**NOTES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE MEETING**

**On Monday 15th April 2024 in the Flint Room**

**Meeting 181**

**Present: Anne Elson, Jenny Armstrong, Jonathan Holden,**

# Apologies: Diana O’Reilly , Ann Allison, Lynda Gould, Father Stephen Day, Anna Godwin

We started with the SPAN prayer and reflected on the reading for the 4th Sunday of Easter John 10 11-18

# Matters arising

# The refugee family who went to Pastimes now live in Nelson, Lancs and Anne and Mary H have heard from them and they seem to be settling in well although the father of the family has been in hospital recently.

**The Stations of the Cross in Lent** on a Monday at St Peter’s was fairly well attended (around 20 people each time.) We felt it was a missed opportunity that we were not able to leave the descriptions of the J and P stations up in the church during the week so that other people could read them at their own time. Jenny will mention it to Father Stephen, for hopefully doing a similar thing next year.

**Re Walking Together** – Anne has volunteered to lead on the next meeting. Peter and Margaret Dimambro are collating the green volunteer forms which have been sent in. There are not many but hopefully some will be able to help. We await results.

Jenny attended the UN Association talk ‘ Inside Russian Society’ which was very informative and did come by zoom from inside Russia.

**Prayer Intention**

We looked at Pope Francis intention for April and thought it would be appropriate for us, given the problems of violence against women.

The Justice & Peace prayer intention for April (proposed by Pope Francis) is:

**'We pray that the dignity of women be recognized, and discrimination end, in every culture and nation'.**

**Jonathan to put in the newsletter, Lynda on the notice board.**

# CAFOD

The Soup lunch during Lent was successful .Thanks to Ann Allison.

# Prisoners of Conscience cards

Diana O’Reilly is choosing the names of the people we suggest as recipients of cards from the ACAT list and producing the boards, postcards to use. Father Stephen has agreed that the weekends of 27th/28th at St Peter’s and 5th May at Our Lady’s would be suitable. We need to find volunteers who can help with encouraging people to sign the cards at each of the Masses.

5pm. at SP with Diana – Jim and Maria Murphy. Another needed.

11.15 at SP with Diana – Roger Elson and Jonathan – another needed.

5th May 9.15 – Jenny and others (Jenny will find some volunteers)

We will ask for donations of £2 – postage is high. Diana does have a float which will help to bridge any gap and some people do donate more. Postcards are needed.

After the SP and OL sessions Jenny will ask Father David about having a session at St Joseph’s.

**LiveSimply**

There was a recent Live simply meeting and it was decided to have an event to celebrate the 10 years that the parish has had the LS award. This will be remembered in a Mass at OL date to be arranged. (Possibly 7th July) We will suggest bidding prayers, bring gifts to the altar, special children’s liturgy. Followed by a coffee and cake session with a LS display. Event at SP maybe later in the year

A possible Walk to Church Sunday in June.

# AOB

Jonathan mentioned the directory of dates which was previously drawn up with which we try to commemorate dates such as Homelessness Sunday and the anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We will attempt to find out the events we should flag up and ask for bidding prayers etc. Someone to draw up a new directory?

We noted that Fair trade fortnight will be 9th-22nd September this year. This will probably correspond with Ecofest on the Pump Room Gardens which we have a LiveSimply stall at.

Warwick District UN Association have **Alejandra Gentil from the St Andrew`s University** who will address the meeting on Saturday 27th April 2024 from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm at the Leamington Spa Baptist Church, Chandos Street, Leamington Spa, CV32 4RN.

***“Our Travel Guardians: How a UN Technical Agency Shapes Travel Security”***

Time: Apr 27, 2024 12:15 PM London Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81852910404?pwd=UTROUXQ2LzVybTJDQlgvNFZZMXpXZz09>
Meeting ID: 818 5291 0404 Passcode: 339756

We finished with the Pax Christi prayer with special mention of the Middle East situation.

**Next meeting – Monday 20th May 7.30 pm. in the Flint room**