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

**held on Zoom**

**on Thursday 9 January 2025**

**Present**: Jane Manfield (JM) John Manfield (AJF); Mike Leggett (ML), Mary Barrett (MB), John Barrett(MJB); Vivienne O’Byrne (VOB); Janet Franklin (JF); Mary Hickman (MH); Liz Braines (LB}; Cecilia Cameron (CC); Geraldine Sharpe (GS); Alan Berridge (AB)

**Apologies:**  Janine Baker; Rachel Soland

The meeting was chaired by Jane Manfield

The meeting opened with a ‘Live Simply’ prayer

Alan Berridge was welcomed to the meeting. Apology from Racel Soland who is still in the US.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the December meeting**:

JM will forward the letter she wrote to Rebecca Paul (and the reply) in order that Liz Braines can write to Claire Continho MP on the subject of debt repayment. **Action JM**

**Live Simply Award:** The Parish has been reminded of the application to the award and any updates via the Parish Newsletter and the J & P Newsletter. JM will also mention it at the Parish Lunch. JM will check as to whether the parish Priest or the J & P group requests an assessment. **Action JM**

**Parish Lunch:** Around 150 could attend the lunch as Bishop Moth will be installing the new head of St Joseph’s School at the 11.0 a.m. Mass and the congregation could be very big.

The final details of the menu and cooks were agreed.

Reena and her team will help with the set-up. Team cannot access the hall before 10.45. It was agreed that JM and MB will give a short introduction and will highlight Live Simply Award, Practical Action and the Concert and Plant Sale. Someone will be asked to say Grace.

**Practical Action:**

The final fund raising events will be the Concert 1 March and the Plant Sale 27 April.

A number of musicians have been identified. MB will speak again to the Head of Music at St Bede’s who was hopeful that musicians could be provided **Action MB.** JM will contact Maria Joseph who may have members of the sixth form who would contribute **Action JM.**

It was agreed that tickets should be sold for the event. £5 should be charged. JB will design and print tickets. **Action MJB**

Teas and cake will be provided during the concert.

A check should be made regarding music performing rights. **Action JM**

**J & P Newsletter:**

JB has assembled the Newsletter and it is ready for printing. A two page edition will be available after Masses at the weekend, plus an extended online version on the parish website.

Thanks to JB for his work in producing the Newsletter

**Updates:**

**Laudato Si:** The Climate and Nature Bill. Rebecca Paul MP will not support it. Her reply will be uploaded onto the website. **Action GS & JF.**

**SVP:** The recent SVP tea was well attended (over 30 people). The two conferences of Merstham and Redhill/Reigate will be merging and restructuring

**UCM:** The UCM will be providing the Parish Sunday Lunch on 9 February. The J & P group offered help

**CND:** Call for a ceasefire in Palestine. The group locally have written to Rebecca Paul MP. There is a petition for a ceasefire

**GDWG:** Continue to need young men’s clothes (GS has a donation); possible future problems with donations of phone cards due to change of mobile phones in the centres

**AOB:** Peace Sunday 19 January. JM has prayer cards for distribution to every family in the Parish. There are some for children. All Masses should be covered by members of the group.

MH recommended a book: Why Didn’t I Know? Britain’s Legacy in Palestine by Monica Spooner.

LB will be able to update the group at the next meeting regarding the Anti Modern Slavery Awareness work in Merstham

MB has been contacted by Jenny Finlayson from CAFOD who would like to hold a Lent talk in advance of the annual CAFOD Lent Appeal. **Action MB to find a date and book at room**

**Next meeting 12 February will be both in person in the meeting room PNL centre and available by Zoom**