

Minutes of a meeting of the Justice & Peace Group

held on Zoom

on Wednesday 10 April 2024

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

Apologies: Janine Baker, Geraldine Sharpe

The meeting opened with a period of silent prayer

Notes of the last meeting

These were approved. JM asked to be supplied with an updated list of local churches so that the meeting notes can be circulated. ML will supply this. JF will upload the notes onto the parish website. AJM requested that the J & P group minutes are held centrally as a permanent record.

Plant Sale

This is taking place on the weekend 20/21 April. It will be advertised in the Parish Newsletter. Donations of plants to be encouraged.

Help on the days: Sat evening JM, MB, ML; Sunday Holy Family JM, MB ; Sunday St Joseph's JM, MB, GS?; Sunday St Teresa's JF, CC, VOB, JM, MB

Live Simply Award

JM is expecting to talk to the scout group. Further talks planned

CAFOD and SVP

A major initiative is planned to launch a Year of Encounter to strengthen community participation in promoting the common good during this year of a general election. CAFOD is offering training and an information pack.

There was a discussion on the best way to organise a local husting once the date of a general election is announced. Contact with the candidates will be essential.

Modern Slavery

Liz Braines and Victoria Pitt attended the Clewer Initiative course held in Merstham. Further meetings are planned

Santa Marta is holding a seminar on Modern Slavery on 29 June in Shoreham.

There will be a meeting held in Chichester Cathedral on 18 October

Updates

SVP: Yellow Bucket scheme continues

UCM: There is a national appeal for new members

CND: See end of minutes for updates

GDWG

The two centres are almost full of men held in detention. AGM of GDWG to be held on 8 May.

8. Dates for the diary:

National Justice & Peace Network, Swanwick 19 -21 July

Next J & P meeting 15 May on Zoom

CND plus

Saturday 13 April, 12 noon – Assemble: Russell Square – March to Parliament Square.

<https://cnduk.org/events/day-of-action-for-palestine-3>

<https://www.stopwar.org.uk/events/london-march-for-palestine-stop-arming-israel/>

Thursday, 11 April, 6:30-7:30pm Online

<https://cnduk.org/events/nuclear-exploitation-how-uranium-mining-harms-communities-cnd-and-beyond-nuclear-webinar>

<https://xrdorking.org/events/>

Wednesday, 17th April, 7.30-9pm – Society of Friends (Quakers) Meeting House, Reigate RH2 0QT
addressed by Jonathan Essex

Gatwick is Planning to Expand – how will it affect you? Come along to this talk to find out more about Gatwick's proposals and how you can have your say or get involved with the ongoing campaigns opposing expansion.

Saturday, 27th April, 2-5pm – Earlswood Carnival

Tuesday, 30th April 8.30am – Sandman Signature London Gatwick Hotel, 18-23 Tinsley Lane South, Three Bridges RH10 8XH

Opposition rally on the day of the Issue Specific Hearing on Climate.

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<http://kpc.gn.apc.org/>

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http://kpc.gn.apc.org/KPN2024/kpn_February_2024.pdf

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<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2024/feb/24/failing-british-nuclear-arsenal-reliant-on-the-goodwill-of-donald-rump-is-terrifying-thought>