

Justice and Peace Report to the Annual Meeting of St Andrews Psalter Lane Church

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Sadly the last year has seen no reduction in the range of justice and peace concerns.

As in past years, SAPL has shown considerable generosity in regular support of the Food Bank, Baby Basics and other occasional requests for help and support. The annual Christmas Card collection for HARC, and the donations to Christian Aid continue.

We have developed stronger links with City of Sanctuary and it will be important to continue the possibility of becoming a Church of Sanctuary, as the circuit moves towards becoming a Circuit of Sanctuary.

At the February ECC we agreed to adopt for SAPL the aims of JPIT (the Joint Public Issues Team of the Methodist, URC and other churches) as follows:

- A just economy that enables the flourishing of all life
- A world that actively works for peace
- A society that welcomes the stranger
- A society where the poorest and most marginalised are at the centre
- A planet where our environment is renewed
- A politics characterised by listening, kindness and truthfulness

We hope and pray that the year ahead will see an end to the genocide in Gaza, the war in Ukraine, and for peace in Sudan, the CAR and other parts of the world.