Fairtrade Fortnight](#)

#nuclearban

Our petition calling on the Foreign Secretary to move the UK towards signing the UN treaty to prohibit nuclear weapons will be delivered to Boris Johnson next month.

To learn about the treaty you can [read our briefing](#), and [watch our video](#).

If you'd like to join us in calling for a world free of nuclear weapons, you can sign our petition either just with your name, or by submitting a photo of yourself with a #nuclearban sign ([available for download here](#)).



If there is anywhere you could show the video and ask for signatures - your Church service, bible study group or [Facebook page](#) - please do. And many thanks to those of you who have signed so far.

[Sign the petition](#)

## Public Issues Calendar

Our 2018 Public Issues Calendar is now available online so that you see the key events and anniversaries over the coming year.

[Dates for your diary](#)

To publicise an event or project, or to follow up on any of the issues mentioned here, contact Lucy Zwolinska on [zwolinskal@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:zwolinskal@methodistchurch.org.uk)



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