

## **Justice and Peace Report April 2021**

Activities have been necessarily limited during the past year as a result of the virus. In spite of this church members have continued to support both the Food Bank at St Cuthbert's and other food initiatives. Members have also supported Baby Basics and provided winter clothes to City of Sanctuary. As usual we collected for HARC through the church Christmas Card.

The Church has continued to provide worship based on climate justice, as well as in relation to Church Action on Poverty. Issues of Racism and Black Lives Matter have also been included.

In the Methodist Church, votes on God in Our Love Unites Use (relating not only to same sex marriage but also to cohabitation and the basis of loving relationships) have now (as 24.04) taken place in all District Synods and, with the exception of Shetland, have been passed by majorities, sometimes very large majorities. The final decisions will be taken at the forthcoming Methodist Conference (June) after which it is now highly likely that churches choosing to do so will be able to conduct marriages between two people of the same sex. (This does not apply to St Andrews as an LRP).

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