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

**held in PNL Meeting room**

**on Wednesday 14 May 2025**

 **Present**:Jane Manfield (JM), Mary Barrett (MB), John Barrett(MJB); Geraldine Sharpe (GS); Vivienne O’Byrne (VOB), Cecilia Cameron (CC); Alan Berridge (AB); Liz Braines (LB)

Online: Mary Hickman (MH)

**Apologies:**  John Manfield; Rachel Soland; Mike Leggett; Janet Franklin

The meeting was chaired by Jane Manfield

The meeting opened with a Pax Christi prayer

**All matters from the April meeting covered in the meeting**

LB will write to Claire Continho MP when Claire returns from maternity leave

**CAFOD**

One plaque for the Live Simply Award has been received. JM will write to CAFOD to request two more plaques to be placed in the three churches of the parish. **ACTION JM**

Latest CAFOD campaign is the global church petition to world leaders to address the acute debt crisis that is affecting the world’s poorest countries.

MB to identify a weekend for a short talk at the end of Masses and a collection of signatures over that weekend. Other opportunities for signatures could take place at the Parish Mass and at Parish lunches. The petition sheets need to be returned by 1 September. MB will confirm with Father Tony and get information into the Newsletter to inform parishioners. **Action MB**

**Practical Action**

JM has asked Father Tony for a total for the successful Plant Sale held on weekend 26/27 April. The group would also like a final total for the money raised over the two years of the parish charity. Once JM received this information she will insert it into the Newsletter. **Action JM**

The next parish charity will be St Catherine’s Hospice. There is a very active fund raising committee which should help PNL become involved and generate fund raising ideas. This will be introduced in the Newsletter. **Action JM**

**J & P Newsletter**

The summer edition will be distributed on the weekend of 5/6 July. All copy to be sent to John Barrett, final copy date 21 June.

Items for newsletter:

St Catherine’s Hospice JM

CAFOD – Cancel the Debt MB

Practical Action – a summary JM

The Jubilee VOB

Refugee Tales 2025 MB

Laudato Si GS

Winter Night Shelter & Renewed Hope Trust

 JM

Yellow Bucket Appeal MJB

Modern Slavery (local campaign) LB

Greenpeace Petition (Gaza) ML

**Reports:**

Lauadato Si: Big Green Week 7 – 15 June

SVP: Mid July – tea party

UCM: Talk on cyber crime 28 May at 7.30 in PNL hall. All encouraged to attend

CND: Protest took place at Lakenheath on 26/4. CND Vice Chair to speak at Progress House (Redhill) at 8.0 p.m. on Monday 16 June. Greenpeace petition to stop killing in Gaza, ban arms UK arms sales to Israel both from UK and US. Petition at <https://act.gp/4iZb8JJ>

GDWG: AGM to mark 30 years of the charity and 10 years of Refugee Tales on Thursday 22 May.

Next Refugee Tales walk to start on Wednesday 9 July, following a lobby of Parliament on 8 July.

**AOB:** The National Justice and Peace Network annual conference to take place in Swanick 25 – 27 July.

**Next meeting Wednesday 11 June at PNL Centre and on Zoom at 8.0 p.m.**