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

**On Monday 28th June 2021**

# Meeting 156

**Present:** Brian and Janice Austin, Jonathan Holden, Lynda Gould, Wilf Feely and Jenny Armstrong

Apologies from Anne Elson

Jenny hosted this 10th Zoom meeting. The last meeting was on 17th May 2021.

The Gospel reading was Mark 6 1-6 - !4th Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

**Matters arising from the last meeting.**

Brian has had little response to the request to talk to the local MP’s regarding the campaign to ‘**Reclaim our common home’** regarding the impact of climate change on the developing countries. It would have been useful to have a few people willing to talk to Jeremy Wright MP for Kenilworth. However it was not going to be possible.

Jenny has written to Jonathan Chilvers, Green County Councillor who attended a Question and Answers Zoom meeting following our May meeting, to thank him for his interesting information and thoughts.

# Rosary Intention for July

# Following discussion and consideration of the Pope’ Prayer for the month ….the Pope’s prayer intention for July – ‘****social friendship**** In July, we are invited to pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship’. This was similar to our last month’s intention.

# We thought that as young people have had a very difficult time with much disruption to their education, which is still ongoing, and that as many families are in hardship, we should focus on them. The intention is:

# ‘That young people may have the inspiration and courage to build a better world’

# Saturday Friendship Group at the Way Ahead Project

The numbers attending on a Saturday have gone up to an average of 14 and last week there were 130 visits in all. Jenny noted that there were 30 visitors on Friday alone. This requires a minimum of 4 volunteers per day which is a challenge. Brian has noted that there are regulars who attend almost every day – this seems to be more evident than before the pandemic.

The SFG has deferred applying to the Town Council Community fund for their usual application until November which is the next round of applications. By then the financial situation will be more apparent and accounts available.

Jenny reported that there are several volunteers from Catholic Leamington and Janice thought that a zoom meeting with them all to pass on information about the SFG would be a good idea.

# CAFOD

**‘Reclaim our common home’** - the new campaign which encompasses the climate crisis, unjust debts and other structural issues for developing countries to lobby MPs and the Government before COP26. There is a petition running – Brian has the cards and plans to get started on handing them out at Mass – at Our Lady’s on Saturday 12.30 pm. Jenny offered to do the Sunday at 10 a.m. also at OL. Jonathan suggested that we should plug the online petition via the newsletter and ‘Extra’. Brian will do this.

# Live Simply

There was a virtual meeting of the Live Simply team recently and a few initiatives are underway-

**Recycling for Good causes** – there will be a box at OL as a starter – to go to the other churches if successful - supplied by this charity who recycle anything electrical – phones, cameras, tablets etc - the money that they make from this will be given to a charity of our choice – CAFOD. Date to be confirmed.

**Season of Creation - from 4th September to October** -- there will be a liturgy to mark this with penitential rite and bidding prayers.

**Great Big Green Week (18 -25th September )** a national event in the run up to Cop26 – it is suggested that the St Peter’s Choir hold a concert with suitable music and readings from Laudate Si between the pieces. Anne-Claire Bennion has been asked and is keen to do this. Jonathan and Wilf offered to do readings.

**Ecofest 4th September on the Pump Room Gardens** - run by WDC - we are planning to have a stall – content to be decided.

**AOB**  Jonathan raised the issue how we can focus on Peace – he emphasised that this is so important – there are so many areas of conflict in the world and potential for more - and with the lack of the Peace Festival this year and last we had not done anything specific to draw attention to the subject. We did draw attention to the ratification of the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons Treaty which became international law in January 21, and marked Peace Sunday in January as well as several rosary intentions but not done as much as previously. Coventry City and Cathedral were mentioned as they are well known for their work in peace and reconciliation. Lynda offered to look into the work that they are doing and report back. Janice mentioned that the UN World Day of Peace is on 21st September. However this clashes with the Season of Creation and Great Big Green Week.

**Next meeting 19th July at 7**.15 p.m by Zoom The reading will be 17th Sunday of ordinary time (B) John 6 1- 15.

**Subbsequently:, 20th September, 18th October, 15th November.**