**Notes of a meeting of the Justice & Peace Group**

**held on Zoom**

**on Wednesday 15 May 2024**

 **Present**: Mike Leggett (ML), Mary Hickman (MH); Mary Barrett (MB), John Barrett(MJB), Liz Braines (LB); Janet Franklin (JF); Cecilia Cameron (CC); Vivienne O’Byrne (VOB)

**Apologies:**  Geraldine Sharpe, Jane Manfield, John Manfield

The meeting opened with a CAFOD prayer

  **Notes of the last meeting**

These were approved. **Matters arising:** 15 June Churches Together in Merstham to hold a meeting to look at a way forward in countering Modern Day Slavery in their community

 **Plant Sale**

This took place on the weekend 20/21 April. Thanks to all who contributed and who helped on the day. £259.53 was raised for Practical Action.

**CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network) Do Justice Campaign.**

This is an initiative to encourage parishes to discern the needs of their local communities in the light of the Gospel and act with the skills and resources they have at their disposal to bring about a more just society.

It was agreed that the three sessions of introduction to the initiative could be offered to the parish via Teresa Roux and the existing formation community. An outline could be included in the J & P Newsletter (see below)

**CAFOD and SVP Year of Encounter**

AJM, JM and MB attended the online training for the preparation for a General Election. This encourages the J & P group to plan to contact the General Election candidates and to start to prepare the parish to use every opportunity to reach out to them to find out more about their views on the issues we care about, from ending global poverty to tackling the climate crisis.

**J & P Newsletter.** It was agreed that this should be available in the parish on the first weekend in July.

Possible items to be included:

‘Do Justice’ Campaign. MJB

Modern Slavery – Victoria Pitt

Practical Action update – JM

The Parish Lunches –

CAFOD – Schools volunteer VOB

Refugee Tales – Summer walk and campaign – MB

Please submit articles by the next meeting 12 June

**Updates**

**SVP:** One new member has joined, Yellow Bucket scheme continues, food vouchers distributed via St Joseph’s School, family supported

**UCM:** Parish group celebrating 60th Anniversary with a Mass and party at St Teresa’s

**CND:** See end of minutes for updates

**GDWG:** Brook House nearly full, many held who have been given notice of removal to Rwanda. Successful AGM celebrating 30 Anniversary of charity, Refugee Tales walk to take place 6 – 10 July. Website <www.refugeetales.org.uk>

**8. Dates for the diary:**

National Justice & Peace Network, Swanwick 19 -21 July

Next J & P meeting 12 June **on Zoom**

CND local:
(a) Next local CND/Peace meeting 10/06/24 Mon 2.30 at Maybury Lodge, 83 Reigate Rd, RH2 0RE.
(b) Hazel Forecast preaching at Redhill Methodists (RMC) Redhill Sunday 18/08/24 on Hiroshima, nuc war etc.
(c) RMC film night possibility (August) September.

National cns/stw
<https://cnduk.org/cnd-general-election-campaign-2024/>

<https://cnduk.org/events/nakba-76-end-the-genocide-national-demonstration/>
BBC Portland Place 12 noon Sat 18/05/24
<https://www.stopwar.org.uk/article/nakba-day-the-injustices-of-76-years-ago-are-reflected-in-todays-genocide/>
<https://www.stopwar.org.uk/events/national-demonstration-nakba-76-end-the-genocide-stop-arming-isrsael/>

National XR:
<https://extinctionrebellion.uk/restore-nature-now/>
Saturday, 22nd June 2024  London   Supported by Chris Packham.
<https://www.restorenaturenow.com/>