



Justice & Peace Weekly Bulletin : 03 March 2021

GOOD NEWS

- **CELEBRATION ON FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH OF THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**
 - A global ecumenical movement, organised by women praying for the world, using the same service.
 - Started in 1928, now over 170 countries and islands participate.
 - This year the theme is *BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION* and the service has been written by the women of Vanuatu.
- **THE SUCCESS OF THE COVID 19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME**
 - Thanks are due to the many volunteers involved in rolling this out.
- **PUBLICITY FOR REDUCING FOOD WASTE WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO CLIMATE CHANGE**
 - The Great British Bake Off winner, television chef Nadia Hussain is fronting a campaign urging the public to cut food waste, which is a major contributor to climate change.

FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

- **CALLS TO MAKE ACCESS TO FOOD A LEGAL RIGHT**
 - Political leaders in Liverpool are demanding the government to be legally responsible for freeing people from food poverty. The Mayors want the change to be part of the National Food Strategy, the first major review of the UK's food system since 1946. 10 million people in UK live in food poverty, disabled and elderly people and ethnic minorities among those worse affected.
 - The Trussell Trust reports an 80% rise in demand for food parcels during the pandemic.
- **POPE'S VISIT TO IRAQ**
 - The Pope will be making an historic visit to Iraq this coming weekend to show solidarity with Christians, who have suffered persecution, violence, and destruction of churches by Isis, leading many to flee the country.
 - He will be meeting the leader of the majority Shiite Muslims who is known as a man of peace.
 - It is hope that the Pope's visit will lead to a greater respect for Christians whose numbers have been decimated by persecution. Iraq has a 2000 year history of Christianity.

ACTIONS OF THE WEEK

- **JOIN THE FPCT SERVICE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ON FRIDAY AT 10.30AM:**
<https://youtu.be/IAWaKsKCQ8U>
- **PRAY FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY**, the Queen and Prince Philip, at this time. We thank God for Queen Elizabeth's Christian witness and dedication to our nation.
- **COVID 19: PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE:**
 - who have been devastated by loss of their pastors, leaders, missionaries and others due to Corona virus.
 - Many such leaders have been pivotal in preaching the Good News, standing up for human rights, and helping communities to overcome poverty, hunger etc.

NEXT JUSTICE AND PEACE ACTION GROUP MEETING: TUESDAY 9TH MARCH 2PM on Zoom

Please join us, you will be very welcome

We meet from 2 pm to 3.30pm with a break in the middle.

We will be focussing on the World Day of Prayer and the Country of Vanuatu, followed by Reflection and Prayer for those Persecuted for their Faith.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85055288184?pwd=eDRMRXNHN09lbXhzZUhUczZ5cENndz09>

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