

EXTRA

JUNE 2021



A silent vigil to support the right to protest Leamington Town Hall on Saturday 12 June from 11-12

Warwick Quakers are holding a **silent vigil** to support the right to protest, which the **Police and Crime Bill** seeks to limit and criminalise.

Many religious and civil groups are extremely concerned about this threat to our civil liberties. Static gatherings can be treated the same as marches, with severe penalties to leaders of gatherings. The bill also seeks to criminalise the way of life of gypsies and travellers. Quakers nationally have written to the Secretary of State for Justice, and to the Home Secretary, to object to the bill. The home secretary will have the power to decide whether a protest is "disruptive".

We remember the many, many social issues which were eventually improved by protest. Abolition of slavery. Votes for Women. Racial justice. Gay rights. The need for action on climate.

Warwick Quakers will hold the vigil outside Leamington Town Hall on Saturday 12 June from 11 to 12. They will bring chairs and sit in a circle, holding placards saying " Quakers oppose the Police and Crime Bill" and "Quakers. A silent vigil to support the right to protest". We have council and police permission. Everyone is so welcome to come, but only 30 can protest.

Ann James (edited)

via Anne Elson, (Our Rep on Warwick District Faiths Forum)

Let us pray for peace in Israel and Palestine



*Muslim
Jewish
Christian*

Prayer for Peace.

O God, you are the source of life and peace.

Praised be your name forever.

*We know it is you who turn
our minds to thoughts of peace.*

Hear our prayer in this time of crisis.

Your power changes hearts

*Muslims, Christians and Jews remember,
and profoundly affirm,*

*That they are followers of the one God,
Children of Abraham, brothers and sisters;*

*Enemies begin to speak to one another;
those who were estranged join hands in friendship;
nations seek the way of peace together.*

*Strengthen our resolve to give witness to these
truths by the way we live.*

Give to us:

***Understanding** that puts an end to strife;*

***Mercy** that quenches hatred, and*

***Forgiveness** that overcomes vengeance.*

*Empower all people to live in your law of love
Amen.*

An Interfaith Muslim-Jewish-Christian Pax Christi prayer card that seems appropriate during the present conflict. This and other resources from

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/>

News from Our Lady's

The 10 am Family Mass has just begun again at Our Lady's. There is music from the (reduced) choir. Sadly, you won't be able to join in with the singing yet, but we hope it won't be too long. It would be lovely to see everyone again. If you haven't been back to church yet, you will find that it feels very safe and secure.

Children from Our Lady & St Teresa's School received their First Holy Communion at a lovely Mass on the 23rd May and the children from school will be Confirmed by Fr John on 13th June. Children not attending a Catholic School will be Confirmed by Fr Benedict on 6th July after several weeks' preparation via Zoom with the parish catechists.

As things begin to open up, Zoom Evening Prayer will no longer be a regular event, but we will invite people to join Evening Prayer from time to time for a Solemnity, or other occasion on an ad hoc basis. It has been a valuable resource, especially for those who have been unable to get to Mass for such a long time, and has been a wonderful coming together of members of the various churches in Catholic Leamington and further afield!

Mary Rouse



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Can you help?

The Saturday Friendship Group is one way in which Catholic Leamington is responding to the problem of homelessness and social deprivation in Leamington. We are partnered with the Salvation Army Way Ahead Project for this work. Our main aim is to make sure that there are enough volunteers on Saturdays to enable visitors to drop into the Centre in Church Street for a brunch, which in normal times they make for themselves, have an opportunity to socialise and obtain help and advice.

Those of us who have been involved feel it is a very worthwhile and meaningful activity, recognising everyone's dignity while helping to provide some basic needs.

Now, we find ourselves in need of more volunteers, both on Saturdays and also during the rest of the week.

Yvonne Mckinnon, the Project Manager, is currently recruiting to build up the volunteer base, in preparation for more normal working. **So, we are appealing for people to step forward, to have a chat about what is involved.** Volunteers usually go in once a fortnight for 2-3 hours, but of course they can do more or less depending on personal circumstances. If you are at all interested and you think this might appeal to you, contact us at cl.sfg1@gmail.com or phone 07811 882746.

If volunteering is not for you, then you can still help with a small monthly contribution, as we also provide £440 every month to finance the Saturday operation and staffing. Again, contact us as above.

Janice Austin
sfg Planning Team Convenor



Cll. Jonathan Chilvers, Warwickshire County Councillor for Brunswick Ward and leader of the Green Party group was invited to the Justice and Peace Zoom meeting for us to find out what the Councils were doing locally to address the Climate Emergency. This is what he said in responding to the question we put to him ...



Can you tell us the best way we can influence each councils involved?

- Leamington Council budget £300,000
- Warwick District Council budget £20m
- Warwickshire County Council budget £350m
- Figure out which powers each council has and try to put pressure on. Decisions are often made behind the scenes; by the time of a public meeting, decisions have already been made. So, it's important to find out agendas and get in early.
- Jonathan said we should contact our own Parish/Town, District, or County Councillor and ask questions and give opinions." [Note: find out who at www.writetothem.com]

Current government in 2015 withdrew the code for sustainable homes. How far does this affect the council's ability to reflect the climate crisis in climate regulations?

