

## St John Fisher Justice & Peace Group

Meeting held on 16th July at 65 Northway

**Present:** Kirsty (chair), Tom, Barbara, Julie S.

**Apologies:** Cathie, John, Liam

**Minutes:** Julie S.

### Informing Ourselves

- Expanding numbers: The regular number in the group is small and we would like new members. Suggestions put forward included inviting Sr. Pat Trussell from Southwark Justice & Peace to come and speak, possibly on Peace Sunday or for One World Week and asking her for ideas on revitalising the group. It was also suggested that we compile a list of people interested in the group and willing to help with events such as homelessness Sunday collections, readings, bidding prayers etc. Julie will pass the contact details of people who have read at the New Year Service to Kirsty.
- Ethical monthly activity – The May/June activity had been not boiling more water in the kettle than required and it is hoped that members having acquired this habit will continue. Suggestions for future activities included buying goods with minimal packaging, using energy saving bulbs and washing clothes at 30°. Kirsty has an article on the amounts that can be saved in these ways which she will submit to Talkabout in due course, possibly with suggestions for monthly activities.
- The activity chosen for the next two months was *re-using carrier bags when shopping*.

### Informing Others

- Kirsty proposed to the Parish Council at their May meeting that we should become a Fairtrade Parish and all present were very much in favour. She has spoken to all involved in various Parish groups and as they are in agreement sent off for the Fairtrade Certificate. These arrived today. As it is almost the beginning of the holiday and Parish groups and Coffee mornings will stop, it was decided to wait until the beginning of September to put the certificates up in the Kitchen and Hall, put an item in the Newsletter and scan the certificate to put in Talkabout with a short article.
- Homelessness Sunday/Poverty Action Sunday: It was felt that organising a large event with outside speakers might be over-ambitious but we could ask for a speaker from the Manna Society to come, maybe after evening Mass on Saturday to a talk and social with Fairtrade Cheese and Wine. We would organise our *annual* collection, maybe under the dual name of *Homelessness/Poverty Action* as our contributions go more to the needy than those actually homeless.

### Planning Action

- New Year Peace Service. Barbara will check with Liam on the progress of a rewrite or revision of the service. As an alternative, Tom suggested that we might be able to find a service on the internet, possibly on a Vatican or Diocesan website. There was further discussion on whether the service should be on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day with most present in favour of New Year's Day.

**Live Simply Discussion**

- We continued our discussion on the Live Simply Group Reflection focussing this time on Living in Solidarity.

**Next meeting:**

Kirsty would like to return to the regular third Tuesday meeting. This means the next meeting will be on

- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September
- Venue to be confirmed
- Please advise Kirsty as soon as possible if this date is not convenient.

We ended the meeting by saying the Our Father.