

## **St John Fisher Justice & Peace Group**

Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 at 10 Bradbury Court

**Present:** Kirsty (chair), Cathie, John, Julie K, Julie S.

**Apologies:** Tom, Liam & Barbara

**Minutes:** Julie S.

### **Informing Ourselves**

**CAFOD** – have launched a new campaign – The World Can't Wait. This is a campaign following up on the 'Make Poverty History' work of 2005, calling on the G8 to live up to the promises made in 2005. We are not on target to meet these promises. We are asked to send a message to the Prime Minister by postcard or email via [www.cafod.org.uk/makeaidwork](http://www.cafod.org.uk/makeaidwork) Kirsty has put a notice about this on the noticeboard.

There is also a rally in London on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Members should find out when and where the next G8 meeting is so we can lobby.

John mentioned that there is a Downing Street web site where anyone can join or set up a petition to the Prime Minister.

Cafod are currently organising an Emergency Appeal for Darfur. A poster about this has been placed by the Cafod box and on our noticeboard.

**Fete of the Earth** – There is a sale of plants, shrubs, books etc. organised by various Wimbledon disarmament groups on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wimbledon Community Centre, St. George's Road.

**Homelessness Sunday** falls on **January 27<sup>th</sup> 2008**, just one week before Poverty Action Sunday. Churches are invited to hold joint local Housing and Poverty Hearings to enable poor, homeless and badly housed people to tell their stories to local politicians, media and concerned members of the public. Kirsty to talk to Tom about organising something jointly with Churches Together in Merton Park and Christian Care. We could also consider joining with Faith in Action (West Wimbledon).

### **Informing Others**

**Fairtrade** – Kirsty will raise the issue of becoming a Fairtrade Parish at the Parish Council on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>. John to contact Ann Towner about the possibility of a sale in late June/early July and to check availability of the hall for Sunday morning after Mass. It was mentioned that Lidl are now selling Fairtrade produce (cheaply). The Co-op was also mentioned as a good source of ethical foods.

**Project Peru** – a date to be fixed for a talk after 11 a.m. Mass.

**Noticeboard** has been updated. People have mentioned reading it and tear-off notes were collected. Minute-taker was reminded to put minutes on the board.

### **Planning Action**

**New Year Service** – to be discussed at the next meeting. Liam to advise on progress of a rewrite or revision of the service.

### **Any Other Business**

It was suggested that Kirsty invite Fr. Santiago to the next meeting. We would also like to invite Bishop Tripp to a future meeting.

We thanked Julie for her hospitality and were delighted to see her again.

### **Discussion**

We continued our discussion on the Live Simply Group Reflection focussing this time on Living Sustainably. It was suggested that each month we make a group pledge and report back to the next meeting. This month we agreed to all try to “measure the cups of water we put in the kettle so that we use no more water or electricity than we need”. We should also bring a suggestion for next month.

**Treasurer’s Report** - £58.06

### **Next meeting:**

**Date:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00 p.m.

**Venue:** 75 Leamington Avenue

**Meditation:** Cathie

**Minutes:** Liam Harnett