

Minutes of a meeting of the Justice & Peace Group
held in the PNL meeting room
on Wednesday 13 March 2024

Present: Mike Leggett (ML), Mary Barrett (MB), John Barrett(MJB), Jane Manfield (JM), John Manfield (AJM), Geraldine Sharpe (GS); Liz Braines (LB)

Apologies: Mary Hickman, Janet Franklin, Cecilia Cameron, Janine Baker, Vivienne O'Byrne

The meeting opened with the CAFOD Family Fast Day prayer

MH is now home following her road traffic accident.

Liz Braines was welcomed to the meeting

3. Notes of the last meeting

These were approved.

Matters arising:

The Winter Night Shelter operating during winter months has now ended. It was agreed that a 'Helpers story' should be included in the summer J & P newsletter **Action JM**

Renewed Hope is holding a drop in on 17 April at 7.30 to say thank you to all the volunteers

4. Practical Action, Live Simply Award, Fairtrade Parish

The Plant Sale is due to take place after all Masses on the weekend of 20/21 April. It would be good to find helpers at the Masses to support the small J & P team.

Litter picking across the parish is to be encouraged. LB reported that there is an active team in Merstham (the Hamsters) who regularly carry out litter picking. Purple bags are available from the council. Other initiatives include community bee keeping and Growing Redhill including the planters at Merstham Station.

Catechists have been approached with a view to members of the J & P group giving a short talk about Live Simply and plastics use to those on the catechetical programme or their parents. JM is contacting the scouts.

Fairtrade Parish: There has been some confusion over the registration. Our parish is now registered as J & P PNL.

5. CAFOD

Thanks to all who helped with the Lent Fast Day talks and collection. The soup lunch held on Family Fast Day was successful and £118 was raised. Thanks to all who helped on the day and made soup.

Anne O'Donnell and MB are continuing with the Big Lent Walk.

6. Modern Slavery

A series of talks entitled Hidden Voices is being held in Merstham area, it includes all local churches and seeks to inform the community about the scandal of Modern Slavery. The material used is from the Clewer Initiative.

Santa Marta is holding a seminar on Modern Slavery on 29 June in Shoreham.

7. Updates

Laudato Si: Webinar on 21 March on animals in agriculture. 8 – 15 June Big Green Week. The 'Just Money' movement is looking at banks.

SVP: The 'Warm Space' offered during half term was not taken up, but it will be offered again. The location of the church does not encourage people to just drop in.

A craft session will be held on the Wednesday after Easter

UCM: The parish lunch prepared by the UCM went well with good attendance.

The World Day of Prayer at Holy Trinity in Redhill was prepared by the women of Palestine and was very moving

CND

The Reigate Peace Group is hoping to show some films maybe at St Philips

The group is preparing to take part in hustings before the General Election

GDWG

The two centres are almost full of men held in detention. It now costs £130 per night. 72% of those held are not removed and released back into the community. The mental health of those held declines rapidly during their detention.

8. Dates for the diary:

National Justice & Peace Network, Swanwick 19 -21 July

Pax Christi Global Day of Action 21 April

Next J & P meeting 10 April 8.0 p.m. **on Zoom**