



Justice & Peace Weekly Bulletin : 10 March 2021

GOOD NEWS

- The EU has a new law that makers of electronic goods like washing machines will have to make them easier to repair and make spare parts available after the products have been discontinued.
- The celebration of Commonwealth Day at Westminster Abbey on Sunday: A wonderful, colourful celebration of young, vibrant people of many different countries performing, joyful musicmaking, indigenous cultural dances of welcome, accounts of innovative projects set up by young people to help those in great need during the pandemic and much more.
It was such an occasion of gratitude for the good aspects of the Commonwealth and included a speech by the Queen and interview with Prince William and Catherine.
- A triumph for Scottish Conservation: Scotland has passed a law to end mass killing by gamekeepers of Scottish Mountain hares.
- Pentonville prison is considered the most violent of English prisons. Yet with new reforms and practices to meet the demands of Covid 19, a new very positive atmosphere has been created, with prisoners and staff working harmoniously, with humour and good will.

FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

- Seafarers are not considered to be frontline workers and more than 400,000 are stranded on their ships unable to get home. Neither are they considered a priority group for vaccinations.
- The 300 schoolgirls kidnapped recently in north eastern Nigeria have been released. There are large numbers of young people in boarding schools as secondary education facilities are not available in rural areas.
Kidnappings by unidentified armed insurgents are common. We pray for the children's safety and government intervention and protection.
- Our friend Dr Nasser Trissi and his family from Syria are still in asylum seekers' accommodation in London. They have been grateful for the cards we have sent them, which Nasser says have made them feel they are not alone.
Most probably, with schools reopening and the discontinuation of online learning, the girls now have no chance of continuing their studies for their GCSE this year.

ACTIONS OF THE WEEK

- Buy your Easter eggs online this year from www.realeasteregg.co.uk. The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in its box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects. It is NOT AVAILABLE IN ANY SUPERMARKET THIS YEAR.
- Fairtrade Easter Eggs are also available at Lidl's and the Co-op.

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