

St John Fisher Justice and Peace Group, Meeting 13 Feb 06

Meeting held at 20:00 at 245 Cannon Hill Lane

Present: Kirsty (chair), Cathie, John, Julia S, Liam.

Apologies: none

Liam led the meditation using quotations from Mr Teresa inviting us to think of the downtrodden.

Actions from previous meeting

Notes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were accepted.

We were disappointed that the Sacred Heart Group didn't wish to join in a wider discussion of the **Trident (nuclear submarine) issue**.

The notice for our board on **Project Peru** was still outstanding. – Kirsty will expedite

Julie had submitted an article on **OWW** to Talkabout.

She has written re Peace service **thanking**: Deacon Fred (presiding), Mary Farrell (music) and Margaret Redding (refreshments).

Informing ourselves

No one had followed Cathie's suggestion of attending the "**Great Trident Debate**" organised by WDA this evening.

We had been given much food and £50 in donations on **Homelessness Sunday**. The food was passed to Sr Catherine, Liam, and potentially Cathie for specific needy families and to Asylum Welcome for general distribution. The cash will be given to sr Catherine to buy (?perishables) for her contacts. Julie will do a short piece for Talkabout thanking and explaining the distribution.

Live Simply that others may simply live. Cathie had obtained a "pack" from CAFOD and explained things. The campaign is a Catholic one of which many high level groups are sponsors, starting with the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. At grass roots level there are several activities which are undertaken by individuals but only when there is a number who will act at the same time. E.g. "I will eschew my car whenever possible for the next six months but only if twenty other people do the same". The key document is a simplified version of the Papal Encyclical "Progressio Populorum", marking its fortieth anniversary. The scheme was launched at the beginning of Advent in 2006. We decided to study the document chapter by chapter at future meetings. Kirsty will put the posters up in Church and advise us on possible future action. View www.cafod.org.uk/livesimply.

WWW.UshopUgive.Com is a vehicle whereby over 200 stores (incl M&S) will give a percentage of shoppers on-line spending to a charity chosen from a list (e.g. TearFund, AFC Wimbledon).

Liam agreed to provide information on a **prisoner of conscience** from time to time

Informing Others

A copy of each meetings notes will be placed on the J&P notice board by the note taker.

The CAFOD donations thermometer appears to be out of date. Kirsty will discuss with Deacon Tom.

We agreed we are not a fund-raising organisation but we should **raise awareness** in the Parish of causes, and could donate any money we receive to them. Till October 07 we will promote "Project Peru", Kirsty will do something for Talkabout describing it and may hold another coffee morning at her house. From October we will raise awareness of charities in South Africa, the Parish already has connections with three such (through Siobahn Dooley, Sr Vianney and Mick Denehy).

Planning Action

No other direct actions were planned.

Ending

Treasurer:

£42.76 in hand.

The secret bag was passed

We agreed to meet regularly on the third Tuesday of each month (not the second as previously mentioned) Next meeting 20 March at Liam's

Meditation by Kirsty

Notes by Liam (to be followed by others in surname alphabetical order)

The meeting concluded with **The Grace**:

May the grace of God, the peace of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us both now and forever, amen.

These notes compiled by John