

In recognition of the **INTERNATIONAL WORLD DAY OF PEACE**

## **First Church is showing Sir Karl Jenkins' 'The Armed Man – A Mass For Peace'**

21 September 2025, 12:30pm, Community Hall, Martinborough



### **How did the International World Day of Peace Start?**

The international World Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). A UN resolution declared it a day for 'commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples.

Twenty years later, UNGA passed a second resolution designating the day 'as a time of nonviolence and cease fire' – advocating for a cessation of hostilities while promoting dialogue, conflict resolution and peace education. Since 2001, the International World Day of Peace has been held on 21 September.

### **What is the Significance:**

The International World Day of Peace aims to remind of the UN's commitment to peace and conflict resolution and encourages individuals, communities and nations to work towards a more peaceful and just world. It continues to be an important day for promoting dialogue, understanding and cooperation among people and nations as the United Nations believes that true peace encompasses not just the absence of violence but the "building of societies where all members feel that they can flourish."

It also seeks to build a world where everyone is treated equally regardless of their race and the day provides a "globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace."