

NOTES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE MEETING by zoom

On Monday 28th November 2022

Meeting 169

Present: Jenny Armstrong, Anne Elson. Anna Godwin, Lynda Gould, Jonathan Holden

Apologies: Ann Allison, Diana O'Reilly

We started with the SPAN prayer.

The Gospel of the 2nd Sunday in Advent ; Matthew 3 1-12

Matters Arising

Jenny reported that she attended the White Poppy ceremony at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday and that there was a letter and photograph in the local paper 'The Courier' explaining the significance of the White poppy.

Anne reported that the Ukranian refugees with her family are doing well but what happens at the end of their stay is uncertain.

Prayer Intention

The discussion ranged over the issues of war, famine, refugees and climate change issues, as well as the many who are suffering from the state or others persecuting them because of who they are or what they believe. We had read about how many Christians, for example, have lost their lives in Nigeria in the last few months. We decided upon :

'We pray for all those who are persecuted because of their beliefs'

Poverty and Homelessness

Saturday Friendship Group have a meeting on Saturday 2nd December. This will be the first meeting for some time and the first with Julia Fan as co-ordinator.

The Saturdays are still unable to run owing to lack of staff. The weekdays are busy, and new homeless people have appeared lately. There will be a Christmas meal on Christmas Eve at lunch time at the Salvation Army.

Live Simply

The meeting was held recently. A Christmas display board is up in the Church with ideas as to how to 'live simply' at Christmas.

The Recycling for CAFOD box is still at Our Lady's and another cheque has gone to CAFOD.

Fair Trade

There was a Fair Trade stall at the Pastimes sale on Saturday 26th November which raised £70 and was useful in raising the profile of Fair Trade again. Christmas cards were on sale.

The intention is to have a stall at St Peter's and Our Lady's during Fair Trade fortnight in February

Anne enquired about how to sell Traidcraft in the Piety shop – it would need to be bought direct as Jenny gets it on sale or return from Michael Porter who is the Traidcraft Rep and money goes to him.

CAFOD

Ann Allison has contacted Emma Rayment and she's going to talk to the 6th form about getting involved with the letters to Prisoners of conscience. They have lots of things on this term so it will be in the New Year. She has also mentioned about doing a CAFOD assembly in Lent.

CAFOD World Gifts display is in the church porch, some of the leaflets have been taken. Ann has been into St Peters and OLSST's and will be going to St Patrick's giving assemblies about World Gifts.

It was suggested that we mention to Father Stephen about having the crib collection for a World Gift. One possibility is a gift costing £300 which is to enable medical research. **Jenny to email Father Stephen about it.**

We also discussed giving the catalogues more prominence and perhaps giving some out after mass.

Peace Sunday

Peace Sunday is on 15th January. It is suggested that we source Pax Christi Prayer cards (**Lynda to do this and get 200**) She will also get some children's colouring cards which we hope the children's Liturgy might make use of. (**Jenny to contact the children's liturgy person at OL**)

In January we will ask Father Stephen about bidding prayers on that weekend. (Lynda)

Anne will mention suitable music to the choir in SP and Jenny will email Martin at OL.

Any other Business

Churches Together in Leamington are organising Christmas present wrapping in the Royal Priors on two dates in December. Anne is asking for volunteers.

Jonathan enquired whether the street pastors were still going but no-one was able to answer.

Jenny reported that the CTL walking group is still going and has a programme for next year which she will publicise.

Jenny said that Janice Austin was having her medical procedure this week and asked for prayers for Janice and Brian.

Stations of the Cross in Lent

A possible way to have a J and P input for this is to use the CAFOD resources at certain stations. Jenny saw this done at a Church in Bracknell. To be considered.

Warwick J and P have emailed recently to say

'You are invited to a meeting of the Justice and Peace group on Friday 9th December at 7pm in the Martyr's room.

We have thought for some time that we should revive the Justice and Peace group. Both Parishes were jointly awarded the Live Simply Award just before the lockdown at the beginning of the pandemic, so we were not able to continue our work to further develop our Live Simply plan together.

Paul and Helena Mccloskey have recently joined St Charles Borromeo parish and were actively involved in a Laudato Si group in their last parish in Cheltenham. They have suggested we arrange a screening of "The Letter" in the parishes, which is a free documentary exploring the principles of Laudato Si and the impact of climate change on communities around the world. Since its release, The Letter has inspired a wave of conversation about the climate emergency and how we as individuals, communities, nations and the Church itself can respond. The film is approximately 80 minutes long, and can be used as a basis for stimulating discussion and actions around the climate emergency. We will be planning an event to show the film in the New Year and would appreciate your input'.

Jenny will send this around the Google group.

We ended with the Pax Christi Prayer

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