

## NOTES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE MEETING BY ZOOM

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Meeting 149

**Present:** Brian and Janice Austin, Jonathan Holden, Anne Elson, Lynda Gould and Jenny Armstrong

**Apologies:** Anna Godwin

Jenny hosted this fourth Zoom meeting. The last meeting was on 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**We started with the SPAN prayer and a reflection on the reading for the Feast of All Saints Day Matthew 5 1-12**

### Matters arising from the last meeting.

Anne and Roger have put the newsletter in a prominent place outside St Peter's Church so that those without internet access can see it easily. They were thanked for this as it already has been seen to benefit a number of people. (there was a queue forming on one occasion!)

**CAFOD's** fundraising page for the Harvest Day did raise around £600 in addition to the envelopes at Church. The total amount is not known at present, but will not include TEXT or CAFOD website donations.

**The Diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly** – everyone felt this was very worthwhile and well put together with very stimulating and thought provoking talks. The talks are still available.

**The Interfaith Service for Creation** - Several of us tuned in and found it very refreshing and very good to have all the different faiths taking part, so that we could see how similar our values are towards the beauty of creation and the importance of maintaining our natural world.

Pope Francis encyclical letter - 'Fratelli Tutti' There are summaries available - such as <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/the-church/the-pope/pope-francis/fratelli-tutti/> Jonathan and Brian have circulated emails with a choice of summaries.

There was discussion on when and whether the English printed version will be available to buy, ideally at Church. Anne will enquire from Royce as to whether this can happen. **Anne to action**  
Since the meeting we have been informed that the CTS have copies available now.

### News Roundup

**Saturday Friendship Group at the Way Ahead Project** - The SFG have obtained £2,000 from the Town Council Community Grant Scheme for their work. although additional information had to be provided before approval

The WAP is continuing to offer a drop in morning service with snack and drinks in the main hall. This is proving very popular. Brian does the statistics and in 4 days last week there were 118 visitors. Jenny is volunteering one day a week and has enjoyed taking part with the volunteer team. The visitors are very appreciative of the service and it is working well. However Yvonne, the Manager is very short of volunteers as many have not been able to come back after lockdown. Last Saturday there were not enough to open. Anne suggested that as there were a lot of young people at the 11am. Mass and a pulpit talk might be possible now. We could also appeal in the newsletter. This may need to be delayed until after Yvonne returns from holiday to provide training.

**SFG team to follow up**

### **Rosary intention for November is –**

We discussed various ideas praying for deceased loved ones or for all those who have suffered through COVID19. Also thought about those who are having difficulties at this time, mentally, physically or spiritually, through unemployment, loneliness or bereavement. We decided on:

***‘We pray that those people who are struggling at this time may get the spiritual and practical help they need.’***

### **CAFOD / FAIR TRADE/LIVE SIMPLY/SPAN**

The next ‘Extra’ Newsletter is due out the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> November. There will be a page on ‘Ethical Shopping’ with useful website links, on the theme of ‘Live Simply’. CAFOD world gifts will also be promoted as will the launch of this year’s Christmas appeal for money to buy grocery vouchers for families and individuals who are in need. This will include a new ‘Justgiving’ link. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spanxmasvouchers>.

AOB

RE items in the newsletter – there is a new email address:

<mailto:stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk>

Publicity for campaigns could be promoted via the Facebook pages of the three Churches.

Brian has been finding out who is the administrator of each Facebook page. For Our Lady’s it is Caroline Graham, but Brian now has permission to do his own posting; St Joseph’s is done by Anna but at present there isn’t an administrator for St Peter’s.

**ACAT** cards for prisoners of torture – we could promote via the newsletter as people may like to write cards over the Christmas period. **Janice to action**

**Justice and Peace stations of the Cross for Lent** - we discussed the possibilities and will discuss further at our next meeting. There could be a virtual presentation as one possibility. Some felt that we would have to update to bring in the many current issues.

We concluded with a Christian/Islamic/Jewish prayer for peace that Brian had sourced, which was very reflective.

**Next Zoom meeting on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7 pm. For 7.15pm.**