

Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group
<http://www.sjf-justiceandpeace.org.uk/>
Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 18 June 2013, 8:00pm

Venue: 75 Leamington Avenue
Present: Julie Sheahan (Chair), Bishop Tripp, Cathie Honour, Marion Pereira
Apologies: Sheila Johnstone, Beryl Shannon, Fr Ignatius, Liam Harnett, Barbara Harnett, Teresa Pollard, Christine Davis
Chair: Julie **Minutes:** Marion

Amendment to Previous Minutes of Meeting: Correction to “Informing Ourselves”. Thanks to Bishop Tripp for noting the action point to review paragraphs 21-23 on page 8 continued to relate to “The social dimension of faith” instead of “Origins of social teaching”.

Meditation: Julie led the Meditation on “Our Daily Bread reflection” from the CAFOD website - G8 IF Campaign (<http://www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Theological-reflection>).

Informing Ourselves

Bishop Tripp continued our study of **The Common Good**, paragraph 21-23, page 8, “The social dimension of faith”. A discussion ensued on the development of Education structures at community, regional, National and International levels. Should Education decisions be made locally, centrally or by a range of institutions below Government level?

Action: Next time we will discuss paras. 24-28, pages 8-9, on “Origins of social teaching”.

Report on Recent Events

- G8 Mobilisation Day – Cathie attended Mass at Westminster Cathedral. Archbishop Nichols spoke at Westminster Hall, a summary of his talk can be read at <http://rcdow.org.uk/archbishop/news/archbishop-nichols-delivers-address-if-ecumenical-service/>. The rally in Hyde Park was well attended and reported.
- Christine to report on “The Dignity of the Unborn” at the next meeting.

Informing Others:

- Cathie proposed inviting Sister Marion who is currently involved in Southwark Diocese J&P to the SJF J&P meeting.
- Alison Wilson was awarded Peace Prize by International Secretary of Pax Christi .

Action: Julie to send Alison a letter of congratulation.

Note - changes to Pax Christi International committee members <http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/press1.php>

Ethical Activities:

- July – 'Recycle cartridges for Cafod'
- Action: Julie to post an envelope on the J&P noticeboard.**
- August – Dry clothes outdoors and avoid using the tumble dryer
 - September – Walk to school once a week
 - October – possible Collect warm clothing for “Faith in Action”

Charity of the Year: Cathie had watched the Mary's Meals DVD and found it very moving. She highly recommends it. There was discussion about how and when to show it to the wider parish

Web Site: Marion and John continue to work on the updates to the website.

Forthcoming events:

- Saturday **22 June**, Practical engagement in Justice & Peace. A day training and workshops on Catholic Social Teaching, Human trafficking,, How the scripture relates to work in the community and Lobbying your MP @ 10:30 to 4:00pm at Cathedral Halls, Brentwood CM15 8AT.

Treasurer's report: £166.

Any Other Business

Actions carried forward to next meeting:

- Christine proposed organising a Mary's Meals Soup lunch on Friday 20 or 27 September. This would replace the cake morning.
- Julie to research backpacks for Mary's Meals and communicate to the Scouts group and to St John Fisher School.

Next meeting: Tuesday 16 July 2013

Chair: Beryl (Julie to confirm with Beryl)

Minutes: Marion

Venue: 75 Leamington Avenue

Meditation: Cathie

The following events have been taken from The Southwark Diocese J&P newsletter :

- **July 7th to 9th** - a Meditatio Seminar at The Meditatio Centre, St Marks, Myddelton Square, London EC1E 1XX
Cost: £50 per day or £80 for both days. Includes lunch and refreshments. Financial assistance and bursaries are available. Email meditatio@wccm.org Tel 020 7278 2070. This Meditatio Seminar will explore the spiritual dimension of justice revealed in all these responses.
- **August 6th** - the Annual Hiroshima and Nagasaki Commemoration @ 8.20pm at Aylesford Priory. Refreshments will be provided after the service. All are welcome. Organised by Kent Diocesan Area J&P Group
- **July 19th to 21st** – National Justice & Peace Conference “Breaking Open the Word: A Call to Faith in Action” @ Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. The keynote speaker will be Megan McKenna who is an internationally recognized theologian and story teller. She works with Indigenous groups, in base Christian communities and with justice and peace groups as well as parishes, dioceses and religious communities. In 2002 Megan was appointed an Ambassador of Peace for Pax Christi.
- There are activities throughout the weekend for children of all ages and discounted rates for under 16s. For more information and booking forms go to www.justice-and-peace.org.uk or phone 020 7901 4864
- **October 19th - London Justice & Peace Assembly** run from 10am until 4pm - This year’s Autumn Assembly is being held jointly with Brentwood and Westminster dioceses at the Salvation Army Regent Hall in Oxford Street W1 (across the road from BHS close to Oxford Circus). The meeting will be chaired by Bishop Pat Lynch who will also give a talk on “Justice”, Bruce Kent will be speaking on the 50th Anniversary of Pacem in Terris (and may also mention Trident), we will have a Sister from The Community of Franciscan Missionaries of Mary speaking about “Scripture and Mission” and Bishop Kevin Dowling from the Rustenburg Diocese in South Africa will give a talk on the theme of “Mission and Development”. You can take your own lunch or make use of the café in the building. Tea and coffee will be provided on arrival and at lunchtime. All are welcome, there is no charge to attend.
- Fed up with Google? All the publicity about tax avoiding, but not yet got round to doing anything about it? There is an alternative, and one which enables you to contribute to a charity of your choice at the same time! Go to www.everyclick.com, make this your home page and nominate the charity you wish to support, then for every click you make your nominated charity will receive a minute donation - but they all add up. So far over 200,000 charities have received a total of over £3.5 million at no cost whatsoever to the people who signed with Everyclick.