



Justice & Peace Weekly Bulletin : 24 Nov 2021

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GOOD NEWS

- **CHRISTMAS STAMPS**
 - This year's Christmas stamps are beautiful and religious. This is unusually the second year running that religious stamps depicting the true meaning of Christmas have been issued. Usually, it is every other year. May they help people to remember the meaning of Christmas.
- **THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX**
 - The iconic Red Boxes are being decommissioned; usage has dropped by 96% since the introduction of Smart phones.
 - 5000 are to be kept in use where there is poor mobile coverage, or a high accident and suicide rate.
 - BT charges £1 to adopt a phone box. Novel ways in use for communities include mini libraries, book exchanges and to house defibrillators.
- **HAPPY DOLPHIN**
 - A new kind of compostable carrier bag that is made from material such as eggshell sand has a much lower carbon footprint than plastic, paper and other "biodegradable" bags has been launched in the UK. Hundreds of millions are in circulation in Europe.
 - Known as "The Happy Dolphin", the bag is the result of a £4 million EU commission to invent a new kind of plastic.
- **FALMOUTH COMMUNITY FOOTBALL TEAM**
 - The team has been gifted with new jackets for the cold and wet weather sponsored by a local firm, Cornish Concrete Products.
 - The club consists of two teams, Falmouth Kites and Falmouth White Hawks, and caters for 200 children aged 3 to 16 years, providing free football every morning supported by 30 coaches and many more parent volunteers.

FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

- **LA PALMA**
 - Weeks after a volcanic eruption uprooted the lives of islanders in La Palma, thousands of families are still waiting for financial aid. "It's like torture every day," says one resident as the volcano has been spewing lava, ashes and gases for more than two months, "since the lava took our house and everyone's houses around us, our neighbours, the pharmacy, the school next door to us, the shops, the church, the plaza. Ash is on every single road, park, tree and roof top."
 - The only financial help they have received is a £400 voucher from the Red Cross, despite millions being donated to the island.
- **CHILDREN IN CARE IN CORNWALL**
 - Cornwall has currently 478 children in care, half of whom are 11 years or older. 10% are 17.
 - 20 to 25 go to fostering families each year.
 - Young people need an adult who will be there for them come what may.
 - Nationally there are 100,000 children in care, 2500 are waiting for fostering.
 - At our last week's meeting of Falmouth and Penryn Churches Together, an inspiring speaker for "Home for Good" addressed us. Home for Good is a church charity, whose aim is to find a home for every child who needs one.
 - The church can give much needed support and encouragement to foster families.
 - Find out more at www.homeforgood.org.uk

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- **THE BIG ISSUE**
 - The Big Issue's Social investment is giving £16 million boost to groups hardest hit by Covid.
 - More than half of the money will go to people in the most difficult of circumstances, to disabled entrepreneurs, and those from Black, Asian and minority backgrounds.
- **RED WEDNESDAY**
 - Today is Red Wednesday, international the day of prayer for those persecuted for their religious beliefs, especially, in more than 80 countries, persecuted Christians.

ACTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- **Prayer** for persecuted Christians.
 - 50% of young people in the Criminal Justice System have been in care. **Find out more about the Church and Children in care.**
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