**NOTES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE MEETING by Zoom**

**On Monday 20th February 2023**

# Meeting 171

**Present : Lynda Gould, Ann Allison, Jenny Armstrong, Sandie Tansy**

**Apologies: Jonathan Holden, Anna Godwin, Anne Elson, Diana O’Reilly**

We started with the Span prayer and reflected on the reading for the 1st Sunday of Lent

Matthew 4 1-11

**Matters arising**

Anne E had checked at the Presbytery about the money collected at the crib, but it has still to be counted. It will be sent to CAFOD when this is done.

Prayers were said for Holocaust Day on 27th January.

Lynda had attended the Diocesan J and P meeting by zoom to debate and review how to reach out to Parishes. There were many questions such as ‘how do we revitalise J and P?’ ‘How do we improve our assemblies’ We felt this was applicable to all J and P groups as it was hard to get new people to engage.

**Prayer Intention for March**

**'We pray for peace in Ukraine and for refugees and displaced persons, and we pray that we can help and support them.'**

Lynda will email Jonathan to put in the newsletter

**Poverty and Homelessness**

Saturday Friendship Group is still suspended as there is likely to be a change in personnel at the Salvation Army and we are waiting to find out what is happening. There are plenty of visitors at the WAP during the week. At least three people from Catholic Leamington volunteer during the week.

Yvonne Mackinnon. project leader at WAP, Salvation Army, is working towards opening a new rehab facility in Leamington and SPAN recently had a quiz which raised almost £1000 for them. She and the trustees are actively looking for a house to rent. Susan Rutherford who is a leader at Leamington and Warwick Night shelter is also working with Yvonne on this. They have raised over £50,000 already. The LWS Night shelter is now operating from Radford Road Church again at weekends.

**CAFOD**

Ann A was asked if there was a separate appeal for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria recently. She said CAFOD decided to send £100.000 from their funds and Family Fast Day is very soon (3rd March). However, Ann took the card reader to Mass and collected £400.
There will be talks at the churches on 26th February to highlight family fast day. Ann is also running a soup lunch on Family Fast day in the hall at SP. This will run on after the 10 a.m. mass and J and P stations of the cross. Unfortunately although Ann sent it to Extra it did not get put in. She has put up posters.

Ann has raised the profile of CAFOD at the schools and they have been very good at raising money.

**Stations of the Cross for Lent**

The CAFOD stations of the cross are to be shown by PowerPoint in the Hall after Mass on Fridays. The mass is now at 10 am. We are to hold a practice session on Tuesday 21st February at 2.30pm.

We need 3 people at each event for working the computer, reader and leader. The Fridays are 24th February, 3rd March, 10th March, 17th March, 24th March, 31st March.

There has been an advert in the newsletter but it was missed from Extra.

**Fair Trade**

Fair Trade fortnight is from 27th February to 12th March. Jenny is hoping to run a Traidcraft stall at OL and SP -- on 5th and 12th March. This is dependent on getting supplies from Michael Porter as Traidcraft has now gone into administration. However Michael has some supplies at present.

**Action by Christians against Torture**

Diana is planning to get the information as to prisoners of conscience from ACAT and to hold a signing session for the parishes in the Easter season. Date to be decided

Next Meeting 20th March 7.30pm. -- in the Davenport Room, subject to confirmation by Royce in the office.