

MINUTES FOR SJF JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING

19 July 2011

Venue: Barbara & Liam

Present: Barbara (Chair), Bishop Tripp, Julie, Cathie, Christine & Liam.

Apologies: Beryl, Teresa and Sheila.

Website: www.sjf-justiceandpeace.org.uk

New Parish Email: sjf.merton@gmail.com

New Parish Website: www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk

MEDITATION

Liam read an item entitled 'God calls you and forgives you' by Archbishop Oscar Romero.

DISCUSSION

Human trafficking is the fastest growing crime around the world. Barbara read for us the UN definition of trafficking. This should be criminalized in legislation and asylum should be offered to those trafficked. More information is available at www.stopthetraffik.org and www.care.org.uk/advocacy/human-trafficking and www.medaille.co.uk

Cafod is organising a 16 day campaign of action against gender violence from 25 November to 10 December see www.cafod.org.uk/16days

We should focus on drawing attention to this in November/December.

Barbara will ask Beryl to write an article for September Talkabout (deadline 5th August); the article could also be sent to Edgeways.

From December we should highlight the 100 Days of Peace Olympics campaign; this might form the theme for our New Year Peace Service, (provisionally on Monday 2nd January).

ETHICAL ACTIVITIES:

Ethical activities for October to December were agreed at the last meeting. **Julie** will check that batteries can be recycled at Sainsburys then forward the activities to Talkabout.

FAIRTRADE PARISH

It was suggested that we should carry out an audit of how far we are living up to our Fairtrade Parish status. We need to ensure posters are displayed in the Hall and Kitchen reminding all those who use them of the requirement to use Fairtrade refreshments. A date to be agreed for our Christmas Fairtrade Sale, possibly 4th December?

CHARITY OF THE YEAR:

The final total for the Coffee morning was £173.50p

CARJ

Beryl has asked Canon Acton about having a speaker on Racial Justice Sunday, 11th September. If he agrees she should go ahead and invite someone. A donation of £30 from our funds was agreed.

TRAINING DAY - 10th September

Members were interested in the workshops on re-invigorating a group and involving youth in our work. **Barbara** to contact Southwark J & P to say a couple of members hope to attend.

OCTOBER MEETING

Bishop Tripp to contact young people who are going to India with a view to inviting them to our October meeting.

CHINAMORA

Manda Bell has been on an exchange with a Primary School in Chinamora, Zambia and is keen to share her experiences with parishioners. **Bishop Tripp** to ask her how she would like to do this and J & P will facilitate.

BEATING THE BOMB

The proposed date of 27th September was preferred. **Julie** to check with Beryl that this still suits and then contact Alison Williams. Details can be confirmed at our September meeting. (Barbara has the DVD)

CALENDAR

Barbara has drafted a Yearly Programme of events with information about what is required and when. **All** to study the programme and bring amendments/additions to the next meeting.

CAFOD & EAST AFRICAN DROUGHT

Cathie has put an appeal notice by the Cafod box. **Julie** to ask Tom if he could mention in the newsletter the amounts collected and sent to Cafod, with the Parish addition, each time he empties the box. We also need a new chart.

PARISH WEB SITE

The Parish web site is now up and running (see address above). **Julie** to send to Canon Acton the item about our group drafted and circulated last month, together with a few pictures. (Hopefully John can supply a couple more.)

AOB

Bishop Tripp will say a Mass for Nelson and Maria Barbieri on behalf of the group.

Barbara will send a Mass card.

Prayers also requested for Julie Kelleher, who is seriously ill.

Good luck and prayers for Cathie whose operation is scheduled for 17th September.

TREASURER'S REPORT: £44.80

FINAL PRAYER: The Grace was said.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 20 September

CHAIR: Julie

MINUTES: Barbara

MEDITATION: Liam

VENUE: Julie's – 85 Northway

CHAIR IN OCTOBER: Liam