

# WHATEVER YOU DO

Justice, peace and social responsibility at St Joseph's

## What we do and why we do it

Last year Fr John challenged each of us to be a **beacon** in our community. Inspired by his leadership and support, and in response to the urging of Pope Francis that we follow Catholic Social Teaching and consider our social responsibility, in every aspect of our lives, the Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility group came into being.

**Catholic Social Teaching** (CST), rooted in scripture and influenced by grassroots movements is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world.

- Dignity
- Solidarity
- The common good
- The option for the poor
- Peace
- Care for creation
- The dignity of work and participation

Our faith calls us to love God and to love our neighbours in every situation, especially our sisters and brothers in need. Following in the footsteps of Christ, we aim to make present the justice, love and peace of God.

Our monthly bulletin keeps you up to date and aware of what needs to be done. By **reading** it, you know what is happening. By **reacting** to the issues, you help to make the world a better place. We show we care for others in practical ways. We do this through **praying, learning, sharing, clicking, giving, saying, writing** and **being involved** in a number of issues – as **much** and as often and in **whatever** way you want.

*Who made my fabric?*

Our first issue in May 2021 looked at the exploitation of workers in the clothing industry. Our MP has responded to our invitation to attend a drop in event at Portcullis House on 15<sup>th</sup> June. He says: *I have a note of the date in my diary and will try to attend, **subject to other Parliamentary business.***

We will report back on whether he attends!

Since then, we have covered issues including what we can do locally, COP 25, Fairtrade, Afghanistan, Big Issue and charities: Margaret Clitherow Trust, RtU and HHI.

## Christchurch Community Partnership



was awarded the Queen's Award in the Birthday Honours List. It is the MBE for voluntary groups  
**Congratulations to all involved!**

**CHRISTCHURCH SOUP KITCHEN** now has premises in Bargates. We pray for great success in their good work, as they feed the hungry each day.

**REDUCE \* REUSE \* RECYCLE**

Our **BRIC A BRAC**: is a **BEACON** in REUSING

Reusing can slow climate change, one of the biggest threats to our planet, by saving energy and precious resources, and reducing landfill.



You can play your part by **giving** items: books, toys, jewellery, ornaments, jigsaws, home furnishings etc to be used by others.

**Come and see** the variety of things we sell: including repository and FairTrade items.

Please **buy**, to help fund our church projects

Open most Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays with some Sundays in July, we have a huge selection of used books. If you can spare a couple of hours a week to have fun and **help** provide this much needed service call Tony on 07736 327407

