

FPCT Justice and Peace Group,
followed by prayers for persecuted Christians,
10th February 2015

Approximately seven people met at St. Mary's Church Hall for the third meeting of the FPCT Justice and Peace Group. Mary Bradley reported first on letters she had written to Sarah Newton regarding 3 person parenthood, Saudi prisoners and the Bill on extra money for GPs. She then reported on the good news of 200 child soldiers freed in South Sudan, medical missions and a new ministry preventing the trafficking of girls in Nigeria, and the bad news of the terrorist attacks in Paris and the comments by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Northern Nigeria after the massacre of 2000 people by Boko Haram.

She then led a discussion on climate change and what we can do about it, using in particular the Church of England's South West Dioceses' Lent project tackling climate change together using the Lent booklet "Carbon Fast", which provides daily readings and action tasks for the whole of Lent (see <http://ecochurchsouthwest.org.uk/carbon-fast/> for the online version). We had a lively discussion thinking about many of the ways in which we could help save the environment and reduce our water and energy consumption.

The one action proposed for this month was that we should write to someone in support of Christian Solidarity.

Roger Mills led the prayers for persecuted Christians, which he introduced by playing the interview on Newsnight the previous evening with the former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams on the subject of religious persecution in general and the Charlie Hebdo attacks in particular.

Sue Mills