



JUSTICE AND PEACE PARISH & CHAPLAINCY CONTACTS

ROLE DESCRIPTION

The main task of a Justice and Peace named contact person is to provide a point of contact between your Parish or Chaplaincy and the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission.

This involves receiving the monthly Justice and Peace E-Bulletin and other communications relevant to peace and justice work for your community or the Diocese as a whole, for which you need to be willing to give an email address (+ optional phone number) on which you can be contacted by the Commission.

A list of names of Justice & Peace Contacts is published annually in the Diocese of Westminster Year Book (p163, 2023) and on the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission website. You will be invited to confirm annually in September whether or not you are continuing in the role.

Each community is different, so activities and activity levels can vary extensively. We therefore encourage you to develop the role in the way that works best for you and for your Parish or Chaplaincy.

This might include:

- To encourage and support the involvement of the clergy and parishioners in prayer, action and reflection on peace and justice. *E.g. advertise Diary Dates in the newsletter, website or social media; propose liturgy celebrations; organise groups to go to events together.*
- Representing your Justice & Peace group if there is one, or gathering more people around you to share responsibility for social justice/ peace activity if there is not, and serving as a link to the Justice and Peace Commission. In places where there is no Justice & Peace group, the Contact is likely to have a connection to other groups such as *the Parish Council, a LiveSimply working group, a One World Group, CAFOD group, a Caritas project, SVP or Citizens UK.*
- To be aware of the work of groups working nationally and internationally on peace and justice and promote and connect to these where possible. *E.g. Caritas Westminster, CAFOD, Pax Christi, the National Justice and Peace Network, Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development.*
- To meet and network with other Parish and Chaplaincy Contacts and activists.
- To help foster the formation and engagement in social justice of others in your community, especially children and young adults.
- Areas covered under the remit of 'Justice & Peace' in which you might have a personal interest in one or more include: climate justice and the environment; racial justice; housing and homelessness; refugees and migrants; human rights; international development; beginning and end of life; poverty and unemployment; work and welfare; Fairtrade; ethical investment; equality and diversity; Israel-Palestine; ending the arms trade, nuclear disarmament and promoting peace; as well as the theology and spirituality of peace and justice.