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GOOD NEWS

- **NETHERLANDS**

- The Netherlands has reduced its prison population to such an extent that it is now converting old prisons to socially useful purposes such as schools and refugee centres. (The UK is building new prisons, what went wrong here?)

- **PARIS**

- The Mayor of Paris is turning Paris into a 100% cycling city, motorists being paid to replace their vehicles with bikes. There will no longer be the chaos of driving round the Arc de Triomphe.

- **SCHOOL MEALS**

- Cornwall County Council has received funding that will mean it can continue to offer free school meals during the holidays.

- **FLOATING SCARECROWS**

- Special scarecrows are to be added to Cornish waters in a bid to protect sea birds from getting tangled in netting, including Falmouth Bay. This pioneering project is being launched by the RSPB in collaboration with Cornish gillnet fishers and other agencies.

This is the last Justice & Peace News for this year.

Thank you for reading our news and being with us as we journey in our quest to follow Jesus in his concern for the impoverished, downtrodden and marginalised.

May we remember those who are lonely, persecuted and suffering.

Peace be with you.

*May the star of Bethlehem shine upon us,
The singing of the Angels lift up our hearts
and the birth of the little Christ Child give us joy,
hope and peace
Amen*

FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

SO MUCH IN THE NEWS AT PRESENT, INCLUDING:

- **THE IMPRISONMENT OF AUNG SAN SUU KYI**, former Nobel prize winner in Myanmar, she may receive a life sentence.
- **RUSSIAN TROOPS MASSING ON THE BORDERS OF RUSSIA WITH UKRAINE**
- **THE SPREAD OF THE OMNICRON VARIANT** and the need for all to be vaccinated.
- **CAFOD AND OTHER NGOS CALLING ON MPS TO FORMULATE A BILL** to prevent UK companies usurping human rights, environmental damage and corruptive practices in countries abroad.

ACTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- **STEP OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE** to alleviate the anxiety of someone in need at this time of year.
- **THROUGH PRAYER AND REFLECTION**, actively seek this Christmas to bring joy and peace to others less fortunate than yourself.

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