

## **Minutes of Justice & Peace Meeting 15 December 2005**

**Present:** Liam, Kirsty, Cathie, Julie S.

**Apologies:** John, Barbara, Julie K., Tom, Carol

**Meditation:** Kirsty read an extract from Mother Teresa on 'Joy'

### **Informing Ourselves**

**Minutes** of previous meeting were read & accepted.

**Matters arising:** Pictures of the multi-cultural evening have been placed on the J&P noticeboard.

**Discussion topics:** Cathie suggested a discussion on the subject of assimilation versus multi-culturalism. She will research this for the next meeting and others might consider the issue.

**Informing others:** again see noticeboard

**Prisoners' Week:** Claire Banyan put leaflets and a box for accepting gifts of reading material in the church. She was pleasantly surprised by the interest shown and number of books received.

**Peace Service:** Liam had passed invitations to Tom to distribute to Churches Together in Merton Park. Bishop Tripp has accepted. Kirsty will put up a poster. Deacon Fred will lead the service. Tim & Maggie will do music, hymns to be confirmed. Margaret R. will do mulled wine and mince pies have been bought. **Action:** Check with Canon availability of hall for refreshments, ask Sr, Catherine to provide candles, invite non-members to read and light candles, ensure readers are given clear instructions re candles etc.

**Homeless Sunday:** need to ask Canon for permission to collect, put notice in Newsletter the Sunday before and arrange rota for collectors at next meeting.

**Talkabout:** Members invited to consider writing an article and J & P notes for March issue, closing date 5 February. We need to raise awareness and encourage new members.

**Chairman:** Liam's maximum term of office ends in January. We will need to appoint a new chairman at the next meeting. Nominations or volunteers required. Everyone should try to attend the January meeting for this reason.

**Prisoner of Conscience:** Breaches of Human Rights are taking place in both Eritrea and Ethiopia but as war appears imminent it is not opportune to protest now. If we have not written to the Pakistan Ambassador about the Blasphemy Laws, see previous notes for address, we should, particularly as the Archbishop of Canterbury has highlighted this issue in the press recently.

**Treasurer's Report:** £0.00

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 12 January at Kirsty's – 65 Northway. New Chairman to be elected

Meditation: Cathie

Minutes: Volunteer

The meeting ended with Grace.

Following the end of the meeting, those present enjoyed a very pleasant social. Many thanks were expressed to Liam and Barbara for their hospitality.