

Justice Reflections 2022

It seems a long time since I had a conversation with Canon Alan Duce in the chaplain's office at Lincoln Prison - he was the Anglican managing chaplain and I was the part time Methodist chaplain.

We were talking about the end of the New Life Journal which Alan had edited for prison chaplains in the United Kingdom. Was there something else we could put in its place?

What about a vehicle for filling a gap in the market for people connected with law and order who are thoughtful about the spiritual underpinning to justice issues? Whilst there were many writers on these matters, no one regularly brought such worldwide essays together under one cover.

Wider support came from Pierre Allard (IPCA) in Ottawa, Peter Echtermeyer (ICC PPC) in Germany and Ron Nikkel (PFI) in Washington together with the Prison Service Chaplaincy in London, and Justice Reflections issued its first collection of papers in 2002.

Sadly, Alan died in 2005 and I became editor in 2006, and after 20 years we will reach Issue 60 later this year.

Over the years many things have changed, not least the move away from printed material to online articles, with less people venturing in to print and paper. This has resulted in a smaller pool from which to find articles.

Also, time takes its toll on people and neither myself or our Treasurer and Webmaster are getting any younger. Our Trustees have decided to make Issue 60 the last printed issue in our twentieth year.

Past issues of Justice Reflections will still be available as a resource online.

We thank you for your support and interest over 20 years - we praise God for all that is past and trust Him for that is to come.

Revd Dr Terry Nowell
Lincoln.

REVD ALAN DUCE

Alan Duce was the chaplain of Lincoln Prison when I taught ethics at the Theological College from 1983-7 and looked after St Michael on the Mount, where Pippa Duce was a Churchwarden. Alan had students on placement in the prison. We had children of a similar age and became friends.

He convened a conference of Prison chaplains and invited me to have supper with them and engage in a conversation about their work. It was fascinating, not least because I realised how grateful they were for the opportunity to reflect with each other on their difficult role but also because Alan was a natural leader in their company and able to help the process of theological reflection. Looking back I can see in that meeting the seeds of Justice Reflections which has been such a valuable publication. The conferences grew, especially when Bob Hardy was Bishop of Lincoln and the Church of England's Bishop for Prisons. Alan helped service his bishop in what was a fruitful and effective partnership.

I was thinking about Alan when my friend and colleague Bill Cave died on Easter Day. Bill was another outstanding prison chaplain, who served a long time on Portland where Alan was working when he met and married Pippa. Like Alan, Bill was intelligent and exercised a thoughtful leadership with chaplains and others about his work. He was active in international networks and took a good deal of trouble to see the big issues in the day to day care of individuals. Malcolm Brown's sermon at the Requiem for Bill (JR393) makes a fitting contribution to this last edition of Justice Reflections.

In this context, **Alan Duce** and **Bill Cave** are representatives of all prison chaplains who care for prisoners about prisons and those who work in them. That work continues, though the work of Justice Reflections is done. Thank you to everyone who has made this endeavour possible. It has run its course and in time something else will need to emerge.

In the prayer of Dag Hammarskjöld:

For all that has been, Thanks.

For all that will be, Yes.

Nicholas Holtam
Bishop of Salisbury 2011-21

Bishop Rachel's message to Justice Reflections

In all my interactions with the criminal justice system as Anglican Bishop for HM Prisons in England and Wales, I am struck by the commitment and determination of people working and striving for a better society. That work is often hidden, and part of my role is to bring this into the light. For the last 20 years Justice Reflections has been engaged in this work too and I am hugely grateful for its ministry and all those involved in its publication.

Rt Revd Rachel Treweek,
Lord Bishop of Gloucester and
Bishop for HM Prisons in England and Wales

