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GOOD NEWS

Palestine:

Six days after taking office the Joe Biden administration has announced that it will restore contact with Palestinian leaders and will restore USA contributions to the UN agency which provides aid to the Palestinians.

Philanthropy:

One man has helped fund the development of 5 Covid vaccines and backed a million doses for poor countries.

He has for more than a decade pioneered a new approach to global inoculation which is being fruitful in the current crisis.

Bill Gates deserves to be considered for one of the world's greatest honours, the Nobel Peace Prize, the nominations for which closed two days ago.

Poetic Inspiration:

Amanda Gorman, the young black poet who read her poem, "The Hill We Climb" at Joe Biden's inauguration called for a country committed to all cultures, colours and characters.

When day comes, we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid.

The new dawn blooms as we free it.

For there is always light,

if only we're brave enough to see it.

If only we're brave enough to be it.

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

- The situation in Myanmar.
- The need for poor countries to have access to Covid vaccines for their peoples.
- The depressing scenario for teachers and children regarding the current state and future of education in the current uncertainties.

ACTION OF THE WEEK

Israel may well have rolled out the Covid vaccine to many of its citizens but did not include the 5 million Palestinians living under occupation. People are being urged to write to their MPs to ask for the Foreign Secretary to remind Israel of its responsibilities as an occupying power, under the Geneva convention, to ensure medical supplies are to be provided including those to prevent the spread of a pandemic.

For details see Amnesty International press release <http://bit.ly/3pI54K3>.

Tuesday 9th February, Justice and Peace Action Group Meeting

The Justice and Peace Action Group invite you to join them at their [Zoom meeting](#) on Tuesday February 9th, 2.00pm to 3.30pm. The topics under discussion will be "Fair Trade. What does it mean to you" led by Pat Fitzpatrick and Mary, followed after a tea break, by Prayer for our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters, led by Nona Wright.

We welcome you to join us. Enquiries: Mary Bradley, 01326 312 768.