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GOOD NEWS

Good News from our recent Justice and Peace Meeting. We always spend the first few minutes sharing good news. This month this included:

FAREWELL TO CANON BILL STUART-WHITE

A very beautiful service to say goodbye to Bill Stuart-White. Former Archdeacon of Cornwall, he came to Falmouth 5 years ago as Rector of All Saints and KCM Churches and Team Leader of Transforming Mission. His ministry and commitment to FPCT has been much appreciated and we wish Bill and his wife Bren a very long and happy retirement.

ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW, THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CORNWALL SANCTUARY TENT

had 18 show chaplains to welcome visitors and included a prayer corner, children's activities, a bookstall and Fair Trade Stall for information and sales.

THE BEAUTY OF MUSIC

One of our group who is a member of Truro Choral Society joined with over 260 members of choirs and the public in a very poignant 'Come and Sing' performance of Mozart's Requiem.

SHARING THE BEAUTY OF CREATION

Another group member who used to be an inspector of schools told of how he used to teach trainee teachers about nature by getting them to just look at one tree for a period of time and appreciate the innate beauty of each of its parts, and recommended a new book *How to Read a Tree* by Tristan Gooley.

VOLUNTEERS WEEK

One of our group has been a RC lay chaplain at our local Methodist Care Home for some years and had received a lovely bunch of flowers for Volunteers Week. She spoke of the joy of chaplaincy work and of the loneliness of residents without visitors.

SOLAR ENERGY FROM OUTER SPACE

For the first time in the USA, solar energy has been beamed to earth from outer space. This holds great possibilities for the future.

REFUGEE WEEK

"Falmouth and Penryn Welcome Refugees" local organisation has a house ready to welcome a third refugee family and is holding a multicultural festival event with songs, dance, food and other activities for the general public to appreciate the diversity of other ethnic groups and cultures.

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

has published its scrutiny of the Illegal Migration Bill. The bill would deny the vast majority of refugees access to the UK's Asylum system.

NATIONAL ARMED FORCES DAY 2023

Is being hosted by Cornwall Council in Falmouth this coming weekend.

Most of the roads around the town's centre are closed and security will be high. No cars into Falmouth and a bus service from the University only for the thousands of visitors expected. There will be fly pasts, live music, marching band, parades etc. It is supposed to be the biggest event ever in the town.

The Quakers are holding Peace Vigils during the event, are hosting "A critical discussion of British militarism" at the Poly and have distributed a document "Responding to military engagement in schools" to schools.

The Military pay thousands of visits annually to schools and are able to recruit 16-year-olds.

According to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child all military enlistment below the age of 18 contravenes human rights standards centred on children's welfare rights and interests.

THE TRAGEDY OF THE HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN AND OTHERS

who perished in the capsized refugee boat from Libya to Greece.

May we pray for all affected by this disaster.

OUR GOVERNMENT AND COUNTRY

in the light of recent happenings in the government and civil service.

Much prayer is needed .

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