

## Routes to Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre

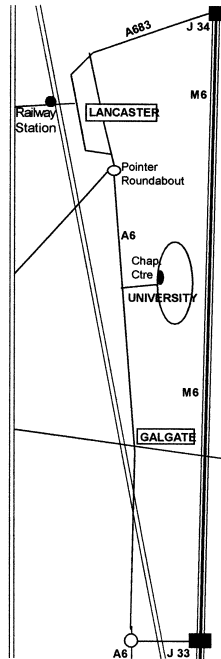
**By Rail & Bus:** The University lies approx 3.5 miles south of the city of Lancaster.

The bus station is situated on **Damside Street** about 5 minutes walk from the railway station by the castle.

The **no. 1** provides a direct link between the city and the university campus and it runs every 15 minutes. The **40, 41** and **x42** also stop at the entrance to the university by the tennis courts, from where there is a 5-minute walk to the Chaplaincy Centre.

Taxi services are available from both rail and bus stations

**By Road** Leave the **M6** motorway at **junction 33** and take the **A6 north** towards Lancaster. After about 1.5 miles, having passed through **Galgate** village, you will see the University buildings to the right of the road; **turn right** at the traffic lights into the University's main drive. This leads to a **roundabout** at the top of the hill. Take the **first exit** from the roundabout, then the **first avenue on your right** - the Chaplaincy is on the left-hand side.



## Community Conference



## Credit Crunch or Kairos?

*The impact of the present financial situation on our lives, globally & locally, our responsibilities & our opportunities*

**Saturday 17th October 2009**

Chaplaincy Centre Lancaster University LA1 4YW

10:00 am-3:30 pm Cost: waged £5 unwaged £3

**All Welcome**

hot drinks available, please bring packed lunch

Registration from 9:30 am

For info contact Margaret McSherry, St Bernadette's

Parish House, Bowerham Road, Lancaster LA1 4HT

tel: 1524 383081 or email: lfjc@talktalk.net

Please send booking form in by 1st October

### REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop: First choice \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Reserve choice \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to have a display/stand at the conference. My organisation /group is called \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any special needs \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ (to 'Lancaster Diocesan Faith and Justice Commission')

I can offer a lift to others coming from my area  (tick if appropriate)

Please return this form by **October 1st** to: **Margaret McSherry**  
**St Bernadette's Parish House, Bowerham Road, Lancaster, LA1 4HT**  
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## The Talks:

**“Business as usual?” *Geoff O’Donoghue***  
&

**A Faith-Guided Approach to our Economics and Politics**  
*Frank Regan*

## Our Speakers:

### Geoff O’Donoghue

Geoff is the Director of CAFOD’s International Division. His original career was in Social Work and community development. He spent 7 years during the 1990’s in Tanzania, Rwanda and Ethiopia working, along with his wife Jenny, on both development and emergency programmes.

He completed an MSc in Change Management in 2000. Before joining CAFOD Geoff spent almost 8 years as a founder member of Mango Communities CIC – a community interest company working with businesses, local government and NGOs on organisational and human development projects. Currently live in Oxford with Jenny and their 3 children

### Frank Regan

Frank spent more than 20 years in Peru as a Columban missionary working with working class youth in the fields of labour union and political organisation. After 6 years in Dublin, he went to London where for 10 years he worked in the formation of lay missionaries and in Justice and Peace ministry. About 4 years ago he left the ministry to marry. He lives now with his wife Tirke in Devon. He continues speaking and writing on the theology and spirituality of Faith in the encounter with culture, politics and ecology.

## Workshops

**1.Consumer Addiction** In the last few months with the global economic problems, we have had a glimpse – just a glimpse – of the fear that comes with financial insecurity. We have been made to think about all our assumptions about our standard of living and the luxuries we have come to expect.

*Simon Stewart Chaplain St Mary’s College, Blackpool*

**2.Why Credit Unions** and how credit unions make a difference to local people  
*Fr Paul Hypher & volunteers with Morecambe Bay Credit Union.*

**3. The credit crunch and community cohesion:** Unemployment and reduced employment opportunities here in the UK have an impact on: 'the perception of outsiders' - immigrants and refugees *Joe Howson, Community Cohesion Education Worker, Global Link Development Education Centre*

## Workshops Continued

**4. Conscience, Cash and the Credit Crunch!** This workshop will look at how ethical investments have been affected by the credit crunch? Is it still possible to make a profit and maintain your principles, or are the so called ‘sin stocks’ the best safe haven in the current financial climate? In addition to trying to answer these questions the workshop will also provide some broader financial planning tips to help survive the financial downturn. *Greg McCrave Profit With Principle*

**5. Sustainable Community Buildings:** Learn how Faiths4Change can support you to make your faith owned buildings more sustainable. This workshop will discuss opportunities to reduce the running costs of your buildings through implementing environmental improvements. It will also focus on the role of faith communities to encourage local people to live more sustainably and to offer guidance to those most in need. *Tom Fyson Project Worker Faiths4Change*

**6. Labourers and Investors in a Global Vineyard** *Is the current economic situation an opportunity to think differently about investment, and about mutual approaches to tackling global poverty?* Lila Watson, an Australian Aboriginal leader said: “If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.” What might such mutual liberation look like in the context of the current financial situation? *Patrick Hynes, UK representative for Oikocredit.*

**7.How to respond to the ‘non-fatal heart attack’ that our economic system just suffered:** If we see our world as ‘one body’ and our calling as one of love and care for all parts of that body then what response is being called from us right now? What response do we feel able to make and what would new ways of doing things mean for our shared future? *Geoff O’Donoghue CAFOD*

**8. Turning With The Tide - Seizing The Kairos Moment!** An opportunity to explore, reflect and share on our spiritual response to the current crisis/kairos moments of our lives and world. In particular, the workshop will invite us to see our current reality through the eyes of faith and to hear God's voice in the 'turning of the tide'. *Rose McCrave - Spiritual Director & Life Coach [www.illumin.org.uk](http://www.illumin.org.uk)*

**9.Christian Charity – 21<sup>st</sup> century style.** The economy may be showing some signs of recovery but the strain on public finances continues to mount. There have been cuts in the past but nothing of the order now envisaged by some pundits. This workshop will look at some of the implications for the most vulnerable in society: as local authorities and health services move further from direct provision to commissioning of services does it matter who fills the void? Does this present opportunity for the voluntary sector, for private enterprise, for both - in what measure? What might be the contribution of the Christian Churches – are new alliances and collaborations called for? *Jim Cullen Chief Executive of Caritas Care*