

Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group
<http://www.sjf-justiceandpeace.org.uk/>
Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 16 October 2012

Venue: 73 Queen Mary Avenue
Present: Bishop Tripp (Chair), Sheila Johnstone, Liam Harnett, Cathie Honour
Apologies: Christine Davis, Teresa Pollard, Julie Sheahan, Barbara Harnett, Beryl Shannon

Meditation: Liam led a meditation on "Giving our lives for others".

Informing Ourselves

We continued our study of **The Common Good**, paragraph 69-72, *Promoting welfare of the community. It implies that every individual, no matter how high or low, has a duty to share in promoting the welfare of the community as well as a right to benefit from that welfare.* This led to lively discussion using "Prisoners right to vote" as an example.

Action: Paragraphs 73-75 will be reviewed at the November meeting followed by "Morality in the market place" at the December meeting.

Prisoner's of Conscience – Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 November 2012:

Canon has given his consent to the above dates.

Julie has purchased from Cafod 200 Christmas cards for prisoners abroad and at home, the cost of £40 will be funded from last year's collection.

Action: Julie to provide addresses for prisoners abroad and obtain addresses from Tom Cavanagh for prisoners at home.

Liam to send to Julie photographs for background information.

Agreed:

17th November

Sheila and Beryl to cover the 8am mass
Julie and Marion to cover 9:30am and 6:30pm masses
Cathie and Christine to cover the 11am mass.

18th November

Barbara and Liam to cover Saturday 6pm mass.

Informing Others:

Future ethical activities:

October: Send surplus garden produce to: Abundance Wimbledon,
<http://www.abundancewimbledon.com/>

November: Buy recyclable wrapping paper – not foil

December: Save used stamps for Jesuit Missions

Future Activities:

Pax Christi Peace Icon - celebrating 100 days of Peace

Friday 19 October, 7:30pm - Church of Immaculate Conception, Ecumenical Service

We hope to attend an event in Tolworth when they have the Icon (12-19 October)

Note: Bishop Tripp has offered to pick Sheila and Cathie from their homes @ 7pm.

Tuesday 23 October, 1:30pm - St George's Cathedral - There will be a Mass for schools organised by the Catholic Education, and a ceremony of handing on the icon to Brazil on 27 October, the end of the 100 Days of Peace.

Friday 26 October, 1:00 – 2:00pm – Lunch time discussions at Holy Trinity Church, Wimbledon
“Is Global Equality an Impossible Dream?” Moving Towards One World
Speakers Stephen Hammond MP and Rev Andrew Wakefield.
Bring packed lunch from 12.30. Tea and coffee available.

Sunday 28 October, St George’s Cathedral to celebrate 100 days of Peace Legacy by Archbishops Peter Smith and Vincent Nichols. The Peace Icon and other souvenirs will be handed over to the Brazilian Community. Reception in the Amigo Hall afterwards – all welcome.

Note : The date for this event is **28 October** and not 27th as previously advertised.

Bishop Tripp will be attending the two events i.e. 23 and 28 October.

Autumn assembly – Saturday 3rd November 10.30 – 4.00 in Amigo Hall. “How to promote Peace and Justice in the Year of Faith”, Keynote Speaker will be **Christopher Jamison OSB**
Members wishing to receive the Southwark J & P newsletter should email: office@southwarkjandp.co.uk
(latest update attached)

Thursday 15 November, 2:30 to 4:30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Wimbledon
“The Militarisation of Society” (Merton Chamber of Commerce) - Lunchtime discussion led by Bruce Kent and Sam Walton - bring a sandwich lunch half an hour before the start of the meeting.

Any Other Business:

1. **Peace Vigil** - To pray for Peace

Agreed : The date for the Peace Vigil will be on New Year’s Day (1 January 2013), 7:30pm.

Action : Bishop Tripp will check with Canon that the evening is free from other masses. At the November meeting, Bishop will outline a programme.

Cathie to arrange with John Golden to produce a poster for the Peace Vigil for Bishop Tripp to send to all Churches, for a copy to be sent to Tom Cavanagh and Pat Spencer.

2. **Relocating J&P Noticeboard** – Canon has declined our request to relocate the noticeboard.
3. **Lunch time discussion on “Just War”** – Cathie provided feedback from the event on whether it is possible to have a Just War in modern days. The response to this is negative based on the fact that although initially it may start of as a Just War with an intention for only soldiers to be killed, it unfortunately derails resulting in civilian casualties consequently breaking all the rules for a Just War and therefore always ends up as being an “Unjust War”.

Cathie further illustrated discussed the ethics of war going back to the Romans Christianity, St Augustine, and later St Thomas Aquinas.

4. **Treasurer’s Report** – Liam reported that a sum of £102.95. **(Cathie note that this figure needs to be amended to add the collection received from members at the meeting.)** The cost of the Xmas cards for Prisoner’s Conscience will be deducted from this amount.

5. **Items from previous meeting**

Bishop Tripp will be unable to attend the Autumn Assembly as the event co-incides with Confirmation day of training.

Action: Cathie to check her calendar to attend as our representative.

Fairtrade We will not plan a pre-Christmas fairtrade sale, Christine knows a speaker from Traidcraft, who we might invite to speak to us.

Saturday 20 October, 10:30am at Westminster Cathedral - Aid the Church in need

Action: Christine has information about a Muslim doctor, Dr. Majid Katme, who is willing to talk on a range of J & P issues. Life London Region may organise a meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 20 November

Chair: Beryl

Minutes: Marion

Venue: Sheila's – 73 Queen Mary Avenue,

Meditation: Cathie

Thanks to Sheila for her hospitality.

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