

## JUSTICE, PEACE & INTEGRITY OF CREATION (JPIC)

Pope Francis wrote the following about St Francis of Assisi:

"He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his openheartedness. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace."

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Pope Francis Encyclical Letter, LAUDATO

You are invited to join a group of Franciscans throughout Great Britain to explore, share knowledge, research, and generally become more aware of JPIC issues. Some of the issues we will look at include poverty, inequality, injustice, abuse, violence, human trafficking, modern day slavery, child labour, food security, climate change, ecology, destruction of the environment......to name but a few.

- The group will meet every 2 months, usually on a Saturday morning via Zoom. The meeting will last approximately 2 hours.
- Members can send in articles to be circulated. These will be sent via email to group members.
- One or two topics will be chosen at each session to explore and discuss.
- There will be either a guest speaker, or one of the members can speak, for 20 to 30 minutes on a specific topic, at each session.
- We will look at direct and indirect action that we can take as Franciscans to demonstrate solidarity with the issues that we discuss.

Those who are interested in joining, please email <u>veraicon@btinternet.com</u> with your email address for correspondence.

You may also start to submit articles for consideration now.

The first meeting will take place at the end of April. The date to be confirmed.

Many thanks. Pax et Bonum, Veronica