

Thank you to all who have supported and taken part,
The Justice and Peace Group

The Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph RC Church, Ware

+ lives simply AWARD

PARISH
UPDATE 2013

Like a seed growing steadily, much has been happening and the Parish has now entered for the award.

LIVING THE FUTURE

There are many more 'Live Simply' ideas on the way:

- Installing bike racks
 - A walk to Church campaign
 - Intensify recycling in line with the Council changes
 - Raise the profile of cartridge recycling
 - Install water butts
 - Marking Prisoners Week
 - Developing links with the Holy Land and Middle East
- and please give us your ideas too!



The Justice and Peace Group - who are we?

Come along to our next advertised meeting,
see Deacon Adrian or contact John Vaughan-Shaw 01920 822440

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LIVING SIMPLY

• The Pledge list campaign produced a good response.
If you forgot some of your pledges over the summer, now's the time to renew them!



• 50 of us joined the Parish Picnic, a simple way to enjoy each other's company and God's fresh air.
No, it didn't rain this year!

• Lent Lunches reminded us how simple food should not be taken for granted.
It's not so simple for millions of people.



LIVING SUSTAINABLY

- WOW Bag sales have been organised in other Parishes and many local events, generating much needed funds for the Women of Wenceslao and also awareness of their gritty determination; a lesson for us all!



- The 'Our Climate is in Our Hands' Campaign raised our awareness of how climate change affects some of the poorest and the steps we can take to help them.



- Composting does not grab the headlines but the gardening team continue to do their bit.

LIVING IN SOLIDARITY

- The Parish continues to use Fairtrade products for refreshments and other events, marking Fairtrade Fortnight and holding Fairtrade wine tastings, helping developing communities obtain fair prices and just working conditions.



- The richness of the Parish community is reflected in our International Suppers; over 14 different national dishes made the last celebration a very tasty and memorable one!



- Remember the Olympics? The Church was very much caught up with the 100 Days of Peace and some visited the travelling Peace Icon in Bishops Stortford. Let's not forget the Olympic legacy.



- Each Christmas sees parishioners signing cards for Prisoners of Conscience which the Parish sends off. A wonderful piece of news this year was that one of 'our' prisoners had been released!

