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

**held in the Meeting Room PNL Centre**

**on Wednesday 13 November 2024**

 **Present**: Jane Manfield (JM) Mike Leggett (ML), Mary Barrett (MB), John Barrett(MJB); Vivienne O’Byrne (VOB); Rachel Soland (RS); Janet Franklin

**Apologies:**  Mary Hickman; John Manfield; Janine Baker; Cecilia Cameron; Liz Braine

The meeting was chaired by Jane Manfield

The meeting opened with a showing of the peace vigil held at the Old Town Hall in Reigate on Armistice Day.

A prayer from Pax Christi was read

  **Notes of the last meeting**

Mary Hickman should be added to the apologies for last meeting

It was agreed that the next and subsequent meetings could be hybrid allowing members to join online

**Matters arising:** Debt Justice Bill. JM has written to Rebecca Paul to request a meeting. Members from Merstham will contact Claire Continho MP for East Surrey.

Anti Modern Slavery: JM and AJM attended the event in Chichester which was moving and informative. There was Evensong and 5 talks. The following day Southwark Against Modern Slavery held an event in Reigate. It was a well run day which included presentations from the Bishop of Croydon, Bishop Richard Moth and Bishop Alastair Redfern from Clewer and other speaker including the Surrey police.

LB has requested that an anti modern slavery banner could be displayed outside St Joseph’s and/or St Teresa’s. The group supports this request.

**Practical Action**

The final awareness/fund raising efforts for this charity will be the Concert on 1st March and a plant sale in April.

*Concert:* 1st March 3.0 p.m. in St Joseph’ Church followed by Evening Mass. MB to contact St Bedes; JM to contact St Joseph’s; RS to contact Scouts **ACTION**

*Wind-up:* Some ideas for the next parish charity to be circulated in the parish newsletter and in the J & P newsletter. Parishioners are to be invited to comment or suggest a possible charity. RS suggested Seeds of Wisdom an Ohio based charity supporting the people of Sudan. The Hospice movement was also suggested

**Live Simply Award**

JM circulated and expanded review of the actions listed on the Live Simply Award spreadsheet.

Comments and suggestions were invited. It will be uploaded onto the Parish website for further comments/suggestions.

The final version will be sent off in the New Year with the hope of the assessment taking place at the Parish Concert on 1 March

**Parish Lunch 12 January**

We should expect 115+ . Agreed to cook meat/vegetarian chilli, rice, yoghurt, grated cheese, bread. Desert: cake.

Detailed arrangements deiscussed at the next meeting.

**Laudato Si:**

Cop29 in Baku 11-21 November

Climate and Nature Bill planned, due for debate in January, needs support of 100 MPs to move to Committee. Rebecca Paul has been asked for support

GS has received a ‘disappointing’ response re Assisted Suicide Bill – she is currently undecided which way she will vote.

GS has planted 4 small shrubs onto J & P patch at church entrance, bulbs and a log pile. JM planted primroses

**J & P Newsletter**

VOB – UCM; LB – Merstham; Concert; Practical Action and next charity; RS a US parish compared to PNL

**Updates:**

SVP: Sponsored Walk 25 November in aid of Sudan (details in Parish Newsletter). Afternoon tea 9 January

UCM: Lunch in February

CND: Please see details from Mike at end of these minutes

GDWG: JB reported the death of a man in Brook House possibly as a result of a drug overdose, many still held for many months (JB visiting someone held for 19 months). Healthcare very poor, drugs rife in centres

**Next meeting:** Amnesty International Write for Rights campaign; CSAN ‘Do Justice’ campaign

Meeting December 11 at PNL Centre and via Zoom

**CND Notes below**

CND local:
Cllr Jonathan Essex laid White poppy wreath at Shaw's Corner War Memorial Redhill on 10/11/24.
White poppies were laid in memory of all those killed in war. <https://www.ppu.org.uk/remembrance-white-poppies>
Rev Helen Burnett held a vigil for Gaza - at Reigate clock tower 6pm same day - about 100 people attended.

<http://kpc.gn.apc.org/KPN2024/kpn_November_2024.pdf>      Kingston
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CND National
<https://cnduk.org/ceasefire-now-take-action-for-palestine/>       The Pope and other world leaders are calling for a ceasefire.
<https://cnduk.org/events/workplace-day-of-action-for-palestine/>         Nov 28.

<https://xrpeace.org/>    as always a good read.

<https://www.wfm-igp.org/news/protecting-our-common-climate-system-an-interfaith-appeal-to-cop-29/>
World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy  invites religious, faith and values-based individuals and organizations to endorse Protecting Our Common Climate System: Earth Governance for a Sustainable Future, an interfaith appeal which we will present to the 2024 UN Climate Change Conference (COP 29).      [related to subject matter of Laudato Si - but endorsement needed by 09/11/24]

<https://extinctionrebellion.uk/act-now/campaigns/insure-our-survival/>        removing insurance from fossil fuel companies