

NOTES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE MEETING BY ZOOM

On Monday 29th September 2020

Meeting 148

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

Jenny hosted this third Zoom meeting. The last meeting was on 27th July.

We started with the SPAN prayer and a reflection on the reading for the 27th Sunday in ordinary time Matthew 21 33-43

Matters arising from the last meeting.

Brian and Janice have been very active in promoting the 'Season of Creation' from 1st September – 4th October via the newsletter information and by asking the clergy to include a Penitential rite and bidding prayers in their Masses. These have been taken up some of the time, and this coming Sunday, being the Feast of St Francis and the end of the Season of Creation Brian will be asking the clergy to mark this especially. Thanks to Brian and Janice for making this happen and to the priests who have included these in the liturgies.

Review of the Year – noted that it had been circulated and that it will be useful to mark our activities

News Roundup

There was a discussion about the help that was on offer to those who are still isolated, and the difficulty of knowing who needed help. Several people have been in contact with those they are aware of and Anna said that as the names and telephone numbers were being taken at Mass now for 'track and trace' and permission for these to be kept was also asked, that there will be a data base available at some time. However, those attending Church are those able to get out, and by definition not totally isolated. The importance of phoning those we know who are alone and would appreciate a call was emphasised as at this time it can make all the difference to those who are lonely. Also the importance of small things – buying something for the Food Bank for example while shopping.

The Way Ahead Project is now opening its doors to visitors, who can come for a drink, food and a chat. The volunteers are serving the snacks and the visitors are staying at tables. They are asked to contribute if possible, but it is understood that many have no funds. Jenny is hoping to go back as a volunteer soon.

Helping Hands – we understand are still serving meals in the evening to anyone who is in need.

The William Wallsgrave Hostel has changed its accommodation to suit the circumstances and those who were housed temporarily during the lockdown are still in accommodation, until the end of March, we believe.

The Night Shelter staff and volunteers are watching to see how they can be of help. At present there is no chance of reopening as before, due to the CoViD regulations.

Rosary Intention for October –

After many suggestions re Refugees (it was World Refugee Day last weekend) in particular those on Lesbos where their camp was burned or young people and their education or one on Lebanon which is in dire need or the situation of charities such as Zoe's Place who are in need of funds quite urgently, we decided on one that brought in the harvest theme and that of sharing the wealth -

We pray for a greater sharing of the wealth of our world, so that those suffering from poverty and hunger may also enjoy the fruits of the harvest.

Lynda to send to Jonathan for inclusion in the newsletter

CAFOD

Cafod Harvest Fast Day on the next weekend. Brian and Ann Alison had discussed how to do the collection in order to maximise the amount, where the Mass attendances are much lower. They have considered a card reader, but rejected that idea, then suggested a fundraising page on the website for Catholic Leamington and awaiting a reply from Father John. Envelopes may be possible. Cafod World gifts will be advertised in Extra and we hope to promote them as much as possible.

FAIR TRADE

Any promotion will need to be done virtually and Jenny will get something in Extra for the end of October for the November edition – this together with CAFOD world gifts to give people ideas for an ethical Christmas.

LIVE SIMPLY

Brian has put a note in the EXTRA newsletter about the Government's Green promotion for homes, insulation, heating systems etc – 2/3 cost up to £5,000 can be obtained. **(The Green Homes Grant)**

BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN JUSTICE AND PEACE ASSEMBLY

The first zoom meeting was on Monday 28th on Ecological conversion and several had attended, and thought it worthwhile. It was thought provoking and we await the other meetings this week on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday for the Liturgy.

AOB

Jonathan mentioned that Pope Francis is issuing a major encyclical this weekend, Brian has mentioned this in the newsletter. (On **Saturday, 3rd October**, Pope Francis visited **Assisi** and signed **a new encyclical letter** to us all after Mass celebrated in the Basilica of St. Francis, entitled ***Fratelli tutti*** or "**All Sisters and Brothers**" on fraternity and social friendship, recalling a central theme of his time as Pope. (The official English-language version has not yet been released)),

Anna gave the correct time and date for the **Kindaid Quiz** - This Saturday 3rd October at 6.30pm. Hosted by Caroline and Dan Graham.

We discussed the need for the newsletter to be available to all – in the Church porch, as previously done. This would be good for many of those without internet access. Anne and Lynda will pursue with Jane and Father John.

We finished with the ninth prayer from the Canticle of St Francis - 'Creation'

Next Zoom meeting on Monday 26th October 2020, by Zoom