

**Minutes of Justice and Peace Meeting
Tuesday 17 April 2012**

Venue: 93 Queen Mary Avenue

Present: Beryl (Chair), Sheila, Cathie, Bishop Tripp, Julie

Apologies: Barbara, Liam, Christine, Father Ignatius, Teresa

The meeting opened with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Meditation: Sheila led a meditation on Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Discussion: Informing Ourselves

Cathie reminded us of the Mission Statement agreed by the group some years ago: "Our primary purpose is to inform ourselves and others in the parish on Justice and Peace issues and to initiate prayer and action where appropriate."

Bishop Tripp provided copies of "**The Common Good** and the Catholic Church's Social Teaching." He led us in studying the first four paragraphs of Cardinal Hume's preface. (Copy attached) We were reminded that Social Teaching is not new to the Church; in the fourth century Saint Ambrose declared: "What you give to the poor man, is not yours, but his. Therefore you are paying a debt, and not bestowing a gift."

Bishop Tripp agreed to continue to lead our study of this document. Next month we will study the second half of the Preface and then move on to Part 2 of the document, the application to contemporary questions.

Our Spring Assembly – Feed Our World

Saturday 19th May 10.30 to 4.00 in The New Barn, Aylesford Priory

Bishop Tripp will attend and can offer transport to three people. Julie may attend and could take a further three. Arrangements to be confirmed at the next meeting.

Informing Others

CAFOD: The Family Fast Day Collection came to £1113, which will be doubled by the government.

Julie to check with Tom the amount he has already collected from the box and also the final collection figure. **Beryl** will ask Canon if he can remind parishioners before 17th May of the government initiative.

Coffee morning: We plan to have a coffee morning to publicise and support our Charity of the Year the Medaille Trust. Wednesday 13 June was provisionally agreed. **Beryl** will ask Medaille Trust if they might provide a speaker and will ask Canon if we might hold the Coffee Morning in the Hall after 9 am Mass to encourage larger attendance.

Any Other Business: Cathie had circulated information about the **Safety Net** campaign to make accessing pornography online an adult only opt-in service. We are urged to sign the petition at <http://www.safetynet.org.uk/> and forward the information to friends.

Fairtrade: Sheila shared the long list of all the Fairtrade products available at Waitrose and Sainsburys.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15 May

Chair: Julie

Minutes: Cathie

Venue: Cathie's (75 Leamington Avenue)

Meditation: Beryl

Grace was said

Sheila was thanked for her warm hospitality