

J and P Minutes
March 16th, 2010

Venue: John

Present: Kirsty, Barbara, Liam, John, Bishop Tripp, Sandra, Mike, Cathie

Apologies:

Minutes: Sandra

Website: www.sjf-justiceandpeace.org.uk

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Informing Ourselves		
Meditation		Liam read a lovely meditation called 'Thank you' from a booklet entitled 'Prayers of Life'
Ethical Activities	Activities for April, May and June - Prepare to use your vote - Recycle all we can - Support collection of unwanted clothes	Liam will talk to Tom Kavanagh (who usually coordinates meetings with other churches) if Churches Together can invite candidates to pre-election meetings. If so, it will be published on the Newsletter to make sure all parishioners are aware of this meeting. We will come up with relevant questions to ask our MPs. We will find out if products which can not be recycled on the collection can be taken to the tip.
Informing Others		
Fair Trade Fortnight		£300 was raised from the stall that Anne Towner brought to the Church Hall on Sunday 21 st February. This represents a great help to those people who produce the Fair Trade goods.
Homelessness Sunday		We received a lovely letter from Gillian Thick from Christian Care thank us and the parishioners for the generous donations. Liam took some food to Merton Asylum Welcome and they also sent us a lovely thank you letter.
Harvest Dinner		We got approval from Canon to go ahead with the Harvest Dinner event. This will take place on the 25 th September. Unfortunately, Liam, Barbara and John will be away on that weekend. We still need to confirm the presence of a caller and Sandra will talk to Julie and Beryl about it.

Morning Coffee Event	The money raised in this event goes towards our charity of the year Christian Concern for our Nation http://www.ccfon.org/	The date for this event is still to be arranged but most likely it will be one day between 14 th and 17 th June. It will be held at Kirsty's.
Charity of the Year		Last year our charity of the year was 'Faith in Action'. During the year we collected £90 which was given to Kirsty who will give the money to them. We thank all those who contributed in any way.
Women's World Day of Prayer- Friday 5 th March		Julie S and Barbara attended this event and it was as beautiful as every year.
Any other business		- Unfortunately we heard that John will not be able to be part of the Justice and Peace group for the next 2 years due to some other commitments. He will, however, kindly help us with the website. The treasury functions were taken over by Liam. - Weekend Retreat – Instead of Justice and Peace it will be Catholic Social Teaching Weekend and it will happen on the 23 rd to 25 th July. For more information you can visit www.worthabbey.net . - The Pope visit will be from the 16 th to 19 th September 2010.

Treasurer Report: £84.68

Final Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday 20th April 2010, Minutes: Kirsty, Meditation: Barbara, Venue: Mike and Sandra