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

**held in the Meeting Room PNL Centre**

**on Wednesday 9 October 2024**

 **Present**: Mike Leggett (ML), Mary Barrett (MB), John Barrett(MJB); Vivienne O’Byrne (VOB); Geraldine Sharpe (GS); Rachel Soland (RS)

**Apologies:**  Janet Franklin; John Manfield; Jane Manfield; Janine Baker; Cecilia Cameron

The meeting was chaired by Mary Barrett

The meeting opened with the CAFOD Harvest prayer

  **Notes of the last meeting**

There were no amendments to the Notes.

All matters were covered in the meeting

**Practical Action**

JM has received a response from Father Tony concerning a possible Parish concert on 1 March. **Further action MB, JM, VOB**

GS has tidied the green re-wilding space. She is going to plant more bulbs

The spring plant sale will be held in April.

**CAFOD**

The Harvest Fast was on 4 October. Talks were held at all Masses on the weekend before and J & P members supported the collections the following weekend. It was agreed that there was a positive response.

Tackling Global Poverty: Passing a ‘Debt Justice Law’. It was agreed that members of the group should ask MPs Rebecca Paul and Claire Coutinho for face to face meetings to discuss possible support for a Debt Justice law. **Action AJM, MB, VOB**

**Live Simply Award:**  JM has the link now to request for the parish to be assessed for the Live Simply Award. **Action JM MB**

**Laudato Si**

GS reported that there is a Laudato Si centre in Salford that is inspirational. There is a call for more of the same to be opened across the country. There is a new film: Ecosphia which might be screened in the parish. **GS to explore**

**Action on Modern Slavery events 18 and 19 October**

The first will take place in Chichester Cathedral. The event on Saturday 19 October will be held in Reigate – details in parish newsletter. Call for this to be supported by as many as possible.

**Updates:** SVP: short on numbers. Continuing the poverty support ;

 UCM is highlighting childhood poverty which is a pan European problem, particularly the under 5s. **VOB to write article on this subject for J & P Newsletter;**

GDWG: The group highlighted indefinite detention at the Labour Party conference in September. There was good interest particularly from newly elected MPs.

 **Other business: Parish Lunch 12 January.** Possible problems with disposing of unused food discussed. RS mentioned Olio app which can be used at such times.

Next meeting Wednesday 13 November at 8.0 p.m. in the PNL Centre

**CND update from ML**

Tonight BBC 4 from 20.00 to 01.15 (3.15):
20.00 Inside Porton Down (Dr Michael Mosley)
21.00 Britain's Nuclear secrets, Sellafield, Al Kalili
22.00 Mike Jackson director/producer of 1984 film below:
22.20 Threads
00.15 On the 8th day (dust from above - weeks? of twilight) to 1.15
02.15 Inside Porton Down (again) to 3.15

Local

10/11/24: White poppies and presence at Remembrance Sunday at Shaw's Corner memorial.
<http://kpc.gn.apc.org/KPN2024/kpn_September_2024.pdf>
Kingston: Mid-East, Ukraine/Russia/China, B.Britten's War requiem, he was member of Peace Pledge Union (PPU).

National:
CND: The World We Want: A New Agenda for Peace and Justice! Amid rising nuclear threats, a growth in active conflicts, and the impact of climate breakdown risking more, we need fresh thinking on how we create genuine security and justice for all.
Saturday, 12 October, 10am to 5pm
• SOAS, 1O Thornhaugh Street, London, WC1H 0XG
• Tickets free, register here
<https://cnduk.org/events/the-world-we-want-a-new-agenda-for-peace-and-justice-cnd-conference/>

<https://cnduk.org/campaigns/global-abolition/>
<https://cnduk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/October2024.pdf>
<https://cnduk.org/resources/for-heavens-sake-examining-the-uks-militarisation-of-space/>
<https://cnduk.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/For-Heavens-Sake-Examining-the-UKs-militarisation-of-space.pdf>   £6.4bn 2022-32 projected spend on Outer space weapons systems

PPU: <https://www.ppu.org.uk/remembrance-white-poppies>
<https://www.ppu.org.uk/remembrance/white-poppies-frequently-asked-questions>
White poppies represent three things:
\* remembrance for all victims of war, both military and civilian.
\* a challenge to any attempts to glamorise or celebrate war.
\* a commitment to peace.

======================== other:
<https://80000hours.org/key-ideas-campaign/>
80,000 Hours provides research and support to help students and graduates switch into careers that effectively tackle the world’s most pressing problems. We’re a nonprofit, and everything we provide is free.

<https://thebulletin.org/2024/09/will-the-united-states-sign-and-ratify-the-treaty-on-the-prohibition-of-nuclear-weapons/>
<https://thebulletin.org/2024/09/has-russias-war-in-ukraine-changed-your-view-of-the-role-of-nuclear-weapons/>
<https://thebulletin.org/2024/09/what-is-your-plan-to-prevent-the-next-dangerous-and-expensive-nuclear-arms-race/>
<https://thebulletin.org/2024/09/should-the-president-retain-the-sole-authority-to-order-the-use-of-nuclear-weapons/>
<https://thebulletin.org/2024/09/what-will-you-do-if-iran-gets-the-bomb/>

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