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Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received-only what you have given:
a full heart, enriched by honest service,
love, sacrifice and courage.

St. Francis of Assisi

GOOD NEWS

Welcome back to our Justice and Peace news after the summer break. For this first newsletter our focus is on GOOD NEWS. Many people in his country have stopped watching the news because it is full of bad news - only one day recently, 20 minutes of the 30-minute national news was focussed solely on the tragedy of the nurse who killed babies in her care in a neonatal unit.

FALMOUTH

Falmouth Town Council has now acquired Pendennis Headland from the County Council. This means that this area of outstanding beauty will not be used for commercial development but will continue to be a place of beauty and vast scenic views for locals and visitors.

SCHOOL MEALS

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan recently announced that free school meals will be available for London's primary school children. With the cost-of-living crisis this will save families £440 annually.

EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION IN RESEARCH

Britain has now been able to re-join the EU major Scientific and Earth Research Programme. This is of great importance for our scientists and researchers funding and for international sharing of vital information and research information.

THE PROMS

On Saturday I watched the Last Night of the Proms. The eight-week daily programme of music had a varied programme of music and performers, including some wonderful young people, a horn concerto played by a person with no arms, who used a foot instead and a famous American lady conductor on the last night. This annual event is a very popular feature of British life enabling the music to be broadcast nationally and for those who stand throughout to purchase tickets at low cost.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Has received a boost and put women's participation in the limelight as our national team reached the finals of the world championship this year.

SEASON OF CREATION Sep 1ST - Oct 4th (Feast of St Francis)

Let us celebrate this in a positive way and share it with others.

THE MAGAZINE "POSITIVE NEWS"

The uplifting current affairs magazine, building a better attitude in the news media, with greater urgency, believing that good journalism involves not only reporting on our problems, but uncovering progress and possibilities.

It is worth subscribing to their free weekly news updates and looking at the website www.positive.news/

ACTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Last Sunday was Education Sunday. Let us pray and remember those who are NOT able to have an education on account of poverty, attitudes to women (Taliban in Afghanistan), conflict, war, and gender discrimination.

Take one action that will bring good news and joy to someone for whom life is difficult, e.g. a song of joy or hope, a gift from your garden in this season of Creation, share about a good book you have enjoyed, or visit a friend who is housebound or has a heavy load to bear.

Enjoy your week and send us any contributions for next week.

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