Justice and peace are things I have been thinking about a lot recently. Peace as we remember the 100th anniversary of the First World War and we look back on a century that seems to have had very little peace. In my life time there seem always to have been wars and rumours of war. To achieve peace it seems to be there must always be justice since justice is basically about things being fair and if things are not fair peace is not likely to last very long.

The media brings us up to date with some of the things that are going on in the world but seems to bring us very little about justice and peace. As we look around at the world there seems to be very little we can do to bring justice and peace in our world except pray.

However concerned we are, is there really anything we can do to bring peace to the Middle East? And what of the many wars that have briefly had their moment in our media and yet still rage in so many countries? Can we bring peace to them? What justice can we bring to those who are dispossessed and forced to become refugees? Can we bring justice when there seems to be so much want in our world?

The bible tells us there will be wars and rumours of wars and we are also told that the peacemakers are blessed. We are told the poor will always be with us and yet we are told to act justly and love mercy. How can we reconcile these things? How can we be peacemakers when we have so little influence?

For me the answer lies in doing what I can. I can never stop wars in other countries! I could never stop a war in this country! So I have to focus on what I can do, however small it may seem. I can look at what I do and ask if I am acting justly. Is what I am doing fair or am I taking advantage of someone? If I apply this, then I am doing my small part and I can hope that if enough of us do our small parts, it can have a big influence.

This is why the bible tells us that as far as it depends on us we should live at peace with all men. If enough of us do that then peace may have a chance and the world will be a better place.

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3 & 5 ...and every Monday and Wednesday, Harry’s ACOL Rubber Bridge Club, Oxted Red Cross Centre, 1.15-4pm, 715900 or 713128

4 Nov Hurst Green Quilters Group, 10.30-12.30pm, 72 Chestnut Copse, Hilary Moore, 723207

6 Nov ...and every Thursday, Oxted Country Market, 10-11.30am, Oxted Red Cross Centre

10 Nov Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.45pm Methodist Hall - Games/Quiz afternoon. Contact: Carol Leach, 01883 382031

11 Nov Carers’ Group, Community Room, Eastlands Close, Oxted, 10.30-12, B Harling 723034

11 Nov Oxted Parish Council, Oxted Community Hall, 7.35pm. Clerk: 07510 226989

12 Nov Oxted & Limpsfield Flower Society, 2pm, St Peter’s Hall, Limpsheld: Carolynne Meer, ‘Christmas Cheer’, produce sale, competition - Cheers!

12 Nov Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha’s Hall, 8pm: AGN (No meeting in December)

13 Nov Pollards Oak WI, Methodist Church Hall, 7.45pm: Annual Meeting

18 Nov Hurst Green Quilters Group, 10.30-12.30pm, 72 Chestnut Copse, Hilary Moore, 723207

18-22 Oxted Operatic Society - Thoroughly Modern Millie, Barn Theatre, Oxted

24 Nov Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.45-4.15pm Methodist Hall, Talk by John Bryant - ‘The Man who travelled in Ladies Underwear’ Contact: Carol Leach, 382031

26 Nov Limpsfield Decorative & Fine Arts Society, 2.30 & 8pm, St Peter’s Hall, Limpsheld

Lecture by Mark Corby - The History of Forgotten Moorish Spain

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2 Dec Tandridge Access Group, Oxted Council Offices, 2.30-4pm, B. Harling, 723034

4-5 Dec Glow Theatre Group - Olivia, 7.30pm, Barn Theatre, Oxted

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20th: Round 1 of the Mono Print Competitions

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