Justice and Peace Meeting

16th March, 2006

Present: Cathie, Tom, Julie, John, Liam, Kirsty

Apologies: Barbara

Chair: John

Meditation: Cathie

Minutes: Kirsty

Outstanding items

Father Santiagu invited to join us at a meeting but offer declined at time as it was his day off.

Liam had written to an Ursuline nun who had recently returned from South Africa reporting on Mick Dennehy's fund but has not yet had a reply. Thus we currently have no news on Mick himself.

Informing ourselves

Held 2 discussion topics at meeting

1. Imports

As a group we had an interesting discussion on world trade looking initially at the example of buying shoes from India and the effects this may have on the actual worker whilst also contemplating the price at which we are able to buy them once they have reached the UK. This led into a more topical debate on fair-trade and supporting local produce etc.. and a general thought on ethical living. Kirsty refered to a book she had recently read about living ethically. For any interested parties the details of this book are as follows: 'A Life Stripped Bare; tiptoeing through the ethical minefield'. By Leo Hickman.

2. Nuclear Energy

Another interesting discussion was held on this topic. No strong feeling amongst the group as to whether we were necessarily for or against it as such. We felt more that we should be striving towards energy saving measures and greener ways of living instead as a goal.

Informing others

Kirsty has volunteered to write an article for the summer edition of Talkabout (June issue) and the theme is to be ethical living.

Items to put up on notice board: Tom volunteered to look at Cafod information to see if there was anything of interest to place on board. John volunteered to peruse the Southwark Justice and Peace newsletter for again anything of interest that could be enlarged and put on display.

General

We need to have a date for the multicultural night and to find out how involved as a group we need to be. Suggested that we place a message in June issue of Talkabout to advertise event. If it is left until September issue that is very short advertising time.

Housekeeping

Treasurer's Report: £19.30

Next Meeting: Thursday 20th April at Julie S. 85 Northway

Chair: Kirsty Meditation: Liam Notes: John

The meeting ended with Grace