

Minutes of Justice & Peace Meeting

Tuesday 18th October 2011

Venue: Sheila's

Present: Sheila, Beryl, Cathie, Julie, Liam, Bishop Tripp, Manda Bell

Apologies: Barbara, Christine, Teresa

Meditation: Beryl read a beautiful hymn. Members asked for copies of the hymn and it was also suggested that she send the hymn to Talkabout for publication.

Matters arising from Minutes: Fr Ignatius expressed a wish to join CARJ. Bishop Tripp to pass information to him. Fr. Ignatius to be invited to our next meeting. Who will do this?

Training Day: With regard to involving younger people and encouraging new members, it was suggested that inviting people to help on specific occasions, (last year the Scouts helped with the Christmas cards) might lead to their becoming more involved.

It was suggested again that an Art Show would be a good idea to involve people of all ages.

Fairtrade Christmas Sale: 4th December is not available; it was felt that as we have several activities coming in the next few months, this should now be left to the Fairtrade Sale in February. Perhaps earlier in the autumn would be better another year.

Christmas Cards for Prisoners of Conscience: Canon tells Barbara that there are no weekends that are free of Second Collections from start of November to Christmas. Bishop Tripp to make it clear to the Canon that no collection is involved and ask for any weekend in November. Julie has bought 200 cards (which we give away), and Liam will provide names, addresses and information for five prisoners.

Beating the Bomb: Six people attended the lunch, which was a very good exercise in informing ourselves. It was also a very happy occasion, for which our hosts were thanked. Alison and group members interjected well to discuss points made in the film. It was suggested that we might support the Wimbledon Vigil on Friday evenings on a rota basis. We should also publicise the Hiroshima commemorations in August.

100 Days of Peace: Julie to write an article for Talkabout about the Olympic Truce and various initiatives to promote Peace in 2012. This is supported by the Diocese of Southwark, Pax Christi and the Jimmy Mizen foundation. More information about the campaigns can be found at

www.morethangold.org.uk and www.peacelegacy.org.uk

Peace Vigil: 2nd January at 7.30 pm has been agreed. Bishop Tripp has agreed to design the service which will include references to the Olympic 100 Days of Peace. Julie to send information about the Peace Service to Pat Spencer and Tom Kavanagh for the Churches Together Christmas newsletters and Talkabout and Edgeways. Bishop Tripp will let us have the title/theme for the service. We should design a poster to send with the Bishop's letter of invitation to neighbouring parishes. It is desirable to send information to parish secretaries at Sacred Heart and Martin Way Methodist Church. Beryl offers to visit local churches (with our poster).

Parish AGM: Julie circulated a short report for the Parish AGM, which was agreed with amendments.

Ethical Activities: We will need to decide ethical activities for January, February and March at our next meeting. Ideas please.

Autumn Assembly: takes place this Saturday, 10- 3.30, details on noticeboard.

Chinamora: Manda told us with great enthusiasm of her exchange visit to Chinamora Primary School in Zimbabwe. We were all absolutely fascinated by her talk and look forward to hearing and seeing more, hopefully at the Parish AGM. We also look forward to welcoming Manda to future meetings and discussing how we, as a group, could support the school.

Next meeting: Tuesday 15th November:

Venue: Beryl's

Meditation: Julie

Chair: Beryl

Minutes: Cathie

Final Prayer: The Grace was said