



Justice & Peace Weekly Bulletin : 24 February 2021

GOOD NEWS

- The President of Colombia has announced temporary protection status to the 1.7 million migrants and refugees from Venezuela. They will be able to access health care and employment.
- The Government has announced plans to reform the NHS and Social Services to enable better coordination and support for patients (especially needed in enabling packages of care for those ready to be discharged from hospital).
- There has been a very good response for the plea for iPads and computers, old or new, to enable families with several siblings to do their online learning. In some families 3 children are using one phone only.
 - Falmouth Primary Academy needs 40 computers. See www.ctcinfohub.org/laptops for updates and how to donate.
- An alternative plan has been announced for the old M and S site, for a waterside hub, with waterside frontage, food hall and gym, rather than more Flats.
- UK and Ghana have reached agreement on a trade deal that will remove damaging tariffs on bananas resulting from Brexit that threatens ruin for many farmers.

FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

- The Cornish Fishing Industry needs new ways to adapt to the problems with export of fish to the EU, now problematic with Brexit agreements. To aid sales, spider crabs are to be renamed Cornish Kings.
- The EU is turning a blind eye to trade deals with human rights violations in China.
 - In the UK, in Parliament, the Lords is still attempting to get a motion passed so that we do not do trade deals with nations guilty of genocide and human rights abuses.
- Food poverty is increasing. Food banks are a temporary help to families in need but not the full answer.
- The £20 extra given in Universal Credit is soon to be withdrawn. How can we take action to prevent this?

ACTION OF THE WEEK

1. SUPPORT OUR NATIONAL AND CORNISH FISHING INDUSTRY.

We are being asked to eat more fish. Have an extra fish meal this week!

2. FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT IS WITH US.

Buy Fair Trade tea and coffee, if you do not already do so.

By doing this you are saving those who produce our tea and coffee from exploitation, and enabling them to live dignified lives meeting the basic needs of supporting their families, having enough food to eat, accessing health and education for their children.

- Visit our **FAIR TRADE STALL** at the Market on the Moor this Saturday, Feb 27.

NEXT JUSTICE AND PEACE ACTION GROUP MEETING: TUESDAY 9TH MARCH 2PM on Zoom

Please join us, you will be very welcome

We meet from 2 pm to 3.30pm with a break in the middle.

We will be focussing on the World Day of Prayer and the Country of Vanuatu, followed by Reflection and Prayer for those Persecuted for their Faith.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85055288184?pwd=eDRMRXNHN09lbXhzZUhUczZ5cENndz09>

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