The reason the bill was withdrawn in 2015 was because of building companies putting pressure on the government to cut the red tape on building regulations. Councils now have less of a say as to where houses are built. W.D.C. needs to challenge the government. The houses now being built are of poorer quality than 10 years ago. Also in last week's Queen's speech there were further relaxations proposed. The few homes built by WDC are passive house standards. Also if planning decisions go to appeal it is likely that Councils will lose and this will cost them, hence lack of local autonomy.

How can the council ensure that old buildings like Leamington Library are heated adequately if W.D.C. is aiming to be carbon neutral by 2030?

Older buildings are very expensive to insulate. The council need to implement a major plan to cover so many older buildings in historic Leamington.

Does the council think that the extra demand for electricity for electric cars can be generated by sustainable means?

Councils need to have a collective answer. The problems are solvable, but councils should be looking at other forms of sustainable transport, like cycling and walking not just improving roads.

What are the policies that you would particularly like to see implemented?

- The council know what they **should** be doing, and it all depends on successful lobbying!
- £40m should be spent on improving walking and cycling routes.
- Never again install a gas boiler in a school [as these will be obsolete in a few years' time]
- There is work ongoing on biodiversity and species mapping.
- Pensions fund disinvestment -- £50 million of the pension fund is in fossil fuel companies such as Shell. (Warwickshire mid league table on this)
- A joined up policy on natural flood management programmes.

What policies are likely to be voted through?

- Again depends on successful lobbying!
- Cycle paths, school zones, 20m.p.h. limits, electric charging points.

How is local recycling to be improved?

- W.D.C. is joining up [with Stratford] to build a huge new recycling factory in 2022.
- Most recycling does not go to landfill.

A final question was asked about harnessing the energy from the weir in Jephson Gardens.

- This has been suggested before and it really needs some local group to take up the challenge.
- Also mentioned was the need for more charging points. Supermarkets seem the obvious area as people could recharge their cars while doing their weekly shopping, and possibly large supermarkets could bear the cost?

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HOW DID WE DO IN 2020?

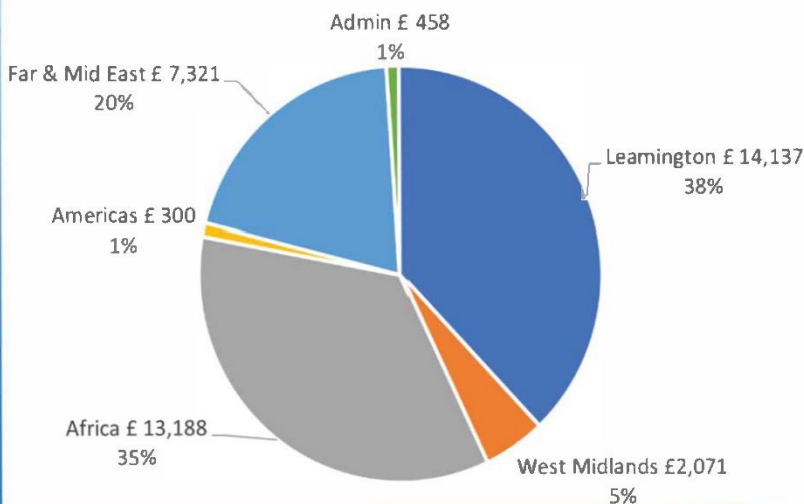
In a year like no other in living memory, where charities struggled to keep funding going, we were very blessed with our donors, who through the Churches and online giving supported our projects and helped us respond to appeals throughout the year.

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL



for our amazing total of
£37,474

SPAN Expenditure 2020



We support these local projects monthly

- Saturday Friendship Group,
- Leamington Night Shelter,
- Warwick District Food Bank
- 3H (Housing Health and Hospitality)



Yvonne McKinnon, Manager at the Way Ahead Project in the refreshed courtyard this Spring.

The Saturday Friendship Group is a partnership between the Salvation Army at the Way Ahead Project in Leamington and Catholic Leamington. **Yvonne, the Manager there says:**
'All of us here at the Way Ahead Project would like to send you an absolute huge thank you for all your continued support not only throughout this last year but for your continued support year after year, it has been very much appreciated in these trvina times'.

SPAN has continued to give regular long-term support to:

The House of Light and Hope, Beirut Lebanon, supporting and educating street children and refugees.

St Francis Leprosy Hospital, Uganda (owned by the Catholic Diocese) supporting their medical teams.

Ortum Mission Hospital, Kitale, Kenya - helping poor patients access hospital services.

Sister Muthuka, Hospital administrator at Ortum wrote to us in February –

"Greetings from Ortum Mission Hospital and School of Nursing. We lack words to express our gratitude for your prompt response. We sincerely thank you for your support towards financing our renovations. Though in financial crisis we feel strongly supported by you people of goodwill. May God bless you abundantly. At present we are face lifting our facility by doing major renovations in theatre department, maternity ward, male and female ward and finally paediatrics ward. With you people of God we have no doubt that we will achieve our dreams and thus serve well the poor people of God through healing ministry."

SPAN Distribution of Funds 2020	£		£
Christmas Vouchers	4,650	UNHCR, Syria	400
Ortum Mission Hospital, Kenya	3,010	Five Talents, Kenya	300
Nyenga Leprosy Hospital, Uganda	3,009	Zim Educational Trust, Zimbabwe	300
House of Light and Hope, Beirut	2,709	Brighter Futures, India	300
Local families in need	2,517	Fr F Kasozi, Uganda	300
Saturday Friendship Group	2,400	New Life Nyambene, Kenya	300
COVID donations to local schools	2,170	Sand dams, sub-Sahara	300
Emmanuel appeal, Lebanon	2,112	Fr Gabriel Mwanza, Zambia	300
Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre	1,471	CAFOD COVID appeal	300
Fr Siluvainathan, India	1,250	LAFF, Peru	300
Leamington Night Shelter	1,200	Child'ofthe Dump, Philippines	300
Fr David Cullen, Zambia	1,200	CAFOD, Zimbabwe / Zambia	300
Warwick & Leamington Foodbank	1,200	Reach the Child, Uganda and Kenya	300
Hope for Children, Zambia	1,000	Sofia Perez Appeal, Ghana	250
CAFOD Crisis in Africa, Sudan	819	Friends of the Holy Land, Palestine	250
International Refugee Trust, Uganda	600	Quiz Night Expenses	233
African Initiatives Ltd, Tanzania	600	Admin	225
3H Housing Help Hospitality, Kenilworth	600		
		Total:	37,474

Our recipients like to show us what they do and how they make a difference with our help

A few examples

Children of the Dump

Supporting street children in the Philippines. - a lively bunch!



The International Refugee Trust

Working in Jordan at hospitals run by Comboni Missionary Sisters – providing free treatment to refugees and helping mothers give birth as well as treating all comers in the face of COVID19.



In memory of Emmanuel Toutoungi

Emmanuel was Chair and Trustee of SPAN for many years and his death in April 2020 saddened us all.

In his memory we invited donations for 'The House of light and Hope' in Beirut, Emmanuel's home country, and a project dear to him and his family. It has been long supported by SPAN for the amazing work with the poorest and marginalised.

This raised £2,112 – despite COVID problems and closed churches. A fitting tribute.

Rest in peace, Emmanuel.



From Fr Gabriel Mwanza, Parish Priest Sacred Heart Parish – Chadiza, Kenya

'I have sent a picture of Elizabeth and Lucia Phiri, some of the beneficiaries of the food and clothes. May God bless you.'

Five Talents

Working in Kenya, South Sudan and Burundi, it operates saving schemes, literacy and business training and grants loans to small businesses.

Member quote: 'We have small businesses but big ambitions'.



CHRISTMAS 2020 This year the joy was tinged with sadness and often financial distress for many in the middle of the pandemic. SPAN has given help at Christmas for many years and this year was no exception. We launched a Justgiving page as well as our normal collections. In all we raised **£4,650** and gave help to over **100 families and individuals** with grocery vouchers.

'SPAN is genuinely making a difference to people's lives'. Head Teacher, St Joseph's School.

Have you explored our Parish website recently? There are lots of links and articles to help us develop our faith and build community:

www.catholicleamington.org.uk

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

HOME WELCOME NEWSLETTER ABOUT US SAFEGUARDING SACRAMENTS YOUTH SCHOOLS
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Web page of the month

CAFOD

www.catholicleamington.org.uk/cafod

Thanks to Nollaig Doughan for taking on the role of Website Administrator. That's a great help. Would you like to help him keep the site up to date and fresh? Just go to the Contacts Page and send him a message in the message box.

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Catholic Agency for
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OUR HOPES FOR THE G7 SUMMIT

The eyes of the world are on the UK this year as we host two historic global summits



It's the first time the UK has hosted this summit since 2012. It will also be the first visit to Britain by President Joe Biden.

Lots of our supporters will remember campaigning ahead of previous G7 meetings the UK has hosted to tell world leaders they're hungry for change, to drop the debt or to make poverty history.

This year's G7 meeting is one of the most important yet.

Our Government has said it wants to use this gathering of world leaders in Cornwall this month to work out how to "build back better" from the pandemic.

That's a vision we share. But it requires decision makers to include everyone in recovery plans, ensuring that people in the world's poorest communities are not – as Pope Francis warns is often the case – treated as an "afterthought".

It means G7 leaders need to cancel debts of countries struggling with both the coronavirus crisis and a debt crisis and push private banks to do the same, freeing up urgently needed money to tackle the health and economic impacts of the pandemic.

It means governments need to protect communities whose lands and livelihoods are damaged and destroyed by irresponsible businesses, making it the responsibility of companies around the world to prevent human rights abuses throughout their supply chains.

And it means Boris Johnson must show global leadership in bringing world leaders together around an ambitious plan to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5 degree threshold.

Taken from CAFOD's *Side By Side* for Spring 2021

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catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com

by the **last day of June** at the latest, please. **And we could do with more help, too! Let us know if you can help us, or if you know someone who can:** Sue Sugars, Brian Austin, Caroline Graham (same address as above).