

## **NOTES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE MEETING BY ZOOM**

**On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020.**

Meeting 147

**Present:** Brian and Janice Austin, Anna Godwin, Jonathan Holden, Richard Gordon, Anne Elson and Jenny Armstrong

Apologies : Lynda Gould

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

**We started with the SPAN prayer and a reflection on the reading for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time. Matthew 14 13 -21 (the feeding of the 5,000)**

### **Matters arising from the last meeting.**

Brian, Anne and Jenny had taken part in a Zoom meeting with their MPs (Matt Western and Jeremy Wright) regarding Climate change and the lobby of Parliament by the Climate Coalition. Anne and Jenny felt that Matt Western was very in tune with the aims of the Climate Coalition and is working towards a greener future. There was also a follow on from the meeting - a networking of the people who attended the Zoom meeting who are very involved in local green issues. Matt Western chairs the committee in Parliament on electric vehicles. Brian was not convinced that Jeremy Wright was actively engaged in the cause and although he spoke in favour there wasn't any real commitment. However, Brian had written subsequently to Jeremy Wright and it had been forwarded to the Secretary of State for DEFRA. Jonathan had written to Matt Western also on the subject of Climate Change.

**Contacting parishioners who are isolated** - Anne had emailed the Presbytery for any contact suggestions but had no reply to date.

### **News Roundup**

Richard has been in touch with Helping Hands and the Way Ahead Project. Helping Hands have been serving a hot meal every night to feed those who are homeless or temporarily housed. The Way Ahead Project is giving hot drinks and rolls at the door several mornings a week. The LWS shelter is also involved in providing a service.

Help and advice is available from these charities and Richard reported that there is a great need of help to get people rehabilitation – and support to be able to sustain their own tenancies, which is what WDC are working towards. The WAP project manager, Yvonne, also emphasised the need for people to be able to sustain tenancies recently when meeting with the Saturday Friendship Group. Richard was of the view that the charity sector was best placed to help with this support rather than the Council.

Brian reported that numbers at the door at the WAP have dropped recently.

Richard said another problem that will arise soon (after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020) is that of EU citizens who have not registered in the UK, as they will not be able to access funds, benefits etc. There is a worker from the Refugee Centre who is willing to come and help people in this position to complete the necessary applications. He also asked for information about a fluent Italian speaker who might be able to help an Italian family. There was a suggestion made. Richard also reported that a Polish family have moved into the house run by 3 H in Kenilworth.

**Rosary Intention for August** -- the subject we thought appropriate was that of the work of aid agencies in the developing world and the actual wording to be decided by email.

**Decided on - 'We pray that our government may be generous in helping poorer nations protect their peoples from COVID-19'**

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki**

These events are on 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of August and Pax Christi and various events are taking place around the country (Leeds, Liverpool, Coventry, etc) Discussion took place on what we could do/suggest to the clergy. As Father Noel is moving to St Joseph's imminently it is a busy time for them. We thought that appropriate bidding prayers should be suggested to Father John and Father Noel for the weekend in particular. **Brian to action**

Also a piece in the newsletter with a link to a video on the Pax Christi website which Jenny will forward to Jonathan. Jonathan offered to write a piece to go into 'Extra' which is due out mid August. 250 words around the subject of nuclear disarmament as Jonathan feels appropriate.

**Jonathan to action**

### **Season of Creation**

**This is 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October .**

There are various resources on the CAFOD website .Also the Columbans have drawn up detailed liturgical notes for every Sunday in the Season which would be very good to use if the clergy could be encouraged to do this. It may help with our bidding prayers.

There is a Novena to St Francis which is on the CAFOD website and runs to 9 short pieces based on the Canticles of St Francis. It was suggested that a weekly insert in the newsletter might be possible over 9 weeks starting on the 8/9<sup>th</sup> August and finishing on the 4<sup>th</sup> October. This would be a good way to bring the Season of Creation into everyday work. We will also suggest bidding prayers.

**Janice and Jonathon to action**

### **AOB**

Brian had written to his MP about the reduction in the aid budget (£2.9 billion) and others were encouraged to do so. He made the point that the special emergency appeal had raised £10 million, but this was dwarfed by the reduction. His email to the J and P circulation about his actions did elicit a response from Liz at Warwick who had circulated to her contacts at St Mary Immaculate to do the same.

### **Review of the Year**

Jenny asked how this could be done this year. It was suggested that she writes a report as usual and circulates it for others to comment and add ideas for the future.

**Jenny to action**

**We finished with the first prayer from the Canticle of st Francis - 'the Sun'**

**Next Zoom meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 .**