**NOTES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE MEETING**

**On Monday 15th January 2024 by zoom**

**Meeting 179**

**Present : Anne Elson, Jenny Armstrong, Lynda Gould,**

**Apologies : Jonathan Holden, Anna Godwin, Ann Allison**

We started with the Span prayer and reflected on the reading for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary time

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**Matters arising**

**Peace Sunday**

14TH January was Peace Sunday and there was good recognition of this in the Masses at St Peter’s and Our Lady’s - in the hymns, bidding prayers and in the homily. Prayer cards were given out. The Children’s Liturgy leader will use the Pax Christi material next week. Thanks to all who made this happen.

The families who are asylum seekers are still coming to Pastimes as the Community Hub. One family has been relocated to Walsall, which should be better accommodation. The family with 2 small children are still around and they had the baby baptised at St Peter’s recently , followed by a party put on by Pastimes.

Live Simply - some bidding prayers on Live simply theme were in included in the Advent services

**Prayer Intention**

The January Prayer intention which we have asked to have in the newsletter is:

 ***“We pray with Pope Francis that artificial intelligence may be developed and used for peaceful purposes not for war.”***

  The February one we discussed and eventually decided on was ;

***"We pray that working together with our community we may change lives for the better"***

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

**CAFOD** –

Ann Allison reported that the crib collection was for a world gift, Anne will find out whether the money has gone to CAFOD.

Ann is doing a soup lunch in the Hall on Friday 23rd February for Family Fast Day. Anne will find out whether the hall is booked and let Ann know if there is problem,

**Lent**

Following our discussion as to how to do something around the theme of Justice and Peace in Lent – possibly with some version of Stations of the Cross, Jenny had looked at the website for Jesuit Refugee Service and found some suitable Stations of the Cross with each having a different aspect of life and struggle as a refugee. Also there is a liturgy which is available to use reflecting on the refugee issues with bible readings, prayers etc. We could print off the Stations and put them in Church. The liturgy could be used in a simple service in the Hall. We will all look at these to see if we can think how to use them and follow up by email.

**Fair Trade Fortnight**

 <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/> This year Fair Trade fortnight is moving to September – permanently. It is celebrating 30 years of the Fair Trade Movement. We will work with the Live Simply team to have an event then. As Eco fest in Leamington usually is around this time it would be a good way to raise awareness.

**AOB**

The World Day of Prayer is being held at Our lady’s Church Lillington this year on 1st March. It is devised by the women of Palestine.

The service for Christian unity is this year at the Life Church in Charlotte Street 21st January at

SPAN Quiz on 9th February at SP is in aid of Friends of the Holy Land. FoHL are also having collections in all three Leamington churches this next weekend 20/21st January.

The Parish Visitation by Canon Paul Fitzpatrick on behalf of the Archdiocese will be happening on January 27th/28th at SP and OL. He has not asked to meet representatives from Justice and Peace or Live Simply but Jenny will send in a sheet explaining what we do.

We finished with a prayer remembering the Holy Land and all those suffering in wars and conflicts.

**Next meeting**

**19th February at 7.30pm by zoom.